

# **School Newsletter**



# Welcome from the Head Teacher



It's been such an exciting week in school. The children have loved taking part in Christmas themed activities including a delicious Christmas dinner on Tuesday, class parties on Thursday and festive movies this afternoon. We've even had a special visitor to bring a treat for all the children to take home. We're really proud of all our Year 2 children who did such an excellent job with their magical Christmas performance this week – huge thanks to all the parents, carers and families who came to watch. I'm sure you'll agree their singing and dancing were a joy to watch. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to those families who will be celebrating. We're looking forward to seeing all children back in school, at the usual time, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for another fantastic term of learning in the new year.



# Dates for your diary for Autumn



Date	Event
Week 8 (16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> December)	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent drop in, 8:40am – 9am Y1 Parent Meeting, 1pm – 6pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Christmas Assembly (families welcome) Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties with party clothes Toddler/parent group 9am – Everyone with a toddler welcome!
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Last day of term – Christmas Holidays!

# Hanukkah

Hanukkah begins on Wednesday 25th December and ends on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. For those of our families celebrating, we wish you all a warm and wonderful holiday and a happy new year!



# **Wraparound Care Survey**

We are considering the introduction or expansion of our wraparound care services at Chapel Street Primary School. This survey aims to gather feedback understand the needs of our school community to help us shape the program effectively. Please take a few moments to complete this form, which has been linked below. Your input is greatly appreciated.





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# **Ofsted Update**

You'll already be aware we had our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

We were delighted to get the call from them on Monday as we've been looking forward to being able to share Chapel Street with inspectors and celebrate the fantastic work that's taken place to make Chapel Street even more special since their last visit, in 2019.

We won't be able to share the outcome of their visit until the report is finalised, which is likely to be towards the end of January. Copies will be made available for all families and sent home via email, as well as being published on our website and available on the Ofsted website.

Thank you to all families who took part in the inspection, either by completing the online survey, speaking with inspectors whilst they were on the gates or contributing to feedback groups and sessions to celebrate the work we do in partnership with families and the wider community. We were incredibly proud of all children and staff who worked hard to share what a special place Chapel Street is. Both inspectors were impressed with our wonderful children and what a warm, inclusive and inviting welcome they were given.



# **Reception Applications for September 2025**

Don't forget! The deadline to apply for your child's reception place for September 2025 is:

#### Wednesday 15th January 2025

If you have not done so already, please make sure to apply directly via the Local Authorities Website.

# Santa Claus is Coming to Town

We had an exciting visitor who came to our school and he only appears once a year! Our children had a wonderful time, sharing stories and Christmas wishes with Santa as well as enjoying special treats.





#### Fact of the week:

How many continents are there on Earth? Challenge: Name them all and at least one country in each.

# Word of the week:

Mrs Pilling's 'word of the week' this week is: Noel

What do you think it means? How would you use it in a sentence?

# **Year 2 Christmas Assembly**

Well done to Year 2 for an excellent Christmas Performance! The Year 2 team have been preparing over the past few weeks to showcase what they've been learning in Music for Christmas. Thank you to all the Year 2 parents for coming and enjoying their performance.





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# **Winner Winner Christmas Dinner**

Our fantastic Dinner team put on an amazing Christmas Dinner together for our children at Chapel Street.

Turkey slices, smooth mashed potatoes and yummy gravy to delicious pudding, served by our wonderful Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. This was certainly a treat that the children enjoyed. Thank you to our staff who put this together and well done to the children for their politeness and warm faces.







If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at:

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# School finishes for Christmas on Friday 20th December at 3.15pm

School returns for Spring Term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.40am

