

Friday 13th December

### Super Showcase!

This week, Year 3 have shown off their fantastic work that they have completed in their 'Through the Ages' topic. They've also had a chance to do some fun maths activities with their grown-ups.



**CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION**

### Year 5/6 Playground.

We have closed off part of the playground between the main school building and the Brightsparks house where the Year 5/6 bike shed is. This is due to an issue with an overhead cable.

While this is being resolved parents will have to enter the Year 5/6 yard through the Dalmorton side entrance when collecting or dropping children off.

This part of the playground should be open as usual after the Christmas holidays.



# This half term in Nutmeg...



We've worked super hard on our maths skills.



We used our excellent imaginations to decorate crowns for the princesses in our traditional tales

We've worked together to build so many models with the magnets.



We let our imaginations run free.



In phonics we've used our brilliant listening skills to draw what we could hear in the hall.



We loved Christmas dinner!



We've worked so hard with our makaton signs!







presents...

# MEGA RAFFLE

All money raised will go towards our new school minibus



**You could win...**

**Jumpin' Josephs, Bromborough (2 bounce passes)**

**Christmas Concerts by Candlelight at Chester Cathedral (4 tickets)**

**Adventureland, New Brighton (2 all day tickets)**

**The Scouse Red Riding Hood at the Royal Court (grown-ups panto, 2 tickets)**

**Flip Out, Chester (2 bounce passes)**

**LazyGirl.club gift bag**

**£10 Vouchers for Vale Café, Vale Park (2 separate prizes)**

**Climbing Hut, Ellesmere Port (2 vouchers)**

**A giant teddy bear (100cm)**

**Morrisons beauty bag**

**The Dog's Diner gift basket for your pooch**

**Bounty, Ripple and Galaxy chocolate hamper**

**A wash and blow dry (voucher not valid in December)**

**Cheshire Candle Company car air freshener**

**£1 per  
strip**

**DRAW DATE:  
w/c  
Dec 16th**

**Tickets available in playgrounds, 3.30pm Fridays**

**F1, F2 Y1, Y2 can bring money in and give to their teacher for tickets  
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 can buy tickets daily from class 5NM BEFORE 8:50am  
and on 3/4 corridor at 12.50pm**





# Festive plant sale

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
New Brighton Primary  
Sports Hall from 3.30pm**

**Come along and pick up a gift for that special someone!**

**NBPS Garden has invited Magill's Nursery, based on Leasowe Road, to bring you a selection of fantastic plants which will make ideal Christmas gifts and help us raise money for our school minibus.**

**Many of you have asked about our display of succulent plants (including the amazing Curly Wurlly) in our greenhouse and raised beds.**

**Now is your chance to take one home!**

**Succulents ❄️ Curly Wurllys ❄️ Table centres  
Wreaths ❄️ Robins on logs ❄️ Grave pots**

**Items to suit all budgets, from £2 to £25 ❄️ Cash only please**



# Run, run Rudolph!

This week, fueled with festive spirit, we put on our shiny red noses and awesome antlers to raise money for Wirral Hospice St John's. Each KS2 class participated in the Rudolph Run, raising an incredible **£1,457** so far!

We can't wait to see our F1, F2 and KS1 children run on 19th December!



Rudolph Run 2024

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations!



Wirral Hospice St John's





# Hot Chocolate with the Head

These children were invited to Mr Armer's hot chocolate afternoon. They were nominated by teachers and parents in recognition of them going above and beyond or excelling in an area, not just academically.



**Well done to Themba, Seth, Ayda, Scarlett, Kailani, Maddison, George, Jude, Hallie & Enya!**

If your child has done something that you feel is worthy of a hot chocolate then send in details to

[d.armer@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:d.armer@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk)

Thanks for all of the parent nominations last week, we take them all into consideration- looking forward to next week





Our winner of a £20 voucher for The Vale Park Cafe is...



Remember, all you have to do to be in a chance of winning our weekly prize draw is be in school by 8:50am... simple!  
One raffle ticket for each day.

## Christmas Markets

Some of our parents/carers have enjoyed a great day out at the Christmas markets in Liverpool today and lunch in town with Mrs Bostock.



Keep an eye out for more trips in the New Year!

## Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
1EG	63%	4HB	58%
1BT	65%	4LM	67%
1OT	36%	HUB 2	64%
2DC	38%	5NM	67%
2RB	76%	5JH	36%
2SA	67%	5MC	85%
3NF	52%	6HC	92%
3CC	85%	6RS	57%
3LC	74%	6TS	86%
4LJ	70%	Total	65%

Well done to class 6HC who have the highest reading average this week and to class 1BT who have the most improved score. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.



This week's Makaton signs are:

# Elf & Toy

Brought to you by children from 2RB.



Elf



Toy



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

## 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

## 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

## 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

## 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

## 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

## 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

## 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

## 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

## 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

## 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

### Meet Our Expert

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The National College









# Attendance

*We aim for 100% our target is 98%*

*Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.*



Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nutmeg	98.7	0	3CC	98	72
Poppies	93.8	25	3LC	96.8	117
Sweetpeas	96	181	4LJ	96	40
Buttercups	93.1	155	4HB	96.5	54
1EG	93.8	0	4LM	95.1	8
1BT	95.3	100	HUB 2	89.9	151
10T	92.9	57	5NM	96.7	220
2DC	86.7	11	5JH	96.2	119
2RB	97.7	173	5MC	94.8	104
2SA	93.5	44	6HC	95.3	0
HUB 1	95.8	15	6RS	88.4	184
3NF	86	47	6TS	93.2	80
<b>Whole School</b>					
<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>94.1%</b>		<b>Lost Learning</b>	<b>32 HRS 37 MINS</b>	

## Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. You can speak to the office staff or leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register.

**Punctuality is also very important, we now have a signing in screen for late arrivers and early leavers at reception.**





# Owl Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

<b>Nursery</b> Millie M	<b>Class 3CC</b> Theo
<b>Buttercups</b> Tommy & Cora	<b>Class 3LC</b> Pixie
<b>Poppies</b> Ellie & Maddie	<b>Class 4LJ</b> David
<b>Sweetpeas</b> Winter & Elliot	<b>Class 4HB</b> Ivy
<b>Class 1EG</b> Julian	<b>Class 4LM</b> Toby W
<b>Class 1BT</b> Alesha	<b>Class HUB 2</b> Francis
<b>Class 10T</b> Sienna	<b>Class 5NM</b> Freddie M
<b>Class 2DC</b> Lucy	<b>Class 5JH</b> Charlotte R
<b>Class 2RB</b> Chase	<b>Class 5MC</b> Freyah B
<b>Class 2SA</b> Sienna	<b>Class 6HC</b> Frankie
<b>Class HUB1</b> Peter	<b>Class 6RS</b> Delilah R.
<b>Class 3NF</b> Lucie	<b>Class 6TS</b> Connor

