



Ladywood

Primary School



Ladywood Weekly News

Issue 12

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported their child(ren) to take part in 'No pens day' show and tell. It was fabulous to hear all about the children's outside hobbies and to see them confidently holding an audience and articulating their interests clearly to their friends. Well done boys and girls!

We are starting to get in the Christmas spirit at school with Christmas songs and performances being practiced daily and preparations being made for all the Christmas Events that are due to take place in school. Please don't forget:-

- The Christmas Fayre to be held next Wednesday 04.12.24 at 2pm
- The community Christmas light switch on event will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 4pm
- To purchase tickets for the Christmas Performances w/c 09.12.24
- The special lunchtime menus over the next few weeks – 'Party at the North Pole' on Friday 13.12.24 and 'Festive Feast' Christmas Dinner on Thursday 19.12.24

We have been overwhelmed by the number of children and families that are taking part in the Secret Santa organised by School Council. If you have given consent for your child to take part in this lovely event they can bring in their secret gift from Monday and School Council will arrange distribution of gifts to all who have taken part on the last day of term.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs CL Grainger-Roystone

Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%. Each week the class with the highest attendance receives an award and £5 credit towards an end of year treat. Last week, **Year 3** achieved the highest attendance of 97.6%. **WELL DONE!**

Lates

Polite reminder that if your child/ren arrive between 8.55am and 9.15am they will receive a late mark (L) code. If your child/ren arrive after 9.15am they will receive a (U) code which is also an unauthorised late mark. Absences, whether authorised or unauthorised will bring your child/ren's attendance down.

Illnesses

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. Please see illnesses information below.

Polite reminder that if your child/ren are unwell, please ensure contact is made to the office, via the app or leaving a voicemail on 01226 711488. Please ensure a reason for absence is provided.

Leave of Absences

Penalty Notices are requested from schools and **issued by the Local Authority** to the parents/carers of statutory school age children, and can be issued per parent, per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for leave of absence in term time could result in **each** parent/ carer receiving 3 separate fines at the below rates.

- **First offence** - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be: £80 per parent, per child paid within 21 days. This fine increases to £160 per parent, per child if paid after day 21, until day 28.
- **Second Offence (within 3 years)** - the second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - the third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court under s.444 of the Education Act (1996) or other legal interventions considered. The Magistrates' Court can order fines up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Failure to pay a Penalty Notice will render you liable to criminal proceedings in the Magistrates Court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Class Weekly Attendance

Classes with the best weekly attendance receive a £5 credit in the attendance 'pot' to spend how the class chooses at the end of the year

Week Ending: 22nd November 2024

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Nursery	96.5%	Year 3	97.6%
Reception	86%	Year 4	93.7%
Year 1	93.3%	Year 5	90.3%
Year 2	97.4%	Year 6	91.7%



Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember
Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?
A two-week holiday is worth the effort of missing 4.7% of school days.



When can my child return to school?

If you are worried, please seek further advice from your GP or community pharmacist
★ = Vaccine preventable

Chicken Pox 5 days from onset of rash and all the blisters have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from the last symptoms	Glandular fever No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Cold and Flu like illness (Including COVID-19) No longer have a high temperature and feel well. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19 ★
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Head lice No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo <i>Think Pharmacy first!</i> When sores are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics	Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash and recovered ★	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling ★
Scarlet fever 24 hours after starting antibiotics	Slapped cheek No need to stay off after rash has developed. Inform school / nursery	Threadworms No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis <i>Think Pharmacy first!</i> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping cough 48 hours after starting antibiotics ★

Hand washing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and vomiting and respiratory disease. Liquid soap, warm water and paper towels are recommended. Supported by the Barnsley Health Protection Board. This information was correct at time of printing (August 2024). This information is based on health protection guidance from Public Health England on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other child care settings. More information can be found at the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings>



Before & After School Clubs

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is available daily from 8.00am and the cost of this is £2.50 per session. Sessions can be booked via the school gateway app.

Youth Club

Youth Club is available daily from 3.15pm to 5.00pm for children aged 5 years and over and the cost of this is £5.00 per session. Sessions can be booked via the school gateway app. **If we see that many places are not being booked this term moving forward, this club could close.**

After School Clubs

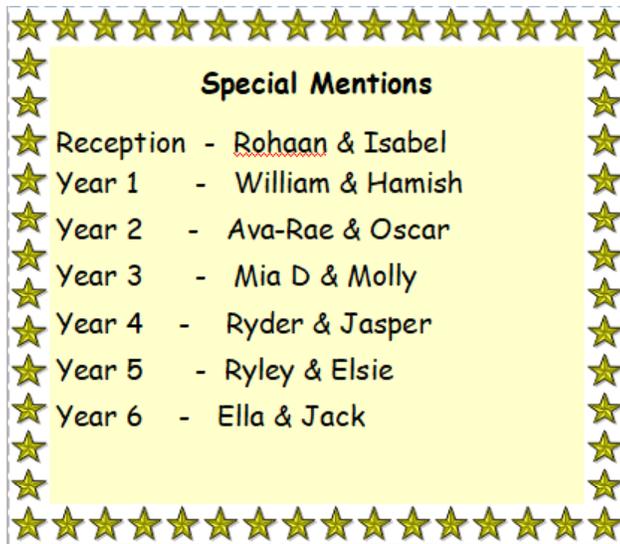
After school clubs available for this term are now live for booking on the school gateway app. These are free of charge. After school club information is as follows:

- Every Monday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Volleyball (KS2, Y3-Y6)
- Every Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Benchball/Dodgeball (KS2, Y3-Y6)
- Every Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm Art Club (KS1 & KS2 Y1 to Y6)

Places are limited.

Awards

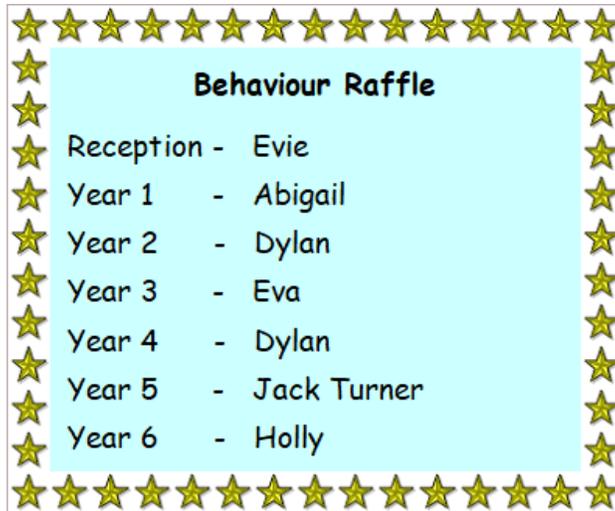




Special Mentions	
★ Reception	- Rohaan & Isabel
★ Year 1	- William & Hamish
★ Year 2	- Ava-Rae & Oscar
★ Year 3	- Mia D & Molly
★ Year 4	- Ryder & Jasper
★ Year 5	- Ryley & Elsie
★ Year 6	- Ella & Jack



Always Awards	
★ Reception	- Pola
★ Year 1	- George
★ Year 2	- Finley
★ Year 3	- Carter
★ Year 4	- Nadine
★ Year 5	- Tilly
★ Year 6	- Savannah



Behaviour Raffle	
Reception	- Evie
Year 1	- Abigail
Year 2	- Dylan
Year 3	- Eva
Year 4	- Dylan
Year 5	- Jack Turner
Year 6	- Holly

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been talking about Polar World. We have looked at what the environment looks like and discussed animals we might find there. We have also spoken about the explorer 'Robert Scott' and why he is famous.

Next week, we will be looking at the season of Winter and what changes we might see. We will also be exploring freezing and melting.

Please make sure your child brings a hat, scarf and gloves to school especially on days when it is extremely cold. Also please make sure these are named.

Please note, Nursery is closed next Friday, 6th December due to new starter visits.

Reception

We have had a super week of speaking and listening in early years. Our "No Pens Day" on Wednesday was a huge success. We loved hearing the "show and tell" sessions and children spoke really confidently about the object they brought in. The use of language, vocabulary and questioning was a delight to hear.

We also had a fabulous time reciting and performing our poems and rhymes. The expression and actions that children are using are improving all of the time.

Our Nativity performances are now in full swing. Children have enjoyed trying on their costumes and are now practising on the stage in the hall.

We have been reading the Nativity story so children are familiar with the story and our play.

In our Mathematics we have been working on early addition skills. We have been using the range of vocabulary when adding and have used a range of resources to support our learning.

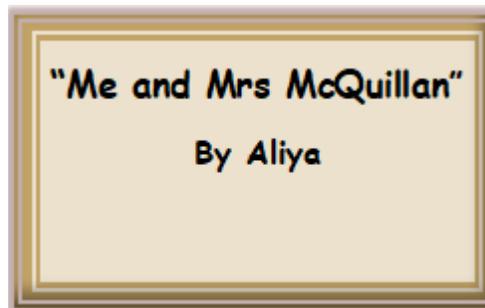
Please remember the November Maths Competition being held by Mrs Bradbury. Mrs Bradbury wants to know how your child has used Maths outside of school. You can take a photo of this, draw a picture or send myself or Mrs Bradbury an email. The competition will be judged by our Governor Mr Parkinson. I look forward to seeing your entries and good luck everyone.

Next week we will continue our work on Polar Worlds and will use lots of great stories and non fiction books. We will continue to recite our new poem "Cake-O-Saurus" which has been sent home too. In our Mathematics we will extend our addition skills.

A super week in Reception class, a big well done everyone, have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McQuillan and Reception staff

Picture of the week



Year 1

Year One enjoyed their No Pens Day this week, what a fantastic opportunity for children to show and tell their special/ favourite things and to ask each other questions. It is so important for the children to interact with each other in this way and a great way for them to develop their social skills.

In Maths, we have been learning lots about shape this week and building skills in pattern making. We have explored repeating patterns and radiating patterns.

In English we started a new book called 'I want my hat back.' We looked at different types of hats and their uses. The bear wears a red pointy hat that looks like a party hat. If the children are enjoying talking about their English texts and want to purchase them to read at home, the next book we are reading is called 'The odd egg.' The texts are really good quality and are age appropriate for your child's reading ability.

From next week onwards, children may want to start bringing Christmas cards in for their friends. I will leave some plastic wallets up in the cloak room so that children can post them in here and we will hand them out at the end of the day.

Have a lovely weekend all,

Miss Adams and Mrs Wilson

Year 2

This week we took part in "No Pens Day". The teachers shared our own show and tell and so did the children. Thank you so much for bringing things into school we loved listening to the children speak so confidently.

We also learning a poem by heart which we preformed and filmed 'Thirty days has September'. All the children could recite the poem confidently.

We also continued to learn the 10x table and children played games using their knew knowledge and has to opportunity to access TT Rockstar's, please continue to access TT Rockstars at home.

This week we have also been asking questions in English, we have been writing them down with correct punctuation.

We have continued to learn the song for the nativity, the children are sounding great! If your child has words to learn for the show please help them by learning them at home, we have given out a script to all the children that need them but if this hasn't made it home please ask a year 2 adult.

Year 3

This week, we have continued to read "The Lion and the Unicorn" story and we have written a letter from the point of view of an evacuee to explain our experience to our families at home. We have discussed how evacuees might have felt being away from their homes and families during the war.

In maths, we have practised positioning three-digit numbers on number lines and we have estimated where they should go on a blank number line. We have also begun to compare three-digit numbers and use less than and greater than signs to do this.

In science, we have learned about how fossils are formed and year 3 would like to explore this further by bringing in fossils from home. If you have any at home, please could you bring them in next week for us to look at as a class?

In history, we have learned about air raids and how people stayed safe during 'The Blitz' in World War 2. When we heard the air siren, we all got under our tables and imagined what it must have been like for people when this happened during the war.

In D.T., we grouped food into categories, deciding if they were proteins, carbohydrates, fats, dairy products or fruits and vegetables and in music we learned how to play the glockenspiels.

We have also been practising for our Christmas concert too, making sure we are using our best singing voices!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Lassu, Mrs Salter and Mrs Guy.

Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been reading and summarising the novel of "The Iron Man". We have also created our two main characters for our own stories. Next week we will be planning and writing our own suspense novel based on the structure of the Iron Man using our own characters. In maths, we have been adding sides to make the perimeter and then adding and doubling to find the perimeter of a rectangle quicker. Next week we will finish off our unit of perimeter before looking at multiplying. In PE we practiced for the tag rugby competition. We have also practised our singing for the Christmas concert. In Science and geography, we have been looking at the Water Cycle. In Art this week we have used printing to create a repeated pattern.

The last swimming session is on the 9th of December and will restart on the 6th January 2025.

Year 5

In Maths this week, we continued our unit on addition and subtraction using money. We began by converting quantities of money between pounds and pence and then used our knowledge of addition to efficiently add commonly used prices. Next, we used our knowledge of subtraction to calculate the change due when paying with whole pounds or notes. We will continue using money next week by using the most efficient strategies when adding and subtracting quantities of money.

In English, we published our expanded explanations for our Mars rovers and began a new topic on William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. We looked at some of the key features of a setting description and then used clues from the story to make predictions and discuss word meanings. Next, we created soundscapes of a storm, using our voices and bodies. We will continue to work on these next week.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed taking part our 'No Pens Day'. It was lovely to hear about their achievements, hobbies, interests and special memories. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of the class and speak, so a big 'well done' to those children who did. As part of our whole class read work on real-life mysteries, we also started to discuss whether Big Foot really exists. We watched video evidence, read case notes and will hold a debate next.

Year 6

This week in English, we have been planning and writing our own diary entry in the role of another character from "The Pig Heart Boy". Next week, we will be exploring balanced arguments and looking at the features we need to include.

In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 10,000 and 100,000 and investigating how they are composed of 5000's, 2500's and 2000's. We have also been practising our arithmetic skills to ensure we are fully confident with adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing efficiently.

In Science, we have explored the how scientists have divided invertebrates into groups. We had to research 2 different types of invertebrates and label what characteristics they had.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Goulding

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School X/Twitter: @SchoolLadywood

Useful dates

30/11/2024 - Closing date for Secondary school applications

04/12/2024 - Y3 trip to Cannon Hall Museum

04/12/2024 - Ladywood Christmas Fayre 2.00pm-4.00pm

06/12/2024 - **Nursery closed to children due to new starters visiting Ladywood**

11/12/2024 - KS2 5.00pm Christmas Performance

12/12/2024 - KS2 9.30am Christmas Performance

12/12/2024 - KS1 5.00pm Christmas Performance

13/12/2024 - KS1 10.00am Christmas Performance

13/12/2024 - Party in the Pole lunch

16/12/2024 - EYFS 10.00am Christmas Performance

16/12/2024 - EYFS 2.00pm Christmas Performance

18/12/2024 - Y1 to Y6 Christmas Pantomime Trip PM

18/12/2024 - EYFS Christmas Party PM

19/12/2024 - Christmas Dinner day

20/12/2024 - Last day of term

23/12/2014 - Christmas holidays start

06/01/2025 - School reopens to all children

15/01/2025 - Closing date for Primary school applications

27/01/2025 - Y5 Cober Hill Residential

14/02/2025 - Young Voices

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR
 For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (21 Days)	October (19 Days)	November (20 Days)
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■ Bank Holidays
■ School Holidays
 135 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

1 - Term dates 2024 2025

Parent Survey

As part of our ongoing programme of school improvement, we ask children, parents and staff for their opinions about our school. We would be grateful if you would use the link at the end of this message to help us gather your views by completing our short survey. The survey will close at the end of November so please submit a reply before 30th November. We will use the results from all the surveys to implement changes that we believe will benefit our children and the whole community.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tg3QeeWzci>

Christmas 2024 at Ladywood!

Christmas Performances!

Tickets for all performances are still on sale at the school office priced £1 each.



Christmas is coming to Ladywood Primary
Wednesday 4th December 2024 2pm - 4pm

Come and join us!

Have a look at the crafts on offer or simply have
a cuppa and a mince pie

We have some amazing stalls selling some fabulous Christmas gifts including:
Novelty Bath Bombs, Wreaths, Flowers, Dog accessories, Christmas themed
baking, Candles, Wax melts, Christmas accessories/decorations, Christmas
themed sweets and much more.



2 - Ladywood Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 4th December 2024

2.00pm - 4.00pm



The menu card is titled "Party at the North Pole" and is dated "Friday 13th December 2024". It features a festive border with red, white, and green diagonal stripes and a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. The background is light blue with faint snowflake patterns. The menu items are listed in a clear, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a logo for BSC (Barnsley Schools Catering) which includes a small illustration of a glass containing colorful sticks.

Party at the North Pole

Friday 13th December 2024

Cheese, Ham or Tuna Sandwich

Served with

Carrot and cucumber batons
Sausage or cheese & onion roll,
chicken chunks & wedges

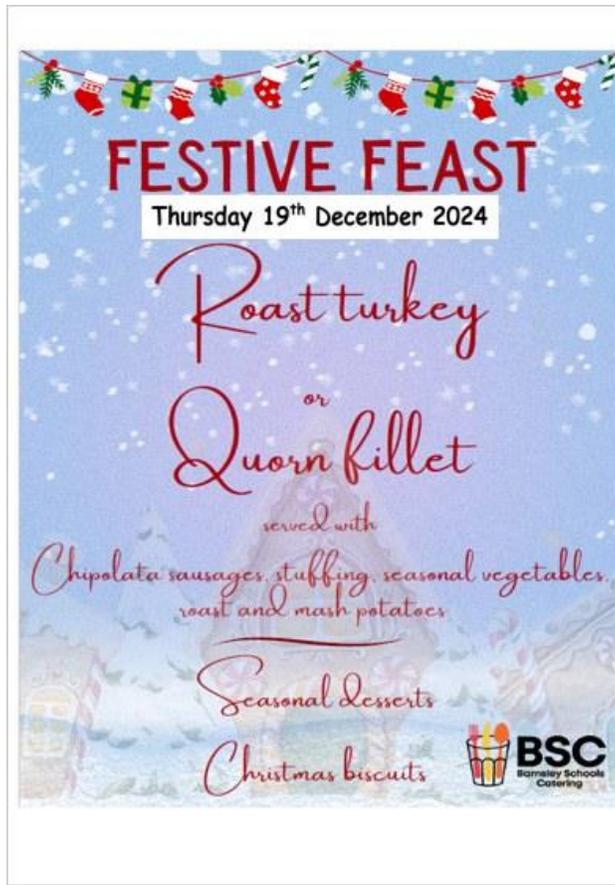
Ginger cookie

Shortbread biscuit

 **BSC**
Barnsley Schools
Catering

3 - Party at the North Pole!

Friday 13th December 2024



4 - Festive Feast!

Thursday 19th December

Barnsley Schools Catering

Autumn / Winter Term (Week 1)

All our kitchens operate under a Nut-free environment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Southern style burger with diced potatoes (V)	Traditional all day breakfast	Chicken fillet with Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes	Meat and potato pie with mashed potatoes	Fish fingers with chips or salmon fingers
Pizza pin wheel with diced potatoes (V)	Hearty breakfast (V)	Quorn fillet with Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes (V)	Wholesome Cottage pie (V)	Crispy fingers and chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE) or coleslaw (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise
Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with beans, mushrooms and tomatoes (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with beans or peas (VE)
Chocolate sponge with chocolate custard (V)	Fruity Flapjack (V)	Fruit and Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Shortbread Biscuit (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

Please be aware that we are unable to guarantee a completely food allergen-free environment, as foods containing allergens are used in our kitchens.

Weeks Commencing:
 11th Nov / 22nd Dec / 13th Jan / 03rd Feb / 24th Feb / 17th Mar

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)
 Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).
 Bread basket (V).
 V indicates vegetarian and VE for vegan option

BSC
 Barnsley Schools
 Catering

Autumn / Winter Term (Week 2)

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
One-pot chilli mac (V)	Pulled pork slider with herb-diced potatoes	Sausage and Yorkshire pudding with mash potatoes	Chicken curry and rice with naan	Harry Ramsdens fish and chips <i>(No Sauce)</i>
Calzone with new potatoes (V)	Layered Vegetable Lasagne (V)	Quorn sausage and Yorkshire pudding with mash potatoes (V)	Mild Arrabbiata pasta (V)	Golden Cheese and onion roll with chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE) or coleslaw (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise
Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Apple sponge with custard (V)	Ginger biscuit (V)	Fruit Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Fruity wheel (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

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Autumn / Winter Term (Week 3)

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classic Cheese and tomato pizza (V)	Spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread	Pork dinner and Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes	Crispy chicken burger with diced potatoes	Bubble crumb fish bites and chips
Creamy Cheese and broccoli pasta (V)	Curry and rice with a naan (V)	Sausage casserole with roast potatoes (V)	Cheesy bean enchiladas with diced potatoes (V)	Quornish pasty and chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE) or coleslaw (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise
Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)
Angel Cakes and custard (V)	Waffles with banana and chocolate sauce (V)	Fruit Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Raspberry buns (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

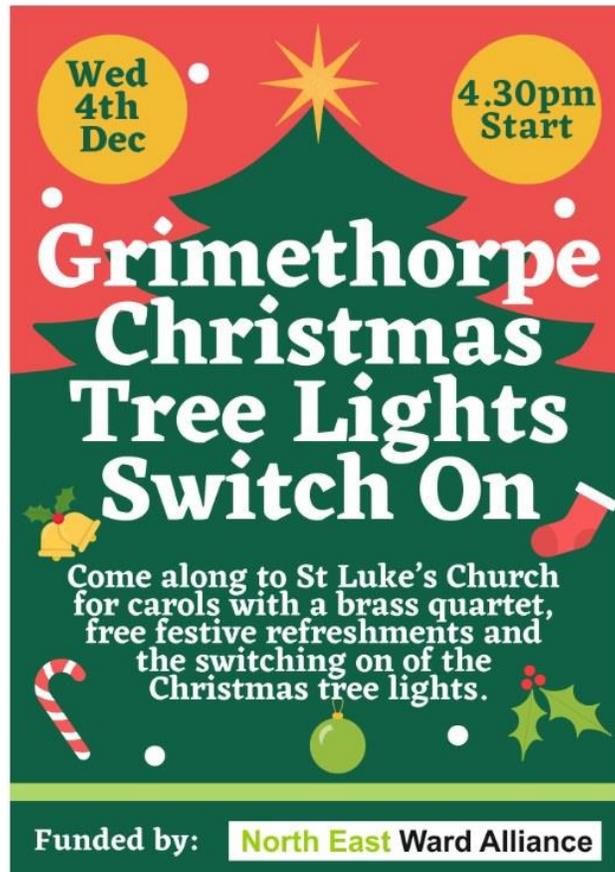
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Community Notice Board



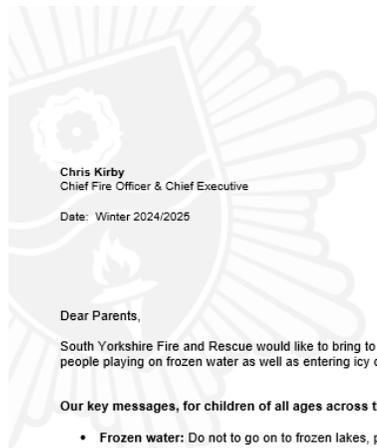
**Wed
4th
Dec**

**4.30pm
Start**

Grimethorpe Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

Come along to St Luke's Church
for carols with a brass quartet,
free festive refreshments and
the switching on of the
Christmas tree lights.

Funded by: **North East Ward Alliance**



Chris Kirby
Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive

Date: Winter 2024/2025

Dear Parents,

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue would like to bring to your attention the dangers of young people playing on frozen water as well as entering icy open water.

Our key messages, for children of all ages across the county, are:

- **Frozen water:** Do not go on to frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs under any circumstances. Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water during cold weather. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue and certainly don't get into the water, you may become the next casualty.
- **Cold water shock:** The UK is a [cold water](#) country which means no open water is above 15 degrees. A public swimming pool is between 26-28 degrees. Many fatalities are caused by the cold temperature and how it affects someone when they enter the water. [Firstly](#) it causes a deep intake of breath, during which dirty water will usually be mixed with the air breathed in. Blood will be directed to their core to protect major organs, restricting supply to their arms and legs which are needed for swimming. This makes it very difficult for someone to swim and is often how lives are lost.
- **Pets:** Should be kept on leads when near frozen water and owners should refrain from throwing objects onto the ice for them to retrieve.

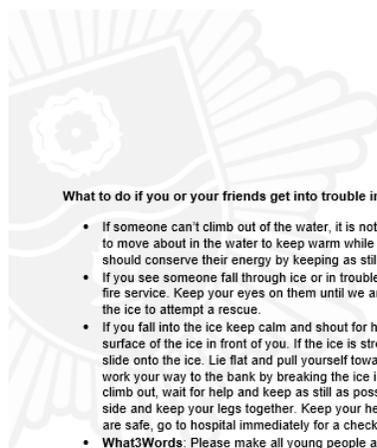
Don't give in to peer pressure from your friends, the ice may look solid from the surface but will not hold your weight and could crack when stood on. It could be the last thing you do.



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FIRE & RESCUE**

What to do if you or your friends get into trouble in the water

- If someone can't climb out of the water, it is not advisable, as many people think, to move about in the water to keep warm while waiting for help. [Instead](#) they should conserve their energy by keeping as still as possible.
- If you see someone fall through ice or in trouble in [water](#) call 999 and ask for the fire service. Keep your eyes on them until we arrive. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
- If you fall into the ice keep calm and shout for help. Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you. If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice. Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank. If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank by breaking the ice in front of you away. If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water. Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check-up.
- **What3Words:** Please make all young people aware of this location app. Download it to their smartphone so that if they do get into difficulty we can locate them efficiently, even if they are in a remote area.

If you are visiting the coast this year ensure children are supervised by an adult at all times and only swim where lifeguards are present.

For more advice on enjoying the water safely go to www.riss.org.uk or www.rnli.org