



Christmas Newsletter 2025



Christmas is coming...

This busy term is racing towards the Christmas holidays but there is still plenty going on.

Within this newsletter is some useful information around events over the next few weeks so please read it carefully.



Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Friday 5th December

We are very much looking forward to our trip to the pantomime next week. This year the trip has once again been kindly funded by FOTAS as a result of all the fundraising you have supported over the last year - thank you so much and we hope the children will enjoy the treat. Below are a few very important details for you.

The pantomime starts at 1.00pm at The Castle Theatre. We will be walking the children down to the theatre after they have had an early lunch at school. Please note, **no bookbags** will be needed on that day and if your child brings a packed lunch from home, please could it be fully disposable, in a plastic bag that can be thrown away after lunch.

Pick up arrangements:

We understand the show should be finished around 3.10pm. Please can parents/carers **collect their children from The Castle Theatre at 3.20pm**. The Castle Theatre is situated in Castle Way, Wellingborough, NN8 1XA. Please meet us on the car park side of the theatre. Staff will gather the children in their classes and release the children to you as we would at school. **Can we ask parents/carers to stand back so we are able to view the adults there to collect and hand the children over safely. We will announce which class is being released then those parents can move to the front of the group.** Please bear with us as this may take us some time to ensure each child is sent to the correct adult. Children attending After School Club will be walked back up to school with staff. Please note that we will walk pupils back up to school if their adult has not collected after 15 minutes but we will not be able to release children to their collecting adult during this walk back, only once we are back at school. Please be aware that the car park at The Castle is likely to be fairly full so we would ask parents to ideally walk. There is also the multi-storey car park available opposite the theatre.

Thank you for supporting these arrangements.

On Thursday 11th December we will be supporting Save the Children. The children can come to school in a Christmas jumper (or other mufti) in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. Thank you for your support of this good cause. This is the same day as the Kingswood Christmas lunch, so **if your child would like a Christmas lunch this must be ordered by Wednesday 3rd December**



Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper sale

We will be holding a sale of pre-loved Christmas jumpers on the school playground pm Thursday 4th December at 3.15pm. Jumpers of various sizes will be for sale for very low prices. Any further donations of unwanted jumpers would be appreciated.



Christmas Celebration



On **Wednesday 17th December** we will be holding our Christmas Celebration at the United Reformed Church on High Street Wellingborough (opposite Jackson Lane car park).

The children are all working incredibly hard practising the songs and we have some willing actors and narrators who are also rehearsing their lines. It will be a fantastic, festive occasion.

The celebration will start at **1.45pm** and we look forward to seeing you there. We ask that you sit in the allocated areas as some seating needs reserving for the children but aisles need to be kept clear. Please be respectful to others around you if you are taking photos or videos and do not block other parent's views.

We would appreciate some parents to help us walk the children to the church on the day.

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Christmas cards



Children can bring in Christmas cards for our festive postal service from Thursday 4th December. The post box is in the school library. The cards need to be clearly marked with the child's name and class. The last day for 'posting' will be Wednesday 17th December. If you require a class list of names, please see your child's class teacher.



Father Christmas Grotto



Father Christmas will be visiting us once again on Wednesday 10th December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Places are limited, so booking is essential and will be on a first come first served basis. The information will be sent to all parents/carers at 5pm on Monday 1st December. Tickets will cost £3.50 per child and include a gift from Father Christmas himself!

We look forward to sharing in the special Christmas events with you all over the next few days before we close for the holidays at 3.15pm on Friday 19th December.

We all wish you a restful, fun-filled family Christmas when it arrives. Thank you for your support over this term.

From all the staff of The Avenue Infant School

