

Thursday 12th December 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 14



What a lovely week we have had!

It has been wonderful to see the Christmas performances of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children this week. They really have been exceptional! Thank you so much to parents for helping the little ones learn their lines and their songs and for putting together some lovely costumes. Thank you also to staff for once again rising to the challenge of co-ordinating 60 children per performance to put together shows which create beautiful memories for families.

Our Nursery children have their performance on Friday and our Key Stage 2 children will be singing at St Paul's church. I am sure both of these events will be just as special and memorable as the performances we have already seen.

Our Christmas craft afternoons have been very popular and well attended this week. It is nice to see so many parents were able to make it and enjoy the activities with your children. This is the first time hosting an afternoon like this and is something we are hoping to include every term going forward. Please check our Spring Term newsletters for further details once we return after the break.

Last week I mentioned that the holiday pattern for 2025/2026 was about to be finalised. We are having some difficulty formatting it so once our IT technician has had chance to look at it on Friday, we will email it out to all parents. Thank you for your patience with this.

We have one more week left in school before we break up for the holidays. Next week, every class will be having their Christmas parties, enjoying lots of creative activities and watching the pantomime in school before we break up on Thursday 19th December.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.4%

This week's winning class: 5W & 6W 98.3% Great!



PTA Events

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events over the past few weeks including the Christmas Raffle, Elfridges, Wreath Making and Anti-Raffle. Your contributions make a huge difference to the school. A big thank you also to our dedicated PTA members who work so tirelessly to organise all these wonderful events.

Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on Monday 16th December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper / non-uniform - a small donation for Springhill Hospice is welcomed if you are able to donate.

KS2 Carol Service

This will take place at St. Paul's church on Friday 13th December at 10 am. KS2 parents and family members are invited to join us and to participate in the carol singing.

Craft Afternoons

Thank you to all of our families who came into school this week to support our craft afternoons. We hope you enjoyed making a Christmas item with your child.



School closes on Thursday 19th December and re-opens on Monday 6th January. We wish all our families a very happy and peaceful holiday.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Anaya	5M: Eddie
R1: Charlie	6W: Haroon
R2: Hattie	6M: Haania
1W: Idrees	
1M: Thomas	Mrs Cadogan: Rubens
2W: Maryam	
2M: Liyana	
3W: Azaan	
3M: Nomi	
4W: Dawood	
4M: Evie	
5W: Hamza	



Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding up to ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Winners for the past two weeks are: Roman, Aleesha, Jamal, Charlie, Grayson, Bobby, George, Eesa, Saafa, Freddie, Max, Isla, Aaliyah, Saarah, Hagan and Eliza. Well done!

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.



Christmas Concerts

Thank you to everyone who has supported our EYFS and KS1 concerts this week. Thank you for providing the wonderful costumes and helping the children to learn their lines. Photos of the concerts are on the school website.

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School Council News

Councillors met on Wednesday to discuss the success of the Christmas trolley and their fundraising plans for the new year. They also discussed their online safety campaign.

PTA News

Please see the end of the newsletter for information about current events.

Christmas Dinner Day

This will take place this Friday (13th December) for all children who have ordered a dinner.



Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Raheem	
R1: Ada	5W: Ayaan
R2: Henry	5M: Jack
1W: Hawwa	6W: Jackson
1M: Emily & Amber	6M: Liberty
2W: Hollie	
2M: Charlotte	
3W: Connie	
3M: Noah	
4W: Ollie	
4M: Oscar	

Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2024

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



Friday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 th December 10am - 11am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 13 th December 10am - 11am	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St. Paul's Church
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 th December	Star of the Term Assembly
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Break

Look who's back!

Congratulations!

All of your children have been entered into a raffle to win this enormous elf!



Presenting...the ANTI-RAFFLE

We know this giant elf might not be the guest everyone wants for Christmas, (just ask Pippa's parents) so here's your chance to **REMOVE** your child's name from the raffle for £1. (Don't worry—we won't tell!)

To remove a name, simply drop an envelope into the school office postbox with **£1, your child's name, class, and "REMOVE"** on the front.

Feeling mischievous?! You can also **ADD** names back in. For £1, put any child's name back into the draw by adding an envelope with **£1, the child's name, class, and "ADD"** on the front.

And here's the fun part: you can add or remove names as many times as you like!

Let the games begin—last name standing wins the elf!

The ANTI-RAFFLE will close on 16th December at 3.30pm



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FOR SKILLS
FOR ALL**



Join us at
Norden Soccer School

Norden Community Primary School, Showfield Lane, Norden, OL12 7RQ

17.00 - 17.45: Reception - Year 1

17.00 - 17.45: Year 2 - Year 3

17.45 - 18.45: Year 4 - Year 6

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