



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

04.12.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pantomimes

All of our children enjoyed our annual pantomimes yesterday. Nursery and Reception enjoyed 'Aladdin' here in school whilst everyone else went to the Albert Hall in Bolton to enjoy 'Peter Pan'. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of these events and for the volunteers who helped to supervise our children. We all had a thoroughly good time. Oh no we didn't! Oh yes we did!

Sharing Assemblies

This week, it's our Year 6 Sharing Assembly, which was postponed earlier in the term. There aren't any more Sharing Assemblies planned now until the new year owing to our Christmas performances:

- 1.45pm 5th December Christmas Carol Concert at St Andrews Church (Year 3-6)
Everyone invited
- 4.30pm 7th December The Big Sing (Choir) @ Audacious Church Manchester
(tickets available here:
<https://audacious.churchsuite.com/events/4vku19kw?tickets=nhW3>)
- 1.00pm 9th December Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance (see letter to parents)
- 10.00am 10th December Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance (see letter to parents)
- 1.30pm 10th December Year 5 and 6 Salford City Academy Christmas Carol concert at St Andrews Church (see letter to parents)
- 2.30pm 15th December Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance (see letter to parents)

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- 9.20am 16th December Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance (see letter to parents)

Christmas Disco 17th December



From 3.20 we will be hosting a 'Mini Festive Fun Hub and disco'. Downstairs there will be:

- Tombola
- Christmas Hamper Raffle
- Games and Quiz
- Delicious Treats

Upstairs there will be a festive disco (tickets available from the school office).

In the run up to the event we will be selling raffle tickets and running a 'Name The Baby' competition' and 'Guess the number of candy canes in the jar' competition. Please see Mrs Birkett for any further information. Thank you to all of the staff who are involved in the preparation and running of these events.

Christmas Raffle

The raffle will be drawn at the disco. If any children aren't there, a prize will be chosen for them and given to children on Thursday.



Clubs

Clubs finish on 12th December,

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Lunchtimes

Our school yards are really limiting in terms of the opportunities for play at lunchtimes. After Christmas our staff are introducing 'Play Zones' so we can offer more than football and free play. To help resources this, I am looking for donations of second hand equipment and toys so we can provide as much as we can without breaking the bank.

Every fortnight I will be asking for specific donations to help with storage (so it doesn't all come in at once). With Christmas coming, some of you may be thinking of throwing away some toys that are in good condition that we would be able to use, so please keep an eye on this newsletter.

Donations aimed at primary school age children

Scooters, bikes, trikes, balance bikes

Board games

Dressing Up Clothes

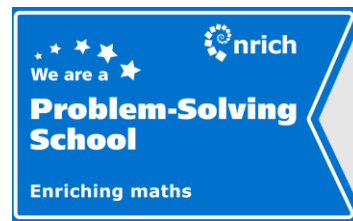
Dolls and other 'small world' items

e.g. toy animals, play kitchen equipment

Small suitcases on wheels

All donations gratefully received.

God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher



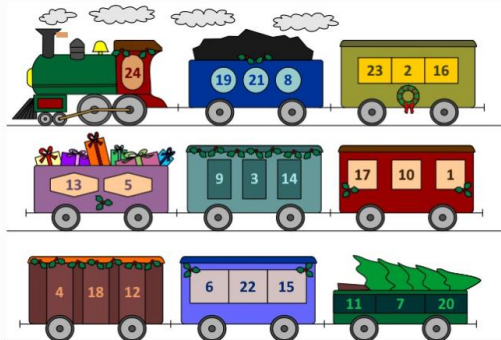
Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Advent Calendar 2025 - Primary

Here are twenty-four problems, which we hope will tap into your mathematical curiosity. There is one for each day in December, during the run-up to Christmas.

After you've had a go at the day's problem, you can compare your approach to the solutions we have published, which are based on students' work.

We hope you enjoy working on them!



<https://nrich.maths.org/problems/less-more>

<https://nrich.maths.org/advent-calendar-2025-primary>

All solutions to be handed in to Mrs Bladen-Kay

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