



Introduction

Deck the Halls!

Yesterday, our dedicated team of elves—otherwise known as our fantastic staff—transformed our school into a winter wonderland. The Christmas decorations are up, casting a magical glow throughout the corridors and classrooms. The twinkling lights, festive garlands, and delightful ornaments create an atmosphere of warmth and joy that perfectly complements the spirit of the season. The highlight of our decorations is undoubtedly the enormous Christmas tree that now graces our school hall. The awe on the children's faces as they entered the hall were truly amazing! Rehearsals for the Reception and Key Stage 1 nativities are in full swing, and I must say, the dedication and creativity of our staff are truly commendable. The children are putting their hearts and souls into their performances, and we can already sense the magic that will unfold during the upcoming shows. Parents, get ready for an unforgettable experience as your little ones take the stage and bring the Christmas story to life.

As we continue to embrace the festive spirit, let's cherish these moments of togetherness and create lasting memories for our children. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to celebrating the joy of the season with you.

Mrs Costello
Headteacher



KS1 Gymnastics Festival



Our Year 2 children recently participated in the Gymnastics Festival hosted at Calderstones School. The event was a resounding success, and our young gymnasts had an absolute blast showcasing their skills and team spirit. The children had the opportunity to engage in a variety of gymnastic activities, showcasing their flexibility, balance, and coordination. From tumblers to cartwheels, each child demonstrated their unique talents and contributed to the vibrant and energetic atmosphere of the festival. One of the highlights of the day was witnessing our children seamlessly working together as a team. Events like the Gymnastics Festival not only promote physical activity but also create lasting memories for our children.

Parking around school

Ensuring a secure environment around our school is a shared responsibility. During peak drop-off and pick-up times, the traffic and parking areas can become particularly busy. To safeguard our children and maintain a smooth flow of traffic, we kindly request your cooperation in adhering to safe parking practices. Please refrain from double parking, as it compromises the safety of our children and fellow parents. Double parking not only hinders the traffic flow but can also create visibility issues. Ensure that pavements are kept clear at all times. This allows pedestrians, including our young children, to safely cross the road without obstruction. This week, we have logged this as an issue with the police as we feel additional presence is needed at times for cars that persistently ignore these safety rules.



Measles Public Health Announcement

Measles cases are rising across the country. Measles is a highly infectious virus and can lead to complications such as ear infections, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain which require hospitalisation and on rare occasions can lead to long term disability or death. Anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E, to prevent the illness spreading further.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Anyone who is unsure if their child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations should check their child's Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, contact your GP practice to check and book an appointment.

To find out more about childhood vaccinations, please visit the NHS

website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>



Christmas Jumper Day



Please remember that it is Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday next week. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper or festive accessory instead of their school uniform on this day. We are asking for a £1 donation for Save the Children. Please note, this is not an own clothes day so football kits/tracksuits should not be worn. If your child does not wish to wear a Christmas jumper/accessory, they must wear their school uniform.

Attendance this week

Reception	92.73%
Year 1	97.47%
Year 2	93.94%
Year 3	93.7%
Year 4	90.71%
Year 5	92.16%
Year 6	90.06%
Whole school	92.69%



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 30 th – Tuesday 5 th December	Half Price Book Fair – School Library 3.20-4.00pm
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 th December	SEND Kurling Competition
Monday 11 th December	PTA Santa Grotto Day
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch (allergy forms must be completed)
Wednesday 13 th December 2pm and Thursday 14 th December 9.30am	Y1+2 Nativity (Tickets have been issued. Please see the date on your ticket for your showing)
Thursday 14 th December 2pm	Reception Nativity (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 19 th December	PTA Christmas Pantomime Day
Wednesday 20 th December	SEND Sports Festival
Wednesday 20 th December	Y6 Enterprise Day – More details to follow
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 th January	School reopens for Spring 1
Friday 12 th January	Y6 Volleyball Competition
Wednesday 16 th January	Y5+6 Basketball Competition
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly – Y2 parents invited 9am
Monday 29 th January– Friday 2 nd February	Liverpool Schools Reading Festival
Friday 2 nd February	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
Monday 5 th -9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly – Y3 parents invited 9am
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 th February	School reopens Spring 2
Thursday 29 th February	Y6 Football Competition
Friday 1 st March	Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception parents 9.30-10.00am school hall
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Dress as a book character!
Friday 8 th March	Y4 Trip – Liverpool Philharmonic
Thursday 14 th March	Y4 Football Competition
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – own clothes day
Thursday 21 st March	Y3 Football Competition
Tuesday 26 th and Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade and own clothes day
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter Break 1.30pm