

17th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Calne Christmas Festival of Lights – Lantern Parade

On Saturday 29th November it is the Calne Christmas Festival of Lights. As a school, we will be taking part in the Lantern Parade which we have done for the past few years. This is where children and their families walk into town displaying handmade lanterns.

If you and your child would like to take part, please come to the lantern making workshop on **MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER from 3:30-4:30pm**. This will take place in the music and art rooms. Please wait outside the large hall and we will come and collect you.

For the lantern parade, we will meet at Carnegie road, Calne, SN11 9PS on Saturday 29th November at **4pm**, and then walk into town at approximately 4:30pm. There is **NO** parking.

The route: The parade will exit Carnegie road, turning left. Heading to Oxford road and turning right. The parade will walk up Oxford road, past Abberd Way and towards Wood Street. Turning left at the round about by The Spice of Bengal and continuing with the road, passed the Wheatsheaf and down to The Strand. Much like summer, the parade **MUST** go **ALL THE WAY UP TO MARDEN HOUSE!**

Once you've arrived in town: Once you have arrived in town, YOU MUST proceed past the Town Hall, down to the roundabout & turn right, across Marden bridge & down (PLEASE DO NOT STOP & BLOCK THE BRIDGE UP)- Filter back down past Marden river & back into town. This will stop congestion & the parade stopping & blocking the whole main road and just looking like a big mess.

Please note, that parents must accompany children in the parade and that school staff are not responsible for children during this event. **EVERYONE** in the parade, **MUST** have some form of light up toy/head band/cane/ lantern and it is a ratio of 1 adult maximum per child.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible representing the school and Calne community. We want this year to be the best yet.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs L Scrivens, Headteacher