



## High Spen Primary School Newsletter Week 14, W/B 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for children at 1:30pm

As with previous years on the morning of Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, we will be holding our annual Christingle Service at St. Pat's Church - all parents and carers are welcome to join us from 10am. Children will then return to school in time for lunch.

At 1pm we will hold our final Head Teacher's Award Assembly before children are **collected to go home at the earlier time of 1.30pm.**

When children have left, staff will do their Scrooge duties, removing all traces of fun and festivity so we are set up and ready for the New Year return - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan **IS NOT** an INSET day - all children will return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

If you have any questions about the details above - please contact school in any of the normal ways.

### Nativity tickets – Limited tickets now available

**Early Years nativity– Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am** – The Big Little Nativity

**KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas songs - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm** - KS2 have a festive treat of Christmas songs to sing for you, followed by KS1 performing 'This Old Inn'.

**Tickets for all nativities are £2 each and can be purchased at the school office on drop off or collection.**



### Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a wonderful festive week and look forward to next week. Just a reminder of upcoming Nursery Dates:

-Our **Early Years Nativity (for the 3- and 4-year-olds and Reception)** will be **Wednesday the 17 December in the morning** straight after drop-off. You may make your way to the Sports Hall after you drop your little ones off. Tickets are still available in the office for purchase.

-**Thursday 18 December** is our **Early Years party in the morning**, and we welcome our **2-year-olds to join us for their session in the morning** and join in some fun festivities.

**Wear your party clothes, but nothing precious as we like our messy fun in Early Years!**

-**Friday the 19 December** is the last day before our Christmas break, and we would also like to **invite our 2-year-old friends to join us in the morning** to access their full session as collection will take place at 13.30pm in the afternoon. Thank you and see you next week.

### Reception – GD – Grace Darling - Miss Kirkley

Dates for next week:

-For Monday 15 December, can children please bring in a carrier bag or gift bag with child's name on it to take home their Christmas crafts and goodies.

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### Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young – Mrs Halliday/Mrs Cowie

Please can all library books be returned school on Monday.. We will continue our library sessions after the Christmas holiday.

The last week of term is always a busy one so here is a day by day breakdown of events to help you at home.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – afternoon performances of the nativity. Children may be taken home following the performances but please allow time for children to collect their belongings.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 party – please send party clothes into school for children to change into after lunch. Many of our games involve moving around the hall so please send suitable clothes and footwear for your child to wear.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Christingle carol service in church in the morning, please join us if you can. Children can be collected from school from **1.30pm**. We would like to thank you for all of your support this term. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

### **Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates**

The last week of term is always a busy one so here is a day by day breakdown of events to help you at home.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**– dress rehearsal of nativity. Please send in any base layers for your child to wear underneath their given costume. Equally children can wear their uniforms beneath if they prefer.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – afternoon performances of the nativity. Children may be taken home following the performances but please allow time for children to change out of their costumes as these need to stay in school.

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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Christingle carol service in church in the morning, please join us if you can. Children can be collected from school from **1.30pm**. We would like to thank you for all of your support this term, we are blown away by the progress Y2 have made. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

### **Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray**

As we head towards the final week of term, please remember Christmas clothes for our song/dance performances (before the KS1 Nativity on Tues and Wed pm). We will need them in ready for the dress rehearsal on Monday in a labelled bag please – thank you! 😊

Our Christmas party for Y3 and Y4 is next Thursday morning. Children can come in to school in their party clothes (which they can then stay in all day) but please make sure they also have sensible shoes ready for outdoor play times. Here's to a busy but wonderful last week of term... and no homework for the final week – woohoo! Thank you for all of your support this term and have a very Merry Christmas!

### **Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson – Mr Fumoleau**

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### **Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock**

Hi everyone 😊

As we head towards the final week of term, please remember Christmas clothes for our song/dance performances (before the KS1 Nativity on Tues and Wed pm). We will need them in ready for the dress rehearsal on Monday.

We will be swimming as usual next week so don't forget swimming kits on Tuesday morning.

Our Christmas party is on Thursday morning. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes that day.

Finally, we have been really impressed by the hard work and super attitude of all Y5 this first term. Thank you to all of you at home too for your continuing support. Happy Christmas everyone and enjoy the holidays!

### **Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai – Mrs Heron/Mrs Lawson**

Costumes for Christmas Performances – we have talked in class about the following:

Teachers – two children (they know who they are) can wear clothing to look like teachers but can add a bit of Christmas bling if they wish.

Pupils – rest of the class can either wear school uniform with some Christmas bling or Christmas jumper/outfit.

Please can these be in school on Monday for the dress rehearsal and should remain in school for the remainder of the week. The same goes for any musical instruments brought in from home.

Hope to see you all next week to join in the Christmas madness but if not, then a very Merry Christmas to you all!

**If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.**

## Dates for the Diary – 2025/2026

Date	Event
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and KS2 Performances (PM)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	EY Nativity (AM)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and KS2 Performances (PM)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (PM) and KS2 (AM) Party Early Years Party day – EY Children to come in Party clothes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle – 10am Families and friends are invited to join us at St Patricks Church, you can walk along with school if you wish.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term 2 - School closes for children at 1:30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring term 1
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception vision screening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring term 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	First Day of Spring Term 2
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear a Hat day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 1
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 – That History Bloke
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 14 May	SATs week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Summer Term 1
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holidays
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day (School closed)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Occasional Day (School closed)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Safety Works and Quayside Visit
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term2