



Jingle All The Way..

Sorry! Pond Update

Well, it couldn't be any worse. I am very sorry for the ongoing issues with the Main Yard. Following several surveys and much discussion major repairs would now have to wait until next Summer. From this, the good news is that we will get a new yard surface following this work. The drilling work undertaken last week hasn't gone to plan and so all that's left now is to use expensive pumps. We hope to clear the issue this way by the end of this week. As Mr Gallagher has said in a previous letter it has proved to be a difficult situation almost daily this term but we thank you all for your patience.

Staff Absence

As you may know, there's been lots of coughs, colds and sickness flying round amongst the children and staff of most schools this year. Apologies for any disruption caused by recent staff absence. We are hoping that Ms Prosser is fully recovered before Christmas but if not, I'm sure you will all be wishing her a swift recovery.

Christmas Performances—Collection of Siblings

This year, we are aiming for the afternoon performances to finish as close to hometime as possible. This will mean that we will be unable to release any siblings earlier. A short wait may be necessary but will avoid chaos behind the scenes. Thank you!

Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed these.
1326 of the responses were positively agree or strongly agree.
There were only two questions answered with disagree and two questions strongly disagree.
This is an AMAZING...99.7%!!!!—Thank you all so much and thank you for the lovely comments too—they have meant so much to the staff...we love it here too!

Matter arising from comments—for SEND issues please contact school and request a call from Mrs Grice (SEND Lead) who will be happy to advise or update. We are also constantly looking out for ways to increase the number of clubs but capacity for time and volunteers proves difficult.

Christmas Jumper Days

Every Friday now until Christmas (5th 12th and 19th Dec). Also any party days. No jumper? - Own clothes.

Santa Dash

On Friday, 12th December it is our Santa Dash day when all children will be encouraged to join in a fun run here in school. Christmas Hats welcome!!

Toy Fair

Friday, 12th is also our Toy Fair day—many items will be just 50p There will be nothing more than £2.00.

Christmas Raffle—The BIG one!

£100 is the top prize. Information will be out to you soon about how you can win this and lots of other top prizes soon. It could be you!

DON'T FORGET WE CLOSE AT 2PM this FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER

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New Year Message From The Governors

Although the academic year is only a third of the way through, 2025 has been full of hard work, success, fun and happiness. I'm sure that you would like to join with us in thanking Mr Sheeran and all the staff for their hard work in 2025 and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! - Mrs M McDermott—Chair of Governors

Parties and Performances Last Call

5th December—Year 4 Christmas Concert—Main Hall 2pm-3pm

8th December—Year 3 Christmas Concert—Main Hall 2pm-3pm

9th December—Year 5 Christmas Concert—Main Hall 2pm-3pm

10th December—KS1 Christmas Concert—Main Hall 2pm-3pm
Nursery Christmas Concert—Nursery am

11th December—KS1 Christmas Concert—Main Hall 2pm-3pm
KS1 Christmas Concert—Main Hall 6pm-7pm

12th December—Year 6 Christmas Concert—Main Hall 2pm-3pm

15th December—Reception Christmas Concert—Main Hall 2pm-3pm

Parties are on the following dates : 16th December—Reception, Year 3 and Year 4. 17th December—Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5. 18th December— Year 6. It's Mufti on Party days.

Thank You

Thank you for all your support and good wishes over our Christmas performance period. I'm sure you'll agree that the children will be wonderful during their magnificent performances over the next two weeks. Stay safe everyone!

Our Choir

Our Whole School Choir groups will be singing some songs to spread some festive spirit inside the **Wayfarer's Arcade on Friday 5th and 12th December at 4:30-5PM**. Please come and show your support if you can! Thanks go to Miss Lee too!

Reminder

School will be closed on Monday, 5th January for INSET. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday, 6th January at normal time. We'll see you then.

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Have a VERY Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us here at Birkdale Primary School!

