











A message from our Headteachers

Our newsletter looks slightly different this week, as there is lots of important communication to share with you about upcoming Christmas events!

Event	Date	What you need to know
Christmas Fayre 	9.12.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playground gates will open from 2.30-2.45pm. You can sign your child out with the teacher at the classroom door. The gates will be closed at 2.45pm and will reopen again at 3.05pm for the usual end of school day. To collect your child after 2.45pm, please use the front entrance to the office. The school gates will be closed from 3.30pm, so please leave the fayre from the front of school.
Visit to the Pantomime at Theatre Royal 	13.12.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have paid for your child to attend the Pantomime, we will be leaving school at 12.30pm. We will be returning at approx. 4.45-5pm Collection will be from the playground gates only. Class teachers will dismiss the children safely from the classrooms. If your child is NOT going to the pantomime, Mrs Parr will dismiss the children from the playground at 3.15pm.
EYFS and KS1 nativity performance 	14.12.22 at 6pm 15.12.22 at 2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 tickets per child are available to parents and carers Please come into school for the nativity via the office Outfits for the nativity are being provided by school
Christmas Jumper Day 	15.12.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school and donate £1
Christmas Dinner 	15.12.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child has requested a Christmas Dinner, they will receive it on this day! Please make payment to the office for the meal.
Christmas Crafts 	19.12.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-10.30am – EYFS and KS1 parents are invited into classrooms to take part in a Christmas Crafts morning with your child. 2-3.15pm – KS2 parents are invited into classrooms to take part in a Christmas Crafts afternoon. Please join us through the front office to enter school.
Visit to the Church 	20.12.22 at 10.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 to Year 6 will be visiting the church to sing carols and understand the Christmas story Parents and carers are welcome to join us at church – we may be a little tight on space so you may need to stand.
Christmas Parties 	20.12.22 KS1 and KS2 21.12.22 EYFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will have class parties on these dates. Teachers will communicate via ClassDojo if your child needs to bring anything in from home on this day.



Achievements this week!

Well done to the following children who have been given a certificate in our celebration assembly today!

Y1: Enzo for his amazing performing in our Nativity & Alore for being an 'always' child and showing enthusiasm for everything!

Y2: Aary & Amber for growing in confidence as narrators in our 'Barmy Bethlehem'.

Y3: Bernice for being respectful and kind to peers & Carson for an amazing attitude to learning and being determined.

Y4: Karan for being a great role model for his peers & Poppy for determination and great attitude in her assessments this week.

Y5: Lily for being respectful to all and showing excellent engagement in learning & Abi for determination to improve in all areas of school life.

Y6: Shamarna for showing resilience and confidence with her reading paper & Xavier for always being ready to learn and challenge himself.

F1: Harry & Harper for a good understanding and recall of the Christmas Story – well done!

F2: Charlie for showing good communication & Chloe for being a good role model.

Last day of school

A reminder **that school will close on 21st December at 2pm.**
The playground gates will be opened at 1.50pm for collection.
This is for **all** children. Thank you.

Free School Meal Christmas Hampers

We have been successful in gaining a grant to create Christmas food hampers for all pupils in receipt of Free School Meals across school. These hampers will be given out to pupils in the last week of term.

Selection box donation

We have also had an extremely generous donation from a resident from the Nottingham area. Each child will be receiving a selection box to take home for Christmas thanks to this donation. We are extremely lucky and very thankful for this!

Reading volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who would like to give up time to come into school and read with pupils in Key Stage 2. If you are interested, please contact Miss Pithers who will be able to provide more information.

Attendance

Our attendance target this year for each child to reach is 96%. It is important your child is coming to school every day to reach this target.

Here is this week's attendance:

F2: 74%

Y1: 85.9%

Y2: 95.7%

Y3: 86.4%

Y4: 90.8%

Y5: 86.8%

Y6: 95%

Well done to Year 2 who have the highest attendance this week and are the winners of our attendance cup.

The year group with the best attendance at the end of each half term will receive a whole class reward!

Reverse Advent Calendar

We are running a community reverse advent calendar. The idea of the calendar is to give back to others by donating items. We will then share these items with the food bank. We will be collecting items in the office until 19th December.



Parent governor role

We currently have a space for a parent governor on our Academy Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please speak to Mrs Salam or Mr Middleton for more information.

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re: Increase in scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you think that you or your child might have scarlet fever.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

Contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible

Make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection.

As a parent, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

Your child is getting worse

Your child is feeding or eating much less than normal

Your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration

Your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher

Your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty

Your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

Your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs

There are pauses when your child breathes

Your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
Your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Stop the spread

During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever, there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work until **24 hours** after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Salam
Head of School

Resources

[NHS – Scarlet Fever](#)

[Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment](#)

[Health protection in education and childcare settings](#)

[Hand hygiene resources for schools](#)