



Friday 21st November 2025

Christmas Dates 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again it is that time of year and we are pleased to provide you with the following details for our Christmas celebrations:

Christmas Raffle

We will be running our annual Christmas raffle to help supplement the school fund which we use heavily during the Christmas period to support school events. If you would like to be entered into the draw, you can pay for your tickets via the school shop section in Arbor. Tickets are £1 per strip, and you can purchase as many as you like! Once this has been paid, your raffle ticket will be sent home and entered into the draw with a chance to win a Christmas Hamper. Tickets will be available to purchase from **Monday 1st December**. We do hope that you will be able to support us. Good luck everyone!

Christmas Cards

Most children send each other cards at Christmas, and it is a great opportunity for them to practice their writing. The school post baskets will be in all classrooms from the **beginning of December**. All cards must be in school by the morning of **Wednesday 17th December at the latest**. This will be the final date that we will be able to accept cards. The cards will be sorted and distributed from each class. Each class teacher will provide a list of children's names if you need one. If your child is sending a card to a child in another class in school, please remember to add the recipient's name and class number on the envelope.

Party Hat Challenge

The challenge is for you to help your child make a Christmas party hat to wear on school Christmas party day. The design can be as complicated or simple as you like e.g. a bit of tinsel, baubles etc. Gold card will be sent home on **Monday 1st December**. Children should then bring their hats into school **on the day of the Christmas party on Wednesday 17th December**.

Y2 Sheffield Lyceum Visit

Year 2 children will be visiting Sheffield Lyceum to see the pantomime 'Aladdin' on **Wednesday 10th December**. The show will begin at 1pm so children will be leaving school after an early lunch. They will then return back to school at the later time of approx. 4:30pm. We will update you via Class Dojo once leaving the venue of any delays due to traffic etc. **All Year 2 children will require a packed lunch from home on this day.**

Christmas Dinner Day

School Christmas lunch will be on **Thursday 11th December**. Children can choose from a Roast Turkey or Quorn Sausage with all the trimmings, or they can bring a packed lunch from home. These will be the only options on this day.

Christmas Jumper Day

As part of national 'Christmas Jumper Day' children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on **Thursday 11th December**. Don't worry if you don't have one, you can join in by wearing anything Christmassy, for example, you could wear bobbles, badges, boppers or tinsel in your hair. This event is run annually by Save the Children, and we will have an open bucket collection in the morning on the gates at drop off. Suggested donation is £1.

Christmas Concerts

The Christmas Concerts and times are as follows:

Monday 15th December 10:00am - Curious Caterpillars
Monday 15th December 2:00pm - Talented Tigers
Tuesday 16th December 10:00am - Busy Bees
Tuesday 16th December 2:00pm - Wise Owls

Due to health and safety and the small size of our school hall, we are able to accommodate 2 adults per child. Doors will be open shortly before the performances.

Year 2 Visit to Rosehill

Year 2 children will be visiting Rosehill Junior School on Wednesday 17th December during the morning to watch their Christmas Performance. This is the beginning of our transition visits between the two schools and is always fun and exciting for the children.

Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day for all classes will be on Wednesday 17th December. Children can come to school in their party clothes on this day. Please remember that children will be playing outside at breaktimes, so make sure that they are warm enough for the winter weather and shoes are sensible.

The action begins at 12 noon where each class will hold their own special Christmas party. The party food is supplied by RMBC catering and some 'top ups' from school such as crisps and treats will be provided. After lunch, the fun will continue with traditional party games and a disco to follow.

Church Visit

We are very excited to be visiting St Nicholas church on Thursday 18th December at 1:30pm for our Carol Service which parents are invited to attend. Parents are then welcome to join us afterwards in school for a warm drink and to hear further festive music and songs from our children.



We do not charge for any of our Christmas events but we will have an open bucket collection on this day for donations to the school fund.



Special Visitor

On the morning of Friday 19th December, we will be having a special visit from a very important person to wish all the children a 'Merry Christmas'.

Friday 19th December

Please note that school will close to all children at 1.30pm on this day for the Christmas break. We will then re-open for the start of the Spring Term on Monday 5th January 2026 at 8:50am.

We hope you find this information useful. If there is anything else, you would like to know please ask - we are here to help!

From all at Ryecroft we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Blythe
Headteacher