



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 busy practicing in classes – it is lovely to hear the sound of singing!

Information on performances can be found below –

	Performance;
Tuesday 5 th December	Nursery & Reception - 9.45am
Wednesday 6 th December	Nursery & Reception - 9.45am
Thursday 7 th December	Year 1 & 2 – 1.45pm
Friday 8 th December	Year 1 & 2 – 1.45pm
Wednesday 13 th December *	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 1.30pm Carol Concert
Wednesday 13 th December *	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6pm Carol Concert (children should return to school at 5.15pm)

*Please note this is a change to the original date proposed.

Tickets

Due to health and safety regulations, tickets will be allocated 1 per family per performance. We will not be charging for tickets but will welcome donations as well as holding a raffle and selling refreshments. 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.

Tickets will be available on the school Gateway app – if you would like to reserve your ticket, please confirm via the app adding the name of the person attending. Tickets must be reserved by Friday 1st December. After this date, tickets may be reallocated.

If parents would like to request additional tickets, please do so via the 'Additional Ticket' option on the app, stating which performance you would like and the number of tickets. A list will be opened on a first-come, first-serve basis and any unclaimed tickets will be reallocated according to this list. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that all additional ticket requests will be fulfilled.

Parents will not receive a 'physical ticket' but staff will have a list of tickets that have been allocated.

Costumes

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

Evening performances

For evening performances, 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 Monday 12th December.

Prizes will include –

A Christmas Hamper, Selection Boxes. Christmas teddy, a bottle of Baileys

Other Christmas events coming up -



Advent Eucharist – Monday 4th December –

We will be holding our Advent Eucharist service on Monday 4th at 9am. If any parents would like to join this service and take communion / receive a blessing they are welcome to attend.

Friday 8th December –
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 6th December.

In addition to the disco, children (Nursery to Year 6) can also wear own clothes on Friday 8th December for a £1 donation. (Payment via the app).



Tuesday 12th 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

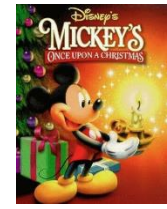
The children will be able to choose from the following films;

Nativity (U)

Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas (U)

The Grinch (PG)

Home Alone 2 (PG)



If you would like your child to attend the Christmas movie night, please give consent and make payment via the Gateway app by Friday 8th 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.



**Friday 15th 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 – Tuesday 19th December



If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please book via the Gateway app by Friday 8th 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.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers again on this day.

Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 20th December –

We will be holding Christmas parties for each class on Wednesday 20th 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....!?

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st December at 3.15pm. (Friday 22nd is an INSET day). On Thursday 21st December, parents are invited to join us for our end of term Christmas worship – parents of children in Reception and Key Stage at 9.15am and parents of children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 at 1.45pm. (The same worship will be held twice with all children taking part).

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

Best wishes,

Mrs J. Ferretti
Headteacher