



## Happy Holidays!!!



### We are almost there!!!

It's been such a busy term with so many fabulous events, tournaments and presentations taking place from September through to now. The children have worked so hard and have represented the school brilliantly in so many different ways—they all deserve a fantastic Christmas holiday!

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and families who have supported school throughout this term: driving to matches, helping with homework, baking for the cake sale and most recently, helping to learn lines and provide costumes for our Christmas concerts.

All of these, along with countless other things that you do, help to make the children's time in school as exciting, productive and successful as possible—thank you for all that you do!!

A huge thank you to the amazing team of staff at school who, during the whole of this term, have demonstrated their dedication, drive and determination to make our school the best place for the children every day. Their hard work and commitment make our school a thriving, lively and exciting place to be every day. Have a fantastic, well earned Christmas everyone!!!

### PTA Christmas Disco

The PTA Christmas disco was very well attended just recently by children in both KS1 and KS2—our resident DJ (Mr Gallagher!!) did a fabulous job of whipping up the party vibe! The children had a great time and the PTA were able to raise valuable funds for school.  
Thank you for your support.

### PTA Cake Sale

The PTA also held a cake sale last week which was a huge success. Thank you to all the families who donated cakes and cookies on the day. The children had a wonderful morning—and there were even a few spare cakes to sell on the playground in the afternoon! All-in-all a great event that has, again, raised money to spend on the children in school...thank you!

### Christmas Concerts

This is the very best time of year to be in a primary school—with everybody busy preparing for concerts, carols and nativity plays and the excitement and anticipation of Christmas just around the corner.

This week we have seen two fantastic performances:

At the beginning of the week KS2 presented their Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church. The children gave us a fabulous range of Christmas songs and performed them brilliantly. It was wonderful to see the church so full and everyone having a great time.

Later in the week KS1 performed their play "I'm Gonna Shine".

The children did a fabulous job performing, singing and reminding us of the real meaning of Christmas.

Thank you for your support and attendance at all of these events. It means such a lot to the children to know that you are there, watching and supporting them as they take that huge step onto the stage to present in front of everyone...and some doing it for the very first time!

Our Nursey and Reception have joined forces to make a Christmas film for parents and families to watch this year. Their finished 'cut' is available to watch on YouTube and I'm sure you'll agree, it's a real treat!!

<https://youtu.be/cGodBzqTGOE>

### Adverse Weather

Over the last week or so we have experienced a significant drop in temperature and seen some very icy roads and pavements.

We will constantly keep our eye on the forecast and, should there be any need to make decisions about school due to the adverse weather, we will contact parents via our usual text message service (and our developing Parent Mail system) to inform you of any changes to the school day.

Otherwise, school will be open as normal and children should attend at the usual times.

### Building Work

We anticipate the start of some building work in school in the New Year.

Both Year 6 classrooms are having a 'face-lift' with the interior walls being treated and re-decorated. This will cause some changes to Year 6 children and staff whilst the work is underway, as they move to a new home within school for a week or so! We have waited a long time for this work to be carried out so will be very pleased to see it start in January.

### Parties

It's party season once again and each year group will be holding their party in school in the next few days.

There will be drinks and snacks available—children do not need to bring anything extra (unless they are bringing something which relates to their own dietary requirements).

**RECEPTION**—Thursday morning (15th December)

**Y1 & Y2**—Friday morning (16th December)

**Y5**—Friday afternoon (16th December)

**Y3 & Y4**—Monday morning (19th December)

**Y6**—Monday afternoon (19th December)

Children can wear their own clothes for the party day—remember to bring a coat as there will still be outdoor playtimes.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Our whole-school Christmas Jumper Day is this coming Friday 16th December.

Donations for the foodbank (or 50p per family) would be gratefully received!

I can't wait to see the amazing jumpers that appear on this annual event—there are always some fabulous ones on show!!!

### Whole School Mufti Days

Following Christmas Jumper Day on Friday we have two free 'Mufti-days' when children can wear their own clothes for school. (It could still be very cold so wear something appropriate).

Free 'Mufti-days' will be on:

**Monday 19th December**

**Tuesday 20th December**

### End of Term / Return to School

We finish for Christmas on Tuesday 20th December at 2pm  
Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2023

**On behalf of all of the staff and Governors at Birkdale Primary School we wish you a very  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!  
See you in 2023!!**

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