



# East Boldon Infant School Newsletter

December 2025



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are on the final stretch of the Christmas fun and excitement in school! It has been lovely to hear the stories from the children about what their elves have been up and what picture has been inside of their advent calendars! It is such a special time of the year! But...we still have our performances and parties to look forward to in the final week—there is no winding down just yet!



We had another successful PTA Christmas Fair in school —thank you to everyone who attended. It is always such a lovely community occasion and nice to welcome our families past and present into school. The raffle will be drawn on Monday and we will be able to collate all of the final costings to share with parents. “Elfridges” has once again been popular and your child/children will be bringing home their selected goodies tonight!

Our Christmas themed Toddler Time today was lovely! Thank you to everyone who attended. It is always nice to welcome families into school. Please keep a look out for our next event in the Spring Term.

Councillor Sarah McKeown sends her thanks to all families who donated to the toy collective. This was for nearly new and used toys that were made available for families to drop into and take what they needed on a “no money needed basis”. It gave a new lease of life to toys that may have been thrown away and was a successful event for families in South Tyneside.

Thank you for all of the donations of new toys to Norah’s North Pole. These were taken away and have supported families identified by teachers and social workers in need to some additional toys at Christmas. The family of “Norah” who the collection is named after send their thanks for all of the support towards Norah’s North Pole this year. This weekend will be the busy packing weekend after all of the donations that have been kindly sent.



Our school council have met with Miss Curry and have been working hard on making Kindness Hampers for our elderly friends in Sycamore Care Home. Some of our School Council visited the care home to create some Christmas crafts together and I must say, I was proud of each one of them and how lovely they were to our care home friends.

Particularly at this time of the year, the gift of Kindness and looking after each other is prevalent and a message we want to share with our children in school too and it has been lovely to see their acts of kindness being shared, I feel so proud!

Our choir entertained the visiting crowds in Tesco completing their Christmas shopping! Thank you to Mrs Elliott and Mrs O'Donnell for supporting the trip—the children loved the experience and of course Mr Orr our Mini Bus driver for the day!

Finally, I would like to extend my continued thanks to all of our families and wish you all a lovely, restful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year! I hope to see you all at the upcoming events.

Miss Holt

P.S Just a final reminder for all our Year 2 parents. Admission forms for the Junior School are to be completed and the deadline for applications is **Thursday 15th January 2025**. I believe all parents have been written to, but if you have any questions please contact the Schools Admissions Team on 0191 424 7706.

We have completed our termly attendance monitoring and will have our termly assembly for those children with 100% attendance across the Autumn Term next week, but also recognition of those children with improving attendance too. For those children where attendance is falling below 90% we will continue to monitor and hopefully see an improvement above 90% in the Spring Term.

Despite the many winter illnesses we have seen, I have been really pleased with our attendance for the Autumn Term across all classes.

We have had a number of pupils arriving late, after the doors have closed at 9am. We have a 15 minute window for the children entering school—our doors open at 8.45. Please aim for you child to be in school before 9am. Lessons do begin promptly. Thank you for your support.

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Attendance for Autumn Term 2	96.9%	97.4%	96.9%	97.2%	96.3%	97.1%



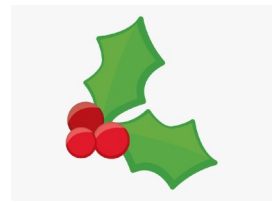
### A few final Diary Dates coming up...

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christmas Sing-a-long! 2.15pm at St George’s Church (2 parents/carers per child)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December—Year 1 Christmas Play 2.15pm St George’s Church (2 parents/carers per child)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December—Reception Christmas Play 2.15pm St George’s Church (2 parents/carers per child)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December—Children’s Christmas Parties in school...plus a special visitor!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December—School finishes for Christmas Holidays!**

All of our children enjoyed a trip to the Customs House this week to watch the pantomime 'Help I've lost the Christmas List' It is always nice for our children to experience a Pantomime! Oh yes it is!

# Panto time!



# Tides of Change!



Once again, it was a pleasure to work with Sandra from Tides of Change Beach School to complete a Winter Warmer activity with all of the children. This involves the children learning about fire safety, lighting a campfire and toasting marshmallows.

A s'more even made it's way to my office—it was delicious! Thank you to the PTA whose funds supported this activity in school.



# Our care home friends



Thank you for all of the donations into school for our care home friends. We were able to make up hampers to share with the residents. Our School Council were fabulous role models as they made crafts alongside our lovely friends.. One of our friends is an amazing 100 years old! How fabulous! Thank you to Miss Curry for arranging the hampers with our School Council.

# Choir Fun at Tesco!



Our Choir represented us brilliantly at Tesco in Sunderland singing lots of festive songs to entertain the shoppers! Thank you to the parents and grandparents of the children who popped along and Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Elliott who supported the children.



# Christmas Dinner!

Once again we enjoyed a beautiful Christmas dinner day! A huge thank you to the catering team who provided us with a lovely lunch!

