



# Nash Mills CofE Primary School

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Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As outlined in recent newsletters, we are looking forward to various upcoming Christmas events, details of which are outlined below.

## **EYFS and KS1 Nativities**

Our Early Years and KS1 classes are about to start practising for their nativities this year! More information will be sent home in the coming weeks regarding costumes and things that you can do at home. Where we do ask pupils to provide elements of costumes, we will keep this as simple as possible. Please see performance times below.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2):	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.15am
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 2.30pm

Early Years (Nursery & Reception):	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 11.15am
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.15am

**How to book:** although tickets are free of charge, they will need to be booked on Arbor 'School Shop'. Bookings will **open at 7pm on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November** and tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please note that once you have purchased tickets, you will not receive a confirmation email, but rather you will be able to log into your child's Arbor account to view confirmation that your ticket(s) have been booked. Due to fire regulations, there is a maximum limit of three tickets per family per performance in the first instance. If there are still tickets available after 5<sup>th</sup> December, we will open these up to anyone else who wishes to attend.

**On the day:** please wait at the gate to the front playground, from where you will be shown into the back of the school hall. If your child usually has PE on their performance day, they can come to school in their PE kit as usual.

## **Events in the Run up To Christmas**

**Community** – As we approach Christmas, it is always a good opportunity to engage with our community and our children will be taking part in a number of events, including carol singing in the community and working with the retirement home. This year, we will also be offering a 'grandparent afternoon' on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December for any of our older members of the community to come and hear some carols, play some games and have a mince pie or two!

Following the success of this last year, our older pupils will also be asking for donations of small Christmas goodies (such as a box of mince pies or a sweet treat) which will be used to create some small packs which will be given to those in our local community to show support or thanks for the work that they do. **To achieve this, we would like to ask if, during the week of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, you would be able to donate something which the children can use to make these parcels.**

**Nominate for an Xmas Gift** - we would also welcome nominations of anyone in the local community (elderly neighbours, grandparents etc.) who you feel would benefit from a Christmas gift! Please nominate anyone you feel would be grateful for this; even if they have received something in the past. Before the end of term, we will then make some special deliveries! If you



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would like to nominate someone, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/AgvD97HYY51NkWZF8> by  
**Wednesday 6th December.**

**Christingle event** – As part of our annual Christingle service, please could all pupils to bring an orange into school on Friday 8th December.

**Christmas Jumpers** – If your child would like to wear a Christmas Jumper to school, they are welcome to do so (along with normal school uniform) at any point from 11<sup>th</sup> December! The PTA will be holding a Christmas Jumper sale at the Christmas Bazaar after school on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December where you can obtain a preloved Christmas Jumper if you would like to, in return for a small donation. Prior to this, if you have a pre-loved Christmas Jumper that you'd like to donate, please pop it into the PTA uniform shed on the playground.

## Christmas Week

Within school, we will have a number of different events leading up to Christmas. Most of these will take place in the few days before the end of term (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December), however some will also take place the week before. Due to other events, PE will not take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please see information listed below:

### **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

- **Christmas Jumper Day** – This will be our official Christmas Jumper Day where the children will be encouraged to wear Christmas Jumpers along with their normal school uniform in return for a £1 donation to Save the Children via Arbor.
- **Carols Around the Tree** – Parents and carers are invited to join us for a whole-school Carol service at 9.00am.
- **Christmas Lunch** – We are looking forward to bringing all the classes together in the hall for Christmas Lunch. A google form will be sent out to you w/c 20<sup>th</sup> November so that you can place your child's Christmas lunch order (orders must be placed no later than Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November). Nursery parents; Following feedback from parents last year, we are also inviting Nursery children to join in with Christmas Lunch between 12pm and 1pm. There will be a £2.53 per child cost for this.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

- **Church Visit** - We will be walking to church for our Christmas Service today and will be back at school mid-morning. This service is for pupils only.
- **End of the day** - Please note that term ends at 1.30pm for all pupils.

Following the Christmas holidays, school will reopen for all pupils on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at the normal time. All term dates are on our school website.

We hope that this helps to explain a little more about what is coming up in school and that the coming weeks are a wonderful time of celebration and reflection, both for those who celebrate Christmas, and for our wider school community.

Yours faithfully,

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## Summary of Christmas Events

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch for your child(ren)	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December  Please provide items for our Christmas parcels this week  Start of Advent in school	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> December  Deadline for nominations for Christmas Parcels	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December  Last Clubs of Term	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December  PTA Christmas Bazaar (3.30-6pm) – please come along!  Christingle – please can all pupils bring an orange to school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December  Christmas Jumpers can be worn to school	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  Grandparent Christmas Afternoon! 1.30pm-2.30pm	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> December  KS1 Nativity – 9.15 EYFS Nativity – 11.15	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  EYFS Nativity – 9.15 KS1 Nativity – 2.30	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December  Carols Around the Tree 9am – all welcome  Official Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children  Pupils' Christmas Lunch	Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> December  Pupils Church Service at St. Mary's  School finishes at 1.30pm for all pupils in Reception-Y6	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  School Closed for the Christmas Holidays	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December  School Closed for the Christmas Holidays