



**Growing Together
at Glynwood**

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| <u>08/12/23</u> |
| <u>December 2023</u> |
| Christmas Lunch for children - Thursday 14th December |
| Year 1 Nativity - Friday 15th December 2.15pm |
| Nursery Christmas Carols 9.15am - Monday 18th December |
| Reception Class Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Monday 18th December |
| Christmas Parties YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 - Tuesday 19th December |
| Nursery Christmas Party 9am - Tuesday 19th December |
| Y3 & Y4 (Y3 lead the service) Carols at St. John's Church 2pm - Wednesday 20th December |
| Y2 Carols by Candlelight 9.15am - Thursday 21st December |
| Y5 & Y6 Carols (Year 5 lead the service) at St. John's Church 2pm - Thursday 21st December |
| Last day in school before the Christmas holiday - Friday 22nd December - no afterschool club on this day |
| <u>January 2024</u> |
| Children return to school after the Christmas holiday - Tuesday 9th January (8th January is a teacher training day). |
| Pantomime in School - Robinhood- Tuesday 9th January - |
| <u>February 2024</u> |
| Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 16th February |
| Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 25th February |
| <u>March 2024</u> |
| Last day in school before the Easter holiday - Thursday 28th March |
| <u>April 2024</u> |
| Children return to school after the Easter holiday - Monday 15th April |
| <u>May 2024</u> |
| Bank holiday Monday - school closed to pupils - Monday 6th May. |
| Year Six SATs week - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May. Please do not book holidays for your Year Six child during this week. |
| Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 24th May. |
| <u>June 2024</u> |
| Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 3rd June. |
| Year Four Multiplication check - Monday 3rd June - Thursday 13th June (Children take one test at some point during this time.) |
| Year One Phonics Screening Check - Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June. |
| Occasional Day - School Closed for children - Friday 14th June |
| <u>July 2024</u> |
| Reports out to parents - Friday 12th July. |
| Last Day of term - Friday 19th July |

Message from Mrs. Nellis:

Festive celebrations started with Christmas Jumper Day yesterday. The bright clothes made the school particularly colourful. Despite the play and singing practices and the special celebrations, we are trying hard to keep to the usual routines in school as much as possible.

Friday afternoon sees the beginning of the Christmas performances with Nursery's Carols around the Christmas tree and then Y1's nativity. We have given afternoon performances a later start time this year. **This means that the performances should be finished close to the usual end of the school day (3.15pm).**

Year Three will be leading the Year Three and Four carol service. **Year Five** will be leading the Year Five and Six carol service. This is because Year Six do a large-scale production in the summer and Year Four held the harvest assembly. For Key Stage Two (years 3,4,5 and 6) Church Services, **children must return to school with the staff at the end of the performance.** Children can then be collected from their usual classroom exits. Children **cannot** be collected directly from the church.

The school office is very busy and it will be very difficult for the staff to collect siblings before the end of the school day. I ask for your support and understanding with this.

For those of you who attended last year's carol services, you may remember how **cold** it was in the **church**. Unfortunately, the heating system has still not been replaced (this is due to lack of funds - there will be a **donations tray** at the end of the services if anyone can contribute a small amount). **Please do wrap up warmly and make sure that your child is dressed warmly too (children will be able to keep their coats on at the church).**

Thursday 14th December is Christmas lunch day - lunch options are restricted to Christmas dinner only i.e. turkey dinner or vegetarian Christmas dinner. If your child would like a dinner please book in on the Parentmail App.

Friday 22nd December (last day of term) - there will be **no** afterschool club available on this day.

As some of you may be aware, **Mrs. Mitchell** is commencing her maternity leave from the beginning of January. Miss Lonsdale (previously known as Mrs. Fairless) will be returning from maternity leave in January and she will be teaching Mrs. Mitchell's class. Y3 EM will become Y3 NL. Miss Lonsdale has spent this morning with the class and she will also be spending next Friday morning with the class too in order to support the transition between teachers. Mrs. Crossman will continue to work with the class.

Reminder - children should not wear **earrings** for school for health and safety reasons. If the earrings cannot be removed then they should be covered with plasters or tape so that the front and the back are covered. This is following Gateshead council policy.

With my very best wishes for a good weekend.

Mrs. Vicky Nellis

Head Teacher

Christmas Party Day for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 is **Tuesday 19th December**. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes.

Who to talk to if you have any concerns, questions, queries or comments:



Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)



Simon Otterson (Deputy Head Teacher Y5/6 Lead)



Carolyn Dobbing (Home School Liaison Officer)



Esther Commons (SENDco/ KS1 Leader)



Jude Etherington (Curriculum Lead)

The above staff are also all designated safeguarding leaders or deputy leaders, so you can talk to any of them if you have a concern about a child.

Please remember that if you do have concerns about a child, you can speak to any of the adults above. If the concerns require an immediate response, then you should call the police or children's social care, where you can make referrals anonymously, if you wish. You can also call the NSPCC 0800 1111 for advice.

If you notice suspicious activity in the vicinity of the school, then please do report it via the police, or inform one of our designated safeguarding leads.

We request that whilst you are on the school site, or in the vicinity of the school, that you do not use bad language/ swear and also dress appropriately (no swimwear please).