



December News 2024

Christmas Tree

Our indoor tree has come from Gallaber Christmas Trees again this year - thank you to the Sedgwick family for their kind donation.

Interviews for Deputy Headteacher

Next Tuesday there will be visitors in school who are keen to be the new deputy headteacher after Easter 2025. During the morning they will be teaching, lunchtime will be spent with the children and then the formal interviews will take place in the afternoon. The governors hope to be able to appoint someone fabulous to teach Barbondale for the summer term and to work alongside Jen Middleton, leading the school forwards at this exciting time.

Talent Show

Phoebe, Ariana and Abi are organising our annual Christmas Talent Show, taking place on Thursday 19th December during the afternoon. If your child is keen to perform in front of an audience, they will bring home an entry slip to fill to secure their place. The girls are hoping to put on a fabulous show!

PTA Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December is our annual Christmas Fair. Join us straight after school for festive fun with stalls and refreshments. Please look out for our **Lucky Christmas Jars** info too! Our PTA would greatly appreciate any donations of **baking** that morning please. **Raffle tickets** are on sale this week before and after school – there are some fabulous prizes, with many generous donations from local businesses. There is so much kindness in our village community.

Sports News

North Craven Football - We hosted the North Craven Football Tournament last week and were delighted to have 51 of our pupils representing school! All 6 of our teams did incredibly well, and one of our Y5/6 teams has a place in the Craven Final on Friday 13th December at

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Sandylands. Congratulations to Phoebe, Ava, Chris, Ben, Ronnie, Arthur, Jacob, Archie and Alfie.

Cross-country - We were thrilled to have over 50 pupils joining in at the cross-country competition at Giggleswick School last month. Congratulations to all the children who have qualified for the next round, in the Spring term. Well done to Louie, Fergus, Zac, Joe, Donnie, Arlo, Freddy, Ioan, Erin, Isla, India, Betsy, Amiee, Sylvie, Isabel, Eleanor, Louisa, Flo, Cassie, Annabelle and Ava.

Multi-Skills - Year 2 had a wonderful morning at Bentham Primary School to participate in a multi-skills session organised by Settle College leaders. We are so lucky to have these amazing events.

Online Safety at Christmas

Some children may well receive new devices this Christmas and more time will be spent online gaming. Here are a couple of links to websites offering you as parents all the advice you need to ensure your children stay safe online. This is everyone's priority.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Safeguarding Visit

Our Senior Education Advisor, Lindsay Miller, will be visiting school next Wednesday to carry out the autumn term monitoring visit focussing on Safeguarding in school. Some of you may see Lindsay before school on the playground where I know she will be keen to talk to some parents. During the day she will be talking to pupils and staff as well as discussing our policies, procedures and curriculum surrounding keeping children safe in education.

Carol Service

We would like to invite you to join us for the KS2 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 6pm.

Christmas Post

The post box will be by the Christmas tree at the front door ready to receive your children's cards to their friends in school. Please make sure the child's name and class is written on the envelope to avoid confusion for our Y6 posties!

Nativity

On Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December at 9.30am Nursery and Dentdale will entertain their families with a Nativity performance in the school hall. What a treat! Could you please remind other family members who may be attending that we are a 'smartphone-free school' and could all phones be stowed away on silent on entry to our building. We will of course allow you to take photos of your own child at the end of the performance, but not during. Please just look, watch and enjoy the show.

<https://ingleton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Mobile-and-Smart-Technology-Policy.pdf>

Christmas Lunch

A special festive '**Christmas in a Pie**' dinner will be served on Friday 13th December. Tracy will not be serving any alternative meals that day, no Christmas paninis or festive fish fingers! This is also **Christmas Jumper Day**.

Party Day

The last day of term (Friday 20th) is class party day for everyone. Children can wear their party clothes and we enjoy a special party lunch. We hope Santa will have time to fit us in his busy schedule....of course he will, he's already busy polishing his red VW camper van!

Messages from the St Mary's church this Christmas

Ingleton Churches:

Sunday 8th 3pm Community Carols at the Community Centre with the Evangelical Church

Saturday 21st - 10-12am Pop up Pantry last opening before Christmas (reopens Monday 06/01/25 3:30-4:30)

Sunday 22nd 10:30am Nativity at Ingleton Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd 6:30pm Carol Service at St Mary's Church with Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band

Tuesday 24th 4pm Christingle Crib Service at St Mary's

Tuesday 24th 11:15pm Midnight Communion at St Mary's

Wednesday 25th 10:30am Christmas Celebration at IMC

Wednesday 25th 10:30am Family Service at St Mary's

Here's what's happening at the other parish churches locally:

Sun 08/12 - 4pm Christingle at St Oswald's, Thornton (supporting the Children's Society)

Sun 15/12 - 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols at St Oswald's, Thornton

Sun 15/12 - 2:30pm Carol Service at St Leonard's Chapel-le-Dale

Sun 22/12 - 4pm Crib Service at St Oswald's, Thornton (come dressed as Nativity character)

Sun 25/12 - 9:30am Christmas Day Communion at St Leonard's Chapel-le-Dale

Sun 25/12 - 9:30am Christmas Day Communion at St Oswald's, Thornton

FB @ingleboroughchurches, www.ingleboroughchurches.org.uk

Attendance

As you probably already know from the media, improving school attendance nationwide continues to be a priority this year. Our overall attendance rate currently stands at 97.12% which is above average. The vast majority of absences are due to illness and are unavoidable. We do have a high rate of term time holidays being taken and this is something I discuss regularly with Governors and the Local Authority.

Many children have excellent attendance, between 97-100%, but we have an increasing, but small, number of children whose attendance is classed as 'persistent absentee' 85-90%, or worse 'severe absentee' below 85%. I monitor absence weekly and look for patterns, sometimes contacting parents to discuss their child's attendance.

Teachers will share individual attendance data with you at Parent's Evening at the end of January. Our Attendance Policy has been reviewed this term and is available to read on the website:

<https://ingleton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk/info/policies/attendance-policy/>

Snowy weather

In snowy weather children will be outdoors having fun in the snow at playtimes. Sledges are encouraged. Children must have a change of outdoor footwear, suitably warm clothing and even a



spare pair of warm socks. Shorts or skirts with socks are not warm clothing in snowy weather! Please keep those legs cosy.

We endeavour to stay open on snowy days and we clear a pathway from the main gate to the front door.

In severe weather it is important that you send children to school so long as you are sure that you can get them home safely again. We understand if parents need to collect children early due to travel difficulties. In the unlikely event of us being forced to close school we will send text and email notification, place notices on the website, notify local radio stations and post a notice on the school Facebook page.

Charity Donations

This year our school collected £119.60 from poppy sales and this has been donated to the Royal British Legion. A grand total of £305.20 was raised for BBC Children In Need through sales of Pudsey merchandise on our 'How will you Roll?' day and donations for the EYFS Countryfile Ramble in October. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Spring Term

Term starts on Tuesday 7th January until Friday 4th April 2025. Half term is the week beginning Monday 17th February.

Christmas Wishes

All the staff, pupils, governors and members of the PTA at Ingleton Primary would like to wish you and your family health and happiness for the festive season and beyond.

