



# Balcombe

## Church of England Primary School

"In all that we do we are guided by God"

# 28 NOVEMBER - NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I know it may feel a little early to mention the "C" word, but I wanted to share some exciting plans for the festive season!

### **Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch** – Thursday 11th December

Balcombe School will be getting into the festive spirit with our annual Christmas Jumper Day where the children will enjoy some seasonal fun. Both children and staff are welcome to wear their favourite Christmas jumpers.

Chartwells will be providing a special Christmas lunch for the children on this day and all children will be able to enjoy some Christmas music while eating their lunch.

**Christmas Fair** – Friday 12th December  
Our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 12th December, starting at 3:30pm. Please see the FoBS information included in this newsletter.

**Nativity Performances** – 11th & 12th December  
Our lake and Coombe classes will perform their nativity play on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th at 9.30am.

**Christmas Service** – Thursday 18th December at 1.45pm.

We will gather at St Mary's Church for our Christmas Service, where each class will contribute and we will sing some well-loved carols. This is a lovely opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas together. If you are able to help walk the children to and from church, please contact the school office.

We hope you will be able to join us for some—or all—of these special events.

Best wishes,  
Ben Turney  
Headteacher

## Celebration Assembly

Since our last newsletter, the following children have been celebrated:

Amelia – Lake Class – working so hard in our phonics and reading sessions. She can read so well now! She's the best that she can be!

Kit - Coombe Class – creativity in his instruction writing. He wrote some super 'Top Tips'.

Eddie – Forest Class – Being ambitious. Excellent progress due to hard work in maths!

Elsie – Spring Class – showing resilience when completing maths homework and practising times tables.

Florence – Mill Class – Being ambitious – aiming high, working hard, being the best version of herself in every lesson.

This week, we have celebrated:

Ed - Lake Class – drawing so carefully. We love your drawing book – it's so creative!

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Emily - Coombe Class – always being the best that you can be.

Reuben – Forest Class – being caring, supporting others and being a good friend.

Ellie - Spring Class – ambitiously and resiliently wanting to do homework and send it in when she was ill.

Molly - Mill Class – Resilience during 'Bikeability' week

## Clubs

Clubs will finish during the week of 8 December with the exception of Cool 4 School.

The schedule for the Spring Term is being finalised and will be sent out shortly.

## Nativity Tickets

The children have been working hard to learn their lines and all the songs for the Nativity. We will be providing information about tickets and how to book at the beginning of next week.

## Book Look

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we would like to invite you to come into school and look at your child's work with them. Parents (or parent stand-ins) are invited to visit between 2:15pm and 3pm. Our youngest pupils often find it upsetting if they are expecting you to arrive and you are unable to, so please let us know if you are not able to join us and we can manage your child's expectations and distract them elsewhere.

## Term finish time

Term will finish on Friday 19 December at 1.30pm

## Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors have launched an eco competition open to all age groups. Each winner from each year group will win a prize (£20 garden centre voucher provided by Shanley Homes). Entries will be judged by the Eco Warrior team.



Share an environmental issue to raise awareness.  
*Use any medium!*

Examples of ways in which  
you can raise awareness.

story



video

PowerPoint

art work



poem

Who will make an effort?

Who will make an effort?  
For the biggest problem we've ever faced,  
It's only when we stand,  
To look at which side to choose your waste,  
Instead of throw it away,  
Can take a little or walk with your friends,  
If everyone does their small part,  
The world will be a better place.



poster



Song/rap

Deadline – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
(last day before the Christmas holidays)



Results will be announced  
in the first two weeks back in January 2026.

INSET DAYS: 27 March, 1 June & 3 July 2026

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## Upcoming FoBS Events

**Christmas Wreath Making Workshop - Thursday 4th December at 7pm**

Spaces are limited, so be sure to [buy your ticket](#) by **Sunday 30th November**.

### Christmas Fair - 12th December

We still need volunteers to help on the day. Please sign up to help by using this [link](#). We're also collecting donations of wrapped sweets, soft toys, and pre-loved toys or books (in good condition, please).

These can be dropped off at the school office by Friday 12th December.



## Dates for your Diary

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm** – FoBS Christmas Wreath Making

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am** – Nativity

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am** - Nativity

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – FoBS Christmas Fair

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2:15pm-3pm** – Book Look

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 1.45pm** - Christmas Service, St Mary's Church

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – term finishes at 1.30pm

## Fundraising for School

### [Link to PayPal](#)

**Remember to join easyfundraising - you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra, so please help us to raise funds.**

## REMINDER

### Pupil Premium

If you are on a low income making a FSM application can greatly benefit your child.

It is often thought that parents of children in KS1 who currently receive Universal Free School Meals do not need to make a Free School Meals Application for the school to receive Pupil Premium. **THIS IS NOT THE CASE.**

Please contact the office if you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Any accepted applications for Free School Meals (whether or not your child takes the meal up) attract over £1300 per child per year which the school can use to greatly enhance the resources available for your child both within the classroom and for extra-curricular activities. We may be able to help with school uniform costs, trips and other extra-curricular activities like swimming and music tuition.

**Making an application is easy and confidential.**