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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped organise, deliver and attend our Christmas Fair. The support was really appreciated and the event raised £1300. If you were unable to attend but would still like to purchase your child's Christmas decoration, they are available from the school office for £4.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to raise money for Children In Need and the Poppy Appeal. We raised £115 for Children In Need.

### Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Dash

We are holding our Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper if they wish to do so. During this day the whole school will be taking part in a run together to promote physical activity and fun whilst wearing Christmas jumpers!

### Christmas Performances

This year the children will be performing a production of *The Christmas Carol*. We are delighted to invite families to the performances. For health and safety reasons we cannot accommodate everyone in the hall at once. Therefore, we have decided to put on two performances - one on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm for all families who have children in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. The second will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am for our families who have children in Reception, Year 1 & 2.

Both performances will be identical with all age groups performing in both. If you have children in both key stage 1 and 2 please could you only attend one performance so that the hall does not get too overcrowded and everyone has the chance to see their child perform.





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We must also ask that only two people attend the performance per family please. I hope you understand that we are simply trying to ensure that all families get a chance to attend, working with the small space that we have. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The cost will be £2.50 for any child in Y3/4/5/6 who wishes to join us. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will receive the dinner free of charge due to the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Children may still bring a packed lunch on this day if they wish to do so.

### Christmas Panto

All the children will have the delightful opportunity to watch a Panto performance of *Hansel & Gretel* at the *Alnwick Playhouse* on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for the permission forms on Parentmail. The Friends Of Swarland Group have kindly donated the money to pay for the coach and the tickets for all children. Thank you very much.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Our cook has kindly offered to make the party food for the school lunch. This will cost £2.50 per child if they are in Y3/4/5/6 and wish to take part. Children in Reception to Year 2 have free school meals as part of the Government scheme. Children may still bring their packed lunch if they prefer. Children should come to school already dressed in their warm party clothes and with their outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please.

### Outstanding payments

All outstanding balances for the Autumn Term for dinner, milk, and trips must be settled before the end of term please. If you need to know how much you owe, please contact the school office.

### Swimming

Swimming will commence in the Spring Term beginning each Monday from 12<sup>th</sup> January for the pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. Swimming will take place on Monday afternoons at Willowburn Leisure Centre. Please may we request voluntary contributions of £6.75 per session to cover the cost of the lesson and the coach travel. There will be a swimming





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consent form and online payment option via ParentMail to complete before the start of the lessons. Thank you.

### Milk

For those children who would like to have milk in the Spring Term (January to April) it will cost £19 for the term. Please indicate on the forthcoming Parentmail form if you wish to pay for milk. The order will be placed before the end of term for all of those who have paid. No changes can be made after this date. A Parentmail online option will be available in the next few days.

### New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Warmest Regards,

Louise Fletcher

### Festive Dates for Diaries

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance at 1:30pm (KS2)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance at 9:30am (Rec, KS1)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Panto at Alnwick Playhouse
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children break up for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Back to school

