St Mary's School, Kells

December

Term Dates **Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December**

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Christmas Nativity Events

Thursday 11th	10 a.m.	EYFS Nativity in school
Friday 12th	10 a.m.	EYFS Nativity in school
Monday 15th	10 a.m.	KS 1 Nativity in school
Monday 15th	2 p.m.	KS 2 Carol Service
Monday 15th	6 p.m.	KS 2 Carol Service
Tuesday 16th	10 a.m.	KS 2 Carol Service
Tuesday 16th	2 p.m.	KS 1 Nativity in school

Admission to the Christmas events in school will be by ticket only.
These will cost £2 each and will be on sale in the school office from Tuesday 2nd December, on a first come, first served basis.
Due to fire restrictions and health and safety regulations, we are strictly limited to 100 seats for each performance in school.
Prams / pushchairs will not be able to go into the hall and all pre-school children and babies will need to have a ticket, but do not need to pay.
To give everyone the best chance of seeing their child, for the first week families will only be able to buy two tickets for each performance.
If you need more, and there are any left over, additional tickets can be bought from the office from Monday 8th December.
Please ensure that small children are quiet during the performances as everyone has worked really hard and it can be very distracting if the audience is noisy.
Please do not video or photograph the performances - there will be an opportunity to take photographs of your own child after each show.

Foundation Stage Visits

On Monday 15th December the Reception class will be visiting Father Christmas at Muncaster Castle and on Thursday 18thDecember the Nursery children will meet him at Billy Bears Play Centre.



Musical Events

On Tuesday 16th December a group of children will be visiting R&R Daycare at St Peter's Parish Hall to sing Christmas carols.



On Wednesday 17th December the Key Stage 2 children will be performing some Christmas tunes with guitars and ukuleles in the school hall. Parents and family are welcome to join us. Performance times to be confirmed.

School closes on Friday 19th December at 1.10 p.m.

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After school clubs will end on Thursday 11th December.

Children should only be collected from school early in exceptional circumstances. Please organise appointments outside school hours.

Attendance

Your child's attendance for the Autumn Term will be sent out electronically during the week beginning Monday 15th December. Parents of children with low attendance may be invited to meet with attendance staff and/or governors next term.

Christmas Gifts



Parents are always very generous at this time of year and we would be grateful for your help to provide gifts for families in need. The Cash for Kids/Mission Christmas appeal is once again struggling to meet demand, so we thought it would be nice to organise our own appeal again this year.

If you would like to donate a new toy or some money, which we will use to buy a toy, we will distribute the gifts among our own families.

Please put cash donations in an envelope marked 'Mission Christmas'. It would be lovely if those who will not receive many gifts could benefit from your generosity.

Thank you for your help.

Christmas Dinner



The school kitchen will be serving Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17th December. Please book and pay for a festive lunch in advance through ParentPay if your child doesn't normally have a school meal.

Prices are £2.58 for main school and £2.00 for nursery.

Christmas Party & End of Term



- On Thursday 18th December children can come to school in non-uniform for Christmas Party Day.
- Friday 19th December will be Christmas Jumper Day - children can wear something festive - a bit of tinsel or a hat – please don't buy anything special. Classes will be watching Christmas films during the morning, so children can bring a small snack to eat during their film.

School will close at 1.10 p.m.

All children will need to be collected by an adult.

Please let us know on SeeSaw or Tapestry who will be collecting your child.

Only small ear studs are allowed for school – no hoops or large earrings for safety reasons

School will re-open on Wednesday 7th January 2026