



Building each other up –
with God as our firm foundation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to be able to invite parents into school for our Christmas performances this year. The children are already practising in classes – it is lovely to hear the sound of singing!

Information on performances can be found below –

	Performance;
Tuesday 10 th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity - 10.00am
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity – 1.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity – 10.30am
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 1.30pm Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6pm Carol Concert (children should return to school at 5.15pm)

Tickets

Due to health and safety regulations, tickets will be allocated as follows;

Nursery & Reception – 4 tickets per family.

Year 1 & 2 – 2 tickets per family per performance

Years 3/4/5/6 – 1 ticket per family per performance.

We will not be charging for tickets but will welcome donations as well as holding a raffle and selling refreshments on the day. Younger siblings can attend the daytime performances. However, we do ask that if they become unsettled, parents are considerate of other people in the audience and the children performing and take their young child out until they have settled.

This year, physical tickets will be sent home in an envelope with your child. Please feel free to swap your tickets with other parents if you wish. If you do not require any of your tickets, please return them to school and these will be reallocated. If you would like any additional tickets, please request these via the Gateway app stating which performance you would like tickets for and how many. Tickets will be reallocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that all additional ticket requests will be fulfilled.

Please keep your physical ticket safe and bring it with you to the performance – tickets will be checked as we admit people into the hall. Anyone arriving without a ticket will be required to wait until all ticket holders are seated. If spaces remain, we will then allow them into the hall.

Costumes

For children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2, staff will be sending home information about costumes. Children in Key Stage 2 should wear smart school uniform, accessorised with Christmas jumpers, scarves and hats for their performances!

Evening performances

For the KS2 evening performance, by bringing their child back to school, parents are consenting for them to attend the performance. If your child is not able to attend the evening performance, please inform their class teacher as soon as possible.



Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle will be on sale at the performances. Tickets will also be available via the Gateway app at £1 each should you wish to purchase in this way.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the final performance on Wednesday 18th December.

Prizes will include –

A Christmas Hamper, Selection Boxes.

Christmas teddy, a bottle of Baileys

Other Christmas events coming up –

Thursday 28th November –
Christmas Discos

Reception – 1.45pm – 2.30pm (£1.50 donation for snack pack)

Years 1, 2 & 3 – 2.45pm – 4.00pm (£3.00 per pupil – entrance and snack pack)

Years 4, 5 & 6 – 4.15pm – 5.30pm (£3.00 per pupil – entrance and snack pack)



(Children in Y4/5/6 should be collected at 3.15 as normal and return for the disco at 4.15pm)

Please make payment for the disco via the Gateway app by Wednesday 27th November – payment cannot be made after this date.

In addition to the disco, children (Nursery to Year 6) can also wear own clothes on Thursday 28th November for a £1 donation. (Payment via the app).

Week beginning Monday 2nd December – Christmas Craft workshops



Monday 2nd – Year 3 & 4 parents – 2.00 - 3.00pm

Tuesday 3rd – Nursery & Reception parents - 9.00am – 10.00am

Tuesday 3rd – Year 1 & 2 parents - 2.00 - 3.00pm

Wednesday 4th - Year 5 & 6 parents - 2.00 - 3.00pm

Advent Eucharist – Tuesday 3rd December –

We will be holding our Advent Eucharist service on Tuesday 3rd at 10.30am. If any parents would like to join this service and take communion / receive a blessing they are welcome to attend.



Friday 13th December –

Christmas Jumper Day (Nursery to Year 6) (£1 donation for Save the Children)



Please see information about our [Christmas Jumper Swap here.](#)

Christmas Dinner Day – Friday 13th December

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please book via the Gateway app by Friday 6th December.

No charge for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those children eligible for Free School Meals.

£2.20 for children on flexible charging

£2.70 for all other children.

Payment will be made in the normal way via the app.

We also look forward to holding our community Christmas lunch on this day. Our Year 6 pupils will be preparing the hall and hosting lunch for our special visitors – people who help to make a positive difference to our school community.



Monday 16th December –

Christmas Movie Night – 3.15 – 5.30pm. (Reception to Year 6)

The children are invited to stay after school to watch a festive favourite with their friends. There will be a cost of £4.00 for the food packs.

Food packs will include -

Hot dog / vegan hot dog (ketchup optional)

Popcorn / crisps

Hot Chocolate and marshmallows (orange & blackcurrant squash and water will also be available)

Biscuit / cake

The children will be able to choose from the following films;

Nativity 2 – Danger in the Manger (U)

Arthur Christmas (U)

Elf (PG)

Home Alone (PG)



If you would like your child to attend the Christmas movie night, please give consent and make payment via the Gateway app by Thursday 12th December. By giving consent to attend parents are also giving consent for their child to watch one of the listed films, including those that are rated PG.

Due to the need to purchase items and ensure dietary needs are met, we WILL NOT be able to add children onto Movie Night after the deadline of Thursday 12th. So, if your child would like to attend, please ensure they are added to the list before the payment closes. Last year, parents and children were asking to stay on the day – this WILL NOT be possible this year.

Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 18th December –

We will be holding Christmas parties for each class on Wednesday 18th December. Children can wear their own 'party clothes' to school on this day (please ensure suitable for school!) We may even get a special visit from a certain someone....!?

On Thursday 19th December, parents are invited to join us for our end of term Christmas worship – parents of children in Reception and Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) at 9.15am and parents of children in Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 1.45pm. (The same worship will be held twice with all children taking part). We will also be presenting our end of term awards.

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 2.00pm - there will be no after school club on this day.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with all our children and families this year.

Best wishes,

Mrs J. Ferretti
Headteacher

If parents are experiencing difficulty with accessing / covering the cost of the above events, please discuss this with Mrs Ferretti before the closing dates.