



End of Term News



Christmas Productions

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by coming along to the Christmas Productions. We raised over £600 for school funds from the raffle and ticket sales, and lots of money for CAFOD and other local charities from the 'lucky' programmes.



Sands Centre Pantomime

Children in Years 1 to 6 will be going to see "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Sands Centre, Carlisle on Tuesday 13th December. [Pupils must be in school at 8 a.m.](#)

Buses will be leaving at 8.15 a.m. prompt as the pantomime starts at 10.00a.m. and we will be back at St Mary's before the end of the school day. Children should wear their school uniform for the visit and they will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink to have during the interval. Children who are entitled to a free school meal and have ordered packed lunch from the kitchen will need to bring their own drink (no glass bottles or cans).

[A text message will be sent to parents after the panto and children can be collected when they get back to school between 2 and 2.30 p.m.](#)

[Those who cannot be collected can stay at school until 3.10 p.m.](#)

Early Birds



There will be no breakfast club on Tuesday 13th December as the majority of pupils will need to be in school by 8.00 a.m. for our visit to the Sands Centre pantomime.

Attendance

'RAG' letters will be sent home on Wednesday 14th December to inform parents of their child's percentage attendance for the Autumn term. Children who have achieved 100% attendance will be invited to a party during the week.

P.E. Pumps

This is a good time of year to check that children's PE pumps still fit, so that Santa can bring new ones if they are needed! If you do have to buy some, please choose a slip-on style as the ones with Velcro don't stay fastened very well. Thank you.

Reception Class

In January Miss Robinson is taking up a new post nearer to her home in Penrith, so the Reception children will be taught by Mrs Jane Chidlow (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Helen Sibbald (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday).

School Closes at 1.10 p.m. on Friday 16th December

Carol Singing

The children will be singing carols next week as follows:

Monday 12 th	Tesco	Year 2	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Monday 12 th	Bethel House	KS2 Choir	2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.



On Wednesday 14th December the Key Stage 2 children will be showing off their talents on guitar by playing Christmas carols with Mr Haythornthwaite.

Parents, family and friends are invited to join us for some festive fun and refreshments. The children will be playing as follows:

Years 3 & 4	from 9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.
Years 5 & 6	from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Santa Express

Foundation Stage children and staff will be having a ride on the Santa Express at the La'al Ratty on Wednesday 14th December. Uniform does not need to be worn, but please wrap up warm for the train and remember to bring a packed lunch and a drink.



Christmas Party & End of Term

Thursday 15 th December	<u>Christmas Party Day</u> There will be an end of term Mass in St Mary's Church at 10 a.m., a traditional Christmas dinner will be served at lunch time and there will be a disco during the afternoon in the parish hall.
Friday 16 th December	<u>End of Term</u> Parents, family and friends are invited to join us for our end of term assembly at 9.00am in the hall. School will close at 1.10 p.m.
Thursday 5 th January 2017	School will re open for the Spring term.
Children can come to school in non-uniform on both Thursday 15th & Friday 16th December. Please bring something warm to wear in church on Thursday.	



Good News

St Mary's School is 147th on the Sunday Times list of the top 250 primary schools in the country and is the only Cumbrian school on the list. Well done everyone!

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas &
a Happy New Year from all at St Mary's**