



Newsletter

12th December 2025

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This week has been filled with musical performances and Christmas songs. On Monday evening, children in singing club and Area Band had the amazing opportunity of performing at the Albert Hall, alongside the Youth Orchestra and other Area Bands from around the city.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 2 performed 'Hey Ewe' to their families. On Thursday, Year 1 put on a concert, 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree'. Both Year 1 and Year 2 children wowed us all with their beautiful singing and confident performances.

We look forward to watching our Singing club concert next Tuesday, seeing and hearing our F2 children perform on Wednesday, as well as our youngest children in Nursery on Friday.

We are very proud of our music provision at Haydn and once again would like to thank Mrs Needham and Mrs Cropley for the time and commitment they put into our musical ventures.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

We would like to thank our wonderful kitchen team for producing our delicious Christmas dinners on Wednesday and Thursday this week; the festive menu was amazing!

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

A huge thank you to the PTA for putting together another fantastic Christmas fair. It was a joy to see all of our families attend and have such a festive time. The fair raised an incredible £1638.12 which will go towards supporting the children at our school. Thank you very much!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder after school clubs have finished for this term, they will start again week commencing 5th January 2025.

WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES - THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: 2C & 6C

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| FS | 90.37% | FW | 93.33% | 1ST | 92.57% | 1W | 95.19% | 2C | 98.52% |
| 2F | 89.26% | 3G | 92.59% | 3T | 94.81% | 4H | 92.11% | 4W | 95.40% |
| 5C | 96.30% | 5H | 96.62% | 6C | 97.00% | 6CH | 96.67% | | |

100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS - KS1: Xavier (2F) KS2: Alfee (4H)

READING, READING, READING

Many countries around the world have Christmas book traditions.

Iceland

Jólabókaflóð (Christmas Book Flood)

Publishers release many new books before Christmas, which are then exchanged as gifts on Christmas Eve. Families spend the evening reading their new books by candlelight, often with hot chocolate.



Sweden

Books, especially holiday-themed ones like Pippi Longstocking, are popular Christmas gifts, perfect for pairing with "fika" (coffee and cake) for relaxation.



Finland

Families read a "Christmas book" (Joulukirja) together, featuring Christmas stories, poems, or folklore, fostering family time.

Click the links below to look at books as special gifts.

<https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/features/best-childrens-books-for-christmas-by-booker-prize-authors>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/seasonal-events/christmas/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| F2 Lakeside Arts Trip - 'The Littlest Yak' Performance | Tuesday 16 th December |
| Singing Club Christmas Concert | Tuesday 16 th December - 4pm - families welcome |
| F2 Christmas Performance 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel' | Wednesday 17 th December - 10.00am families welcome - 4.00pm families welcome |
| Year 5 Nottingham Playhouse Panto | Thursday 18 th December |
| Year 6 Christmas Cinema Trip & Ice Skating | Thursday 18 th December |
| Christmas Party Day | Thursday 18 th December |
| Nursery Christmas Song Celebration | Friday 19 th December 11.00am - 11.45am - families welcome |
| Last Day of School | Friday 19 th December |
| Christmas Holidays | Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January |
| Back to School | Monday 5 th January |
| Year 5 Parent/Carer Stratford-upon-Avon Meeting | 8 th January - 5pm - Classroom 5H |
| Child's Emotions Workshop for Parents & Carers (run by Educational Psychologist Dr Annie Newton) | Tuesday 13 th January - 9.00am - 10.00am |

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| Child's Emotions Workshop for Parents & Carers (run by Educational Psychologist Dr Annie Newton) | Thursday 15 th January - 3.30pm - 4.30pm |
| Year 5 Stratford-upon-Avon Residential | Wednesday 21 st January - Thursday 22 nd January |
| Last Day of School | Friday 13 th February |
| Half Term Holidays | Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February |
| Back to School | Monday 23 rd February |
| Last Day of School | Friday 27 th March |
| Easter Holidays | Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April |
| Back to School | Monday 13 th April |

Signposting

What's on Nottingham - Winter Nights & Sparkling Lights - please click on the link below to find family events in November and December in Nottinghamshire:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNCC/bulletins/3fc16a1>