



# BRUNDALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



### Head of school News

Next week is such an exciting and busy week in school. I am really proud of the children's attitudes during rehearsals, and I think everyone will love all the performances and the beautiful singing. The children have worked so hard and are excited to showcase their talent.

This term has been so busy, and it has been lovely to welcome families into school for our reading morning and open classrooms. We also had a fantastic turnout for our parent meetings and, although it was only a small group, our volunteers made such enormous difference to our school grounds – so thank you.

I love how the school is working in partnership with families.

The adults in school appreciate it when families reach out to tell us when something has gone well. I think a great example was all the positive comments on our Facebook page in response to the photos that were posted from the Year 6 residential trip. We know that we don't always get it right, (who does) but we offer an open-door policy and will always listen and respond when families make direct contact with the school.



### Kindness

Next half term we are going to have a whole school focus on our shared value of Being Kind. We believe that kindness is one of the most important things anyone can be. As a school community acts of kindness genuinely make the world, including our school, a better place. We will be sharing books with the children that cover this theme as well as discussing ways they can demonstrate kindness to others.

### Uniform

From the New Year there is a small change to our uniform policy. Children will be able to wear any colour trainers, but all other shoes must be black.





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## **Brundall Station**



Gardening Club was lucky enough to have the chance to visit Brundall Station, where they planted spring bulbs. The children were given a valuable lesson on railway safety by representatives from Network Rail in assembly.

## **Open Door Policy**

We believe in open communication and welcome any concerns or questions you may have. If you would like to discuss something with us, please feel free to drop by for a chat. You can find a member of the management team at the gates every morning, or contact the school office on 01603 712597 to schedule an appointment.

## **School Website**

Please remember to look at our website. We are always looking to improve this and value your suggestions and your ideas. The learning page has lots of top tips and hints that will support you to help your child at home in maths and English. We have been concentrating on these subject pages first and our aim is that by the end of the academic year, each subject page will be full of information.





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## Open Maths Mornings



## Looking Back at Our Open Maths Mornings

Our team had the pleasure of organising "Open Maths Mornings" recently, and it was a fabulous experience for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see the children engaged in learning while working alongside their families.





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### Year 6 Hollowford Trip



### Exciting Activities and Unforgettable Memories for Year 6 Students in Castleton

The picturesque village of Castleton, nestled in the breathtaking Hope Valley, proved to be a perfect destination for our Year 6 children. They had the chance to participate in a range of thrilling activities, such as caving, abseiling, and team building exercises, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone.

In the New Year, we will be contacting the Year 5 student families to determine their interest in registering their child for a proposed Castleton residential trip.



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Important Dates for After-School Clubs and Term End  
Please take note of the following dates:

- All after-school clubs will conclude on 15th of December, with the exception of Crew Club.
- The last day of term will be on Wednesday, 20th December, with school closing at the usual time.  
School will resume on Thursday, 4th January.



### **Donations to Children in Need**

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need fundraising efforts through gate donations and the "Guess the Smarties in the Jar" competition.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise an impressive  
£414.00  
for this worthy cause.





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## Class Christmas Celebrations

Year1/2 Friday 15th December  
Year3/4 Monday 18th December  
Year5/6 Monday 18th December  
Reception Tuesday 19th December

Children can come dressed in non-school uniform on the day of their celebration.  
Refreshments will be provided



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## Brundall Primary Christmas Events

- Monday, December 11th at 2.00 PM: KS1 Performance for Year 1 Parents
- Tuesday, December 12th at 9AM: KS1 Performance for Year 2 Parents
- Tuesday, December 12th at 2PM: Christmas Sing-a-long for Years 3 to 6 in KS2 playground.
- Wednesday, December 13th at 2.30PM: Reception Performance.
- Tuesday, December 19th: Christmas Lunch

Please note that Reception and KS1 performances are ticketed with a limit of two tickets per family.





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Warm Wishes from school staff to All our Families

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones.

May this Christmas bring you joy and happiness, and may the New Year be filled with good health and prosperity.