



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 19th December 2025

A word from the Headteacher

The end of the Autumn Term is here and we are all deserving of a well-earned rest. We are really proud of how the children have continued to work hard, improve their skills and knowledge and develop their interactions with each other and adults across the school, following our expectations of Read, Respectful, Safe. We say a fond farewell to Miss Melekis (Y6 teaching Assistant) and to Mrs Rayner (KS1 Lunchtime assistant) who are moving on to other roles.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas break.

Sarah Gilliver

Assembly Theme and Value

This half term we have been exploring the themes of **Remembrance and Thankfulness**. We have continued to explore everyday thanks and thanks for the small things. We have explored festivals of this time of year including Bodhi Day, Christmas and Hanukkah. We have celebrated children who demonstrate thankfulness and have shared our end of term certificates across the school.

Christmas Jingle

Thank you to all who came along to our Christmas Jingle event. It was lovely to see so many of you come and share in our celebration of Christmas. Well done to the children for singing so beautifully and thank you to all the teaching staff for supporting them to do so.

Thanks must also go to the PTA for organising the mulled wine and mince pies which added a true Christmassy feel to the evening. Thank you also for the hamper donations that the PTA put together for the raffle and well done to the winners.

Mental Health and Wellbeing support

Please see the link for support for mental health and wellbeing should you need it at any time and across the holiday. [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

Dates for your Diary:

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| 22 nd Dec to 2 nd January | Christmas Holiday |
| 5 th January | INSET (school closed to pupils) |
| 16 th January | Year R, 1/2 cake sale |
| 16 th -20 th Feb | Half Term |
| 19 th Feb | Game On holiday camp |
| 5 th March | Year 6 Cake Sale |
| 11 th -13 th March | Y6 residential |
| 18 th March | Voice in a Million- Choir |
| 20 th March | Rocksteady Concert |

Attendance Matters

Our Attendance Improvement Officer will be visiting in early January. If you have any queries regarding your child's attendance or would like support, please let us know so we can discuss any support available with her.

Should I send my child to school?

With lots of illnesses around over the winter it can be difficult to know whether to send your child in to school or not if they are a little under the weather. NHS guidance can be found [here](#) to help you make an informed decision. If we feel a child is too unwell for school when they are here, we will call you, perhaps for permission for Calpol, or to collect to take home. Specific guidance for common illnesses can be found [here](#).

Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers but can encourage them to share what they have been learning about.

- 1-Can you name Santa's reindeer?
- 1/2-How is Hanukkah celebrated?
- 3-How has St Albans changed over the last hundred years?
- 4-What has been the most memorable part of Year 4 so far?
- 5- What made the bread rise?
- 6- What has been your proudest accomplishment in Year 6 so far?