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December 2025 – Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break, we welcome you to join us for the Nativity (by FS and KS1) and also the KS2 Christmas Service (dates below). This is always a long, busy term and the children and staff have worked really hard so, we will all be ready for a break when it comes!

Thank you to everyone who supported Cauliflower Cards this year - it raises vital funds for school and we raised £255.75 for the school this year. Last year, this paid for a whole school science workshop.

Thank you to Mrs Tomlinson for organising Cauliflower Cards.

Talking of Mrs Tomlinson, we have to say goodbye to her at the end of the term and, on behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to thank Mrs Tomlinson for her hard work and dedication over the last 19 (almost 20) years. Mrs Tomlinson will definitely be missed but we wish her well on her next ventures!

The first day back in January is a training day, so the school will be closed to children. School will re-open for children on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

We wish you a very happy and restful Christmas and see you in the new year!

Mrs Bell



New appointments:

As you know, we will be welcoming Ms Tor to school on December 9th as our new HLTA who will work across the school. We have also been busy interviewing for the Y5 teaching post. I will be writing to Y5 parents in due course, but I can now announce that we have appointed a teacher for Y5 and she will start after Christmas.

We have appointed **Miss Allen** as the new class teacher for **Year 5**. I am sure the children will be pleased with their new teacher even though she has 'some big boots to fill'. Please introduce yourself to her when she starts and give her the warm Norton Free welcome that we always see in our community.

SNOW:

Just to remind you, in the event of snow, we will always try to keep the school **open**. Some staff live a considerable distance from school, but we have staff who live locally who will come into school to care for the children until we can all get in safely. It may be that we open slightly later than normal to give staff time to reach the school. We will always try to keep the school open and we will keep you informed either by text or through the school website. We will only close the school if driving conditions are so bad that we do not have enough staff available to look after the children.

Breakfast Club

We have lots of children wanting to come to Breakfast Club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Some people have booked for these 3 days but don't regularly attend and some have not been at all. We are now in the position where we may have to turn people away, which will ultimately leads to us losing money. Please can you confirm whether your child will be attending on these days if you intend to use the breakfast club provision.

It would be very helpful to know, in advance, so we can offer the space to someone else if your child isn't coming.

Please email Mrs Hall or Mrs Rasdale on khall@nortonfree.sheffield.sch.uk or

krasdale@nortonfree.sheffield.sch.uk

If you are not going to attend we can offer a place to someone else on our waiting list.
A polite reminder, if you have not paid your breakfast club bill, please pay as soon as possible.

Dates 2025	Event
Thurs 4 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 5 th Dec	Save the Albatross Day! – Come to school dressed in yellow, white or grey (or all 3 colours). Please bring a £1 which will be given to Bird Welfare. Albatross Art winners will be confirmed w/b 8/12/25.
Tues 9 th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity performance – parents welcome. 2:30pm start. Tickets are available from the school office.
Weds 10 th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity performance – parents welcome. 9:30 am start. Tickets are available from the school office.
Thurs 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – wear a Christmas Jumper. FS and KS1 Nativity performance – parents welcome. 2:30pm start. Tickets are available from the school office.
Sat 13 th Dec	Race 5 Cross Country –Concord Park. We are hosting this event so any parents that can help out, please let Mrs Bell know - letter to follow.
Mon 15 th Dec	PANTOMIME for the whole school. 9:30am
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Disco – KS1 3:20 – 4:30pm, KS2 4:45 – 6pm
Thurs 18 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Service at St James' church – 9:15am start.
Fri 19 th Dec	Last day of term, School closes for Christmas Holidays. Have a LOVELY Christmas!
Christmas Holidays from Saturday 20th December – Monday 5th January.	
Dates 2026	Event
Mon 5 th Jan 2026	Training Day (3) for staff – school closed to children.
Tues 6 th Jan	School re-opens for children – Half term 3.
Tues 27 th Jan	Y4 class Assembly
Tues 3 rd Feb	Y3 Class assembly
February Half term – 16th Feb to 20th Feb 2026	