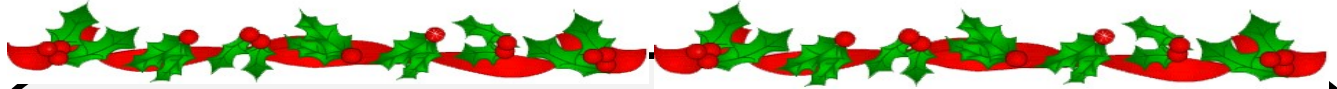




# Gilbertstone Primary School

## December 2024

### Newsletter



## We wish you a merry Christmas!

What a wonderful end to the Autumn Term we have had! It has been a busy time in school with lots going on and much to celebrate. Year 4 have had a great visit to Cadbury World and Year 5 have had the opportunity to look around Tamworth Castle. We have celebrated Harvest and Diwali with special assemblies and Year 3 have been up to our local Church to see what goes on there. We have held workshops for Reception and Year One to support parents with phonics, reading and spelling.

We have also been collaborating with Beacon Behaviour Support who have been in to help and support parents including holding workshops. The last week of term has been really busy with Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day and of course the party day! Phew! Father Alex has been in to deliver some special Christmas assemblies too which the children all enjoyed.

Much to enjoy and celebrate at this very busy time of year!

We also have to say a very big thank you and wish a very happy retirement to Mrs Lyddy who has been a Teaching Assistant at school for over 16 years! Mrs Lyddy has supported and cared for many Gilbertstone children and been a wonderful friend and colleague and we shall miss her and her wonderful sense of humor so much! Mrs Benton is also retiring and hanging up her overall after over 20 years of service as a Lunch time Supervisor. Thank you Mrs Benton for being an integral part of the Lunch team for all of these years, and for all of the children that you have supported in school.

We know that you will join us in wishing both ladies well as they enjoy a well earned retirement! We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Carrington back from her maternity leave after Christmas.

Mrs Carrington will continue in her role as Deputy Head Teacher and will be in school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful, restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children all back safe and well on **Tuesday 7 January**.

## Christmas Gift Appeal



We are over the moon the donations that we have had for the Birmingham City Mission Appeal! The Charity came to collect the toys and were so grateful for your kindness and generosity. We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year for us all so thank you for digging deep and for helping put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.



## PE Timetable for Spring 2025

	Outdoor	Indoor
Monday	Year 3	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 1 / Year 4	Reception
Wednesday	3S Swimming/Year 5	Year 1 / Class 3P
Thursday	Year 2	Year 5 Year 4
Friday	Year 6	Year 2

PE lessons will commence on **Tuesday 7 January 2025** Please note the change to Year 4 and Year 5 and Reception. Children come in to school in their PE kit on their PE day. 3S will go swimming until **WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2025** then after half term it will be 3P's turn.

# Dates for your diary... so far!

Please note these dates are always subject to change and it is not a definitive list. Thank you!

Date	Event
Monday 6 January 2025	School closed for Training Day. Children return to school on <u>Tuesday 7 January 2025.</u>
Tuesday 14 January	Chinese Dragon Workshop Year 3
Tuesday 4 February	Red Group Reading Workshop
Wednesday 5 February	Green Group Reading Workshop
Friday 14 February	Break up for half term
Monday 24 February	Children return to school
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day
Tuesday 11 March	Parents Evening
Thursday 13 March	Parents Evening
Thursday 13 March	Year 3 Egyptian workshop
Friday 14 March	Strictly ballroom dance workshop Year 6
Friday 21 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 7 April	Green Group Paths Workshop
Tuesday 8 April	Red Group Paths Workshop
Friday 11 April	Children break up for half term
Monday 28 April	Children return to school
Wednesday 30 April	Chinese Lion Dance Workshop Year 1
Tuesday 6 May	Morris Dance Workshop Year 2
Thursday 8 May	Year 2 trip to Black Country Museum
Monday 12 May	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 20 May	Year 1 trip to Safari Park
Friday 23 May	Break up for half term
Monday 2 June	Children return to school
Tuesday 10 June	Year 3 trip to Bosworth
Tuesday 17 June	Sound of the musicals workshop Year 5
Tuesday 1 July	Year 6 trip to Umberslade
Friday 18 July	Children break up for Summer
Monday 1 September & Tuesday 2 Sept	School Closed for Training Day
Wednesday 3 September	Children return to school



## Grandad's Christmas Poem 2024

Tis Christmas Eve and all around  
are children listening for the sound  
of Santa's sleighbells in the sky  
pulled by Rudolph way up high

Through the clouds, on they go  
over mountains covered in snow  
quickly Rudolph! It's a busy night  
look for houses with lights so bright

Children asleep, Santa can see  
where to leave presents under the tree  
a carrot for Rudolph and Santa a pie  
then back home to base, so far in the sky

Children awake on this Christmas morn  
this special day when our Saviour was born  
presents are opened, Wow! What a surprise  
All that was asked for, before our eyes

The day passes by, so quickly it's gone  
but the Christmas story will go on and on  
It's now time for bed, but don't shed a tear  
If you are good, Santa will be back next year!



## Thank you so much

Can we just take this opportunity to thank all of our families for the contributions for workshops, dress down days and extra curricular activities in school. Without your support we cannot hold as many events so we really do appreciate your valuable contributions.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!

