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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Performances

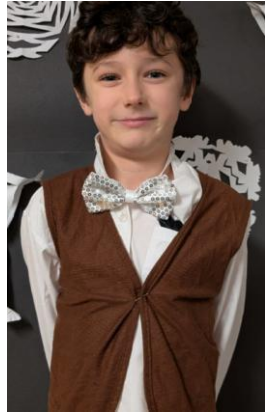
Thank you for coming along to share the wonderful performances provided by the children. We are always amazed at their talent and joyfulness when performing and are really proud of every child - they should be very proud of themselves.

Reception, Years One and Two, 'The Christmas Story'



Years Three, Four and Five, 'Defrosted'





Year Six, 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse'



Parent and Carer Feedback Surveys

Staff work incredibly hard to plan, prepare and deliver the Christmas performances and other events throughout the school year and we very much hope you enjoyed the performances this year. We would like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to provide any positive or constructive feedback. Please click on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/teDHpZHAB3QtuNop8>

Christmas Meal

We shared a wonderful Christmas meal as a school, thanks you to Hayley for cooking it.



Christmas Cakes

We hope that you all enjoy your Christmas cakes made by the children.

Topics

The Spring term will commence on Monday 5th January 2025 and the topics for the first half term are as follows:

Reception, Years One and Two - Frozen Kingdom

Years Three and Four - The Romans

Year Five - Ancient Greece

Year Six - Changing World

The children will be bringing home their topic books today for you to share.

Swimming

We have organised swimming for the whole school beginning in January. We are employing Leisure Centre coaches alongside Mr Roulstone and every child will have a one hour lesson. Please collect your child from outside the Barnstaple Tarka Leisure Centre at the times indicated below.

Classes Three and Four Swimming on Thursdays

Lessons will begin on Thursday 8th January for Classes Three and Four and you will need to collect your child from outside the Leisure Centre from 3.15 pm until 3.30 pm. Please do not enter the Leisure Centre as a member of staff will bring the children outside for safe collection.

For families that have siblings where one child may be swimming and one child may be at school, please collect your child that is in school at 3.10 pm unless you have signed them up for an after school club.

Classes One and Two Swimming on Fridays

Lessons will begin on Friday 9th January for Classes One and Two and you need to collect your child from outside the Leisure Centre from 3.15 pm until 3.30 pm. Please do not enter the Leisure Centre as a member of staff will bring the children outside for safe collection.

For families that have siblings where one child may be swimming and one child may be at school, please collect your **child from school first at 3.10 pm**.

Please email admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk if you intend to collect your child at 3.10 pm. Once you have decided on the collection time please only change this arrangement in exceptional circumstances by notifying the office.

We are requesting that parents and carers do not come along as spectators as this is very distracting and it can cause distress and unnecessary upset for a number of children. We commit significant resources to this activity and want all children to enjoy the experience and make maximum progress. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

One piece swimming costumes need to be worn and swimming trunks should not be below the knees. If your child's hair is below their shoulders it will need to be tied back or they will need to wear a swimming hat. If your child normally wears swimming goggles they may wear them to the lessons, although you will need to have provided permission and accepted responsibility for any injury involving swimming goggles within the Parental Consent (SOE3a) Form.

After School Clubs

Please note that after school clubs will commence on Monday 5th January. We will notify you of the clubs when we return.

Reading Books

We would really appreciate it if you could have a look at home for any school books that your child may have been reading in the past and return them to your child's class teacher.

School Meals

We are delighted that we have appointed a new school cook who will start in January. Angie has worked for the National Trust for some time and is excited to be joining us. Our heartfelt thanks go to Hayley, who has covered so much over the past months and Syann who has stepped in to help the school.

The menu will be evaluated and changes made after half term. Please find the current menu attached, it will be the Week One menu when the children return on Monday 5th January.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find an online safety newsletter attached.

12 days of Fire Safety

Please find fire safety guidance attached.

Primary School Admissions for September 2026

The admissions team have asked us to remind all that the primary school admissions closing date is at midnight on 15th January 2026.

The staff and children would like to thank you for your support during 2025 and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 5 th January	First Day of Term
Thursday 8 th January	Classes Three and Four weekly Swimming Lessons begin
Friday 9 th January	Classes One and Two weekly Swimming Lessons begin
Wednesday 14 th January	Class Two, Roman Baths, Bath Please drop your child off at the Tesco Rose Lane Bus Stop at 7.45am and collect from the Tesco Rose Lane Bus Stop at 5.30pm.
Tuesday 27 th January	Class One, Explorer Day, Skern Lodge, Appledore
Friday 30 th January	Key Stage Two, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Great Hall, Exeter

⇒FREE ONLINE TRAINING⇐

Virtual Oral Health Improvement Training: Supporting Children

My name is Daisy and I am the administrator and programme co-ordinator for the **NHS Oral Health Improvement Team** based in the Dental Access Centre in Heavitree Hospital, Exeter.

We are hosting a **free** virtual Oral Health Improvement training session aimed at parents, teachers, carers, and anyone who works with and enables **children**.

Here are the details of this training:

When:

Wednesday **14th January** 2026 at **10am - 11:30am**

Tuesday **24th March** 2026 at **6:30pm - 8:00pm**

What: Oral Health Improvement Training – Supporting Children





Where: Microsoft Teams

How to book a place: Please fill out our online [booking form](#)

Booking form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SNCW7Szqqi>

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognise how good oral health contributes to overall health and wellbeing 
- Explain the consequences of poor oral health 
- Identify the causes, symptoms and ways to prevent tooth decay and gum disease 
- Understand the techniques needed to help children maintain good oral hygiene 
- Locate the local pathways for accessing dental care 