



St Mary's CE Primary School

"Nurturing Success"

14th November 2025



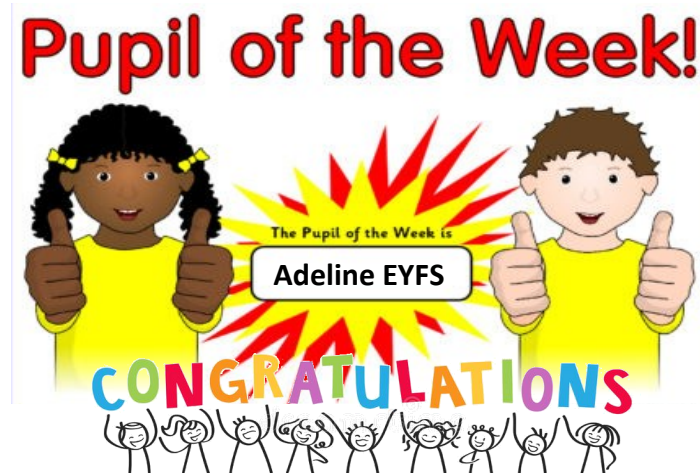
We have had a very positive week in school, engaging in discussions and activities linked to national Anti-Bullying Week. The pupil anti-bullying ambassadors, led by Mrs Gunby, have worked hard to plan the week, focussing on the 2025 theme 'Power for Good.' On Monday, the ambassadors led a whole school worship reminding all of the children about the role they play in school, reiterating what bullying means and what should happen if anyone thinks they are being bullied. The anti-bullying ambassadors are visible to others due to the high-vis jackets they wear and are available for children to speak to about any bullying concerns during playtimes and lunchtimes. Across the week, children have been involved in creating anti-bullying posters for our in-school competition as well as taking part in other activities to encourage and promote respect and kindness. Thank you for all of your support with this important week, particularly in supporting our 'odd socks day' on Monday.

On Tuesday morning, we held our Peace and Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church and it was lovely to be together as a school family for this important and moving service. The members of the worship committee did a particularly good job in sharing information about the different poppies worn at this time of year and the reasons behind this and the singing from our whole school community was beautiful.

Today has been 'Children in Need' day and my thanks go to everyone in our school family who has supported us with this event. The children have enjoyed wearing their own clothes and taking part in class challenges linked to the number 25 and the donations of money for this worthwhile cause have been very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Laura Wallis





We would like to wish the children in KS1 who had a birthday this week a very happy birthday!
Birthday pencils will be given to the children in their next celebration worship.

Mrs Smith
Lola E

Bronze Award Certificates

Mrs Little/Mrs Johnson

Roman R	Tommy S	Imogen B
Oakley S	Oscar T	Rafaella S

Miss Hart

Rowan S	Lilly Mae L	Millie M
Diana H	Eve W	

Mrs Smith

Ronnie G	Zach T	Amelia S
Grayson F	Winnie F	Jack F
Remy C	Lola E	Hester W
Jonah M	Arabella O	

Mrs Coombs

Mikey E-S



Miss Hughes

Marina C	Rylie S	Maddison H
Thomas C	Susie B	Thomas S

Miss Townend

Oakley D	Roman N	Frank M
Benjamin W	Reggie W	Theo M
Harrison H	Zain D	Isaac C
Clara G	Esma G	

Year One had a visit from Mrs Bulman and her baby this week to help with their science learning. Children had prepared lots of interesting questions to ask Mrs Bulman and enjoyed learning and seeing all of the things that the baby could do.



Anti-Bullying Week

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors enjoyed leading a special whole-school worship on Monday. They are always visible at playtimes and lunchtimes out on the playground in their high-vis jackets, ready and willing to help build positive friendships!





Rugby



Year 4 had a super rugby session with Mr Asiata this week. They learnt the correct way to hold a rugby ball and how to pass and receive whilst on the move! We would like to thank Mr Asiata for giving up his time to coach the children.



We are very proud of Noah from Year 5 for the part he played in the Remembrance Parade in Beverley last weekend. He was playing in the senior band which is an amazing achievement for a child of his age.

Well done, Noah!

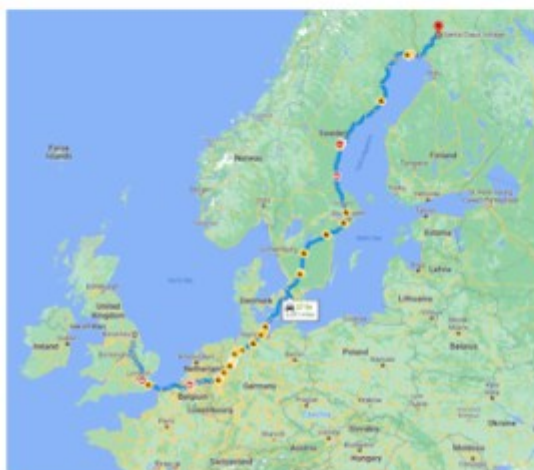


Autumn Term Daily Mile Competition



It's that time of year again.

Can we run to Santa's Village in Finland before
the end of term?



By car, it's 2,082
miles!

- *How close can we get?
- *Which class will run the furthest?
- *Which house will run more miles?

Remember, to run a mile you must do 9 full laps of the KS2 playground. You do not have to do them all in one go - one lap each playtime and you will have covered a mile by the end of the week.

Every week, the Sports Council will be adding up the total number of playground laps for each house. These will be converted into miles and the class and house results will be shared in the newsletter.

Good luck everyone!



Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 children who came first in the Sports Hall Athletics competition this week.

The children took part in a variety of long and short relays and different field events such as standing long jump, standing triple jump, speed bounce, vertical jump, chest push and soft javelin. They all competed enthusiastically, they worked well as a team and supported and encouraged each other. Well done!



A message from Martin Cox, Chair of the Twinning Association [France/Italy]

During the summer, a number of students at St Mary's took part in an art competition sponsored by the Association with support from the Town Council.

Our next event for children is during the visit of a group from Tuscany for the Festival of Christmas weekend. We are holding a tea party, most likely at the Grosvenor Club, on the afternoon of Saturday 13th December.

If 3 or 4 families would like to join us to explain how we celebrate Christmas and to listen to how it is celebrated in Italy, you would be very welcome. A sandwich and cake tea will be provided. Needless to say, you will need to stay with your children as there will be no staff supervision from the school.

If you would like to take part, please email me: mcoxbeverley@aol.com

Play dates

Please see the dates below for all of our year group productions:

EYFS Nativity - Thursday 11th December at 2pm

Y1 Pantomime - Tuesday 18th November at 9:15am

Y2 - Thursday 5th February at 9:15am

Y3 - Thursday 26th March at 6pm

Y4 - Thursday 12th February at 6pm

Y5 - Thursday 21st May at 6pm

Y6 - Thursday 9th July at 6pm

Rapunzel, Rapunzel let down your golden hair

During the week commencing Monday 17th November, Year 1 will be selling Rapunzel themed hot chocolate cones as an enterprise.

The cones will cost 50p each.

Please pay on the school gateway and they will be delivered to each class for them to take home at the end of the day.

Thank you!
Year 1



17th - 22nd November 2025

SAFE VEHICLES Road Safety Week

SAVE LIVES.

Let's make every journey as safe as possible, whoever we are and however we travel.

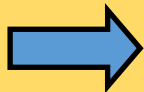
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Cycle safety. Is your bike road safe?

1. Use the M check on your bike. 

2. Front wheel

3. Handlebars and brakes

4. Chainset. Pedals

5. Frame and Saddle

6. Rear wheel

You can find good safety check advice online or ask at your local cycle shop

Make sure your bike is safe and roadworthy!

DO AN M CHECK ONCE A MONTH AND A QUICK ABC CHECK EVERY DAY YOU RIDE



ABC CHECK

A - AIR

Make sure your tyres are inflated (your tyre should say the minimum and maximum pressure)

B - BRAKES

Make sure they are working and you can stop quickly in an emergency

C - CHAIN -

Make sure it is running smoothly and lubricated - add a few drops of bike lube and give it a good clean every three weeks

If in doubt or unsure how to fix something take your bike to a cycle mechanic for a service. London Cycling Campaign members get discounts at many bike shops across London see lcc.org.uk/membership for more details

This is an extract from the London Cycling Guide by Tom Bogdanowicz Edition 2 2016 available on Amazon which has over 40 great routes for exploring London

Lucky Locks begins on Monday 17th November. Look out for a green padlock on your bike or scooter and hand it in to your teacher for a road safety prize. Don't forget to use lights on your bike and wear a helmet when cycling or scooting.



This year, we are once again encouraging families in our community to support the Jacob's Well Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Please could all shoeboxes be brought into school by Tuesday 16th December.

Many thanks for your support with this very worthwhile project.

Jacob's Well Appeal

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Refurbishing computers



Sending medical aid



Developing agriculture



01482 881162

www.jacobswellappeal.org

...ONE LIFE AT A TIME

What can I put in a Shoe Box?

Small Clothing items

hats, scarves, etc

Toiletries

toothpaste, soap, flannels

Stationery

Pens, pencils, colouring books

Craft items

stars, stickers, stampers, glue,
scrap books

Toys or games (not requiring batteries)

small soft toys, wind up torches,



Spelling Shed



Top Class Spellers



4B



6H



1C

Top individual spellers in the whole school this week

1 6H Georgia H

2 4B Jacob C

3 2T Benjamin W

4 1C Jack S

5 4B Daphne B





Class Leaders

2T

Oliver C

2H

Alexander W

3AC

Harriet A

3NN

Elsie S

4G

Mikey M

4B

Daphne B

5BC

Cora C

5E

Noah R

6CM

Lola M

6H

Libby T



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
AUTUMN/WINTER 25/26 (WEEK 3 MENU)

Week 3: 17 th Nov, 8 th Dec, 12 th Jan, 2 nd Feb, 2 nd Mar, 23 rd Mar	
Monday	Italian Style Pasta Bolognese (GF options) K Or Veggie Pasta Bolognese (v/vg options) K ½ Crusty Roll and Sweetcorn (GF options) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Delight and Custard (v/vg options) K
Tuesday	Cheese Pizza (vg/GF options) Potato Wedges and Beans Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vg/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Cookie and Mandarins (v/vg options) K
Wednesday	Roast Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding (v/vg/GF options) K Gammon or quorn fillet (v/vg/GF options) Mashed Potato/ Gravy (v/vg/GF options) Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots (v/vg) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Strawberry Jelly and Fruit (v/vg/GF options)
Theme Day* Thursday	Yorkshire All Day Breakfast (GF options) Quorn All Day Breakfast (v/vg/GF options) Hash Browns, Baked Beans (v/vg/GF options) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vg/GF options) K Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Strawberry or Vanilla Ice Cream (v/vg/GF options)
Friday	Jumbo Fish Finger (GF options) Or Quorn nuggets (v/vg/GF options) Chips, Peas, Tomato Ketchup (v/vg) Or Jacket potato with beans or cheese (v/vg options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Apple Crisp and Cream (v/vg options) K

HEALTHY EXTRAS: FRESH SALAD BAR SELECTION DAILY

(e.g. sweetcorn, bread, cucumber, pineapple, carrot batons, apple)

K: dishes made in the kitchen *subject to change for special themes

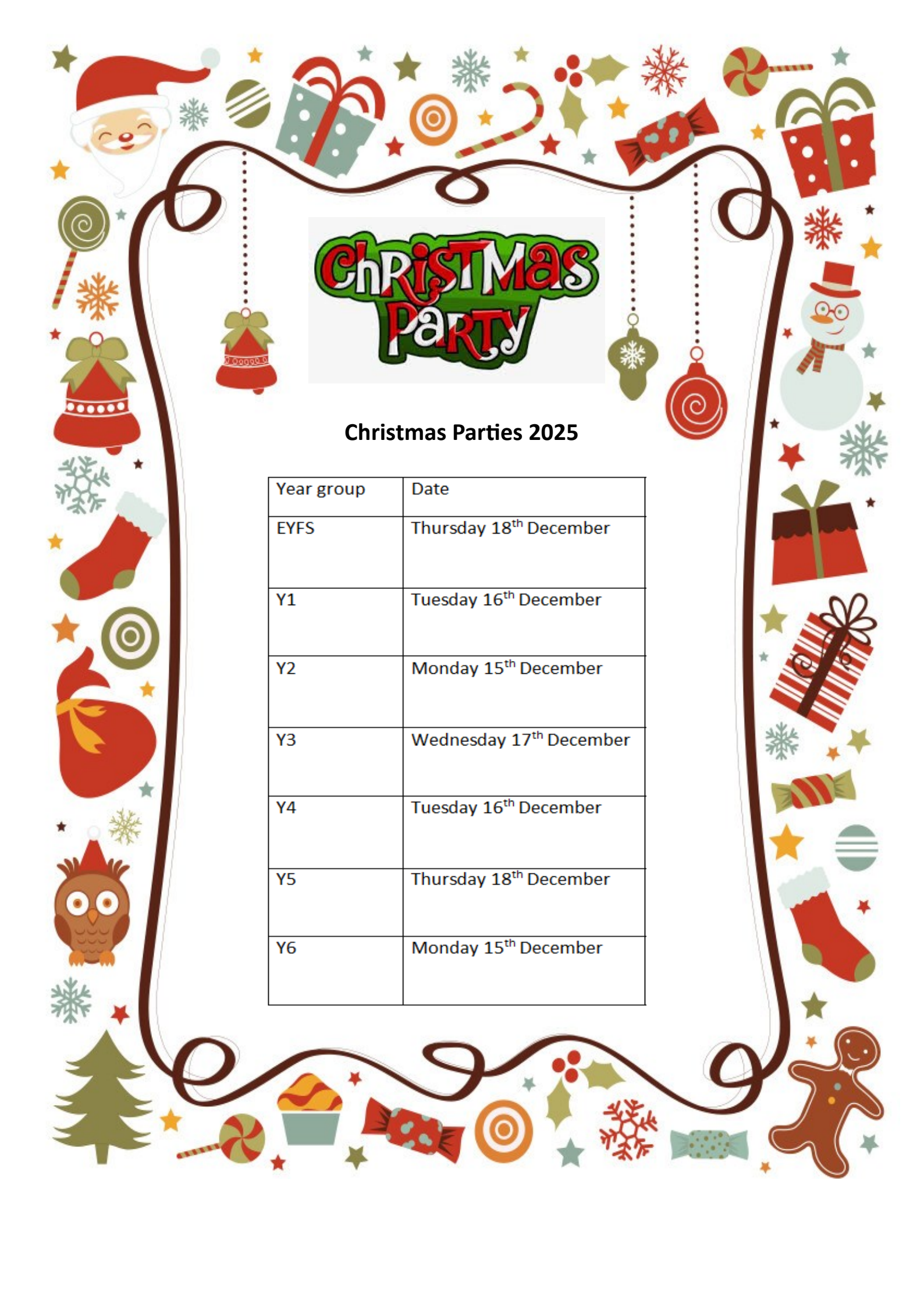


Diary Dates

Monday 17th November	Y6 Cycle Training - Group 4
Tuesday 18th November	Year 1 Pantomime at 9:15am Y6 Cycle Training - Group 4
Thursday 4th December	EYFS Mini Pedestrian skills (for those who signed up)
Friday 5th November	FOSM Christmas Fair
Thursday 11th December	Foundation Stage Nativity at 2pm
Friday 19th December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church: <i>Children to be taken straight to church for 8:40 on this morning. Children at Breakfast Club will walk to church with school staff. All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us for the service.</i> <i>Children break for the Christmas holidays</i>
Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school
Friday 13th February	Children break for February half-term
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Monday 16th March	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
Thursday 19th March	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
Friday 27th March	Children break for the Easter Holiday
Tuesday 14th April	Children return to school
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—Children not in school
Friday 22nd May	Children break for May/June half-term
Tuesday 2nd June	Children return to school
Monday 22nd June	Sports Activity morning EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (PM)
Thursday 25th June	KS2 Sports Day (PM)
Tuesday 30th June	Moving Up Morning
Thursday 9th July	Moving Up Morning 2
Monday 13th July	Open Evening (3:30—5:00pm)
Friday 17th July	Children break for the Summer holidays

Sport Calendar

Tuesday 20th January	Y4/5 Zoneball at Longcroft School
Tuesday 3rd March	Basketball at Beverley Grammar School
Tuesday 28th April	Y3/4 Golf at Longcroft School
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 Quad Kids at Longcroft School



Christmas Party

Christmas Parties 2025

Year group	Date
EYFS	Thursday 18 th December
Y1	Tuesday 16 th December
Y2	Monday 15 th December
Y3	Wednesday 17 th December
Y4	Tuesday 16 th December
Y5	Thursday 18 th December
Y6	Monday 15 th December



From the team behind 'The Elves and The Shoemaker Save Christmas' and 'Jack Frost's Christmas Wish' comes a brand new Christmas adventure for all the family this December at Pocklington Arts Centre.

Reindeer siblings Rex and Rosie aren't keen on starting a new school just before Christmas, especially when that school is the East Riding Reindeer Academy, home of some of the best athletes in the country!

And whilst Rosie fits in pretty quickly, Rex is struggling to make friends and find where he belongs.

But a school-wide competition might just change all of that. Santa has a free position on his sleigh-squad, and he is looking for the fastest reindeer in the school in time for Christmas Eve, could this be Rex's big chance?

Full of classic Christmas tunes and original songs, humour, local references and a whole load of festive fun, don't miss this brand new show this winter!



Thu 11 Dec	7.00pm	Sat 13 Dec	1.30pm	*Sun 14 Dec	1.30pm
Sun 14 Dec	4.30pm	Fri 19 Dec	7.00pm	Sat 20 Dec	1.30pm
Sun 21 Dec	1.30pm	Sun 21 Dec	4.30pm	Mon 22 Dec	1.30pm
Tue 23 Dec	10.30am	Tue 23 Dec	4.30pm	*Relaxed performance	

MORE FAMILY FUN IN 2026



Nick Cope: Family show for 2026

Sat 21 Mar 2026 | 11.00am & 2.00pm



TOP SECRET: The Magic of Science

Thu 9 Apr 2026 | 2.00pm

Join our Family Fun Club!

Join us once a month for our carefully chosen selection of family-friendly films, live performances, workshops, music and more... keep checking our website or sign up to our socials for hot off the press listings!



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