

NEWSLETTER



BALFOUR
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 6th December 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Christmas Fair:
Thursday 12th
December

Christingle service:
Friday 13th December
(Unfortunately, due to limited space in the church, parents and carers are not able to attend)

**Christmas lunch and
Christmas jumper day:**
Wednesday 18th
December

**Year 3 pupils
Christmas Carol
performance to
parents:** Wednesday
18th December
9:15am and 2:00pm

**Last day of term 2 and
TAG day:** Friday 20th
December

First day of term 3:
Friday 3rd January
2025



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Christingle



On Friday 13th December, we will be attending our annual Christingle services at St Stephen's church. Lower school will be visiting in the morning and upper school in the afternoon. This is an important part of our RE curriculum and provides pupils an opportunity to learn about the meaning of the Christingle and visit a church in their local community. Unfortunately, due to limited space in the church, parents and carers are not able to attend this visit. The children will be making Christingles to take to the church; the school will provide most of the resources needed and need help from parents and carers to send in an orange for your child to use. Please send an orange to school with your child on Thursday 12th December.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has helped us with recent fundraising efforts, including the Asda Cashpot reward scheme and the Scholastic Book Fair. We are delighted to share that the Asda Cashpot scheme has earned £900 for the school! This will go to Friends of Balfour to help us fund new equipment for the children to enjoy and keep the cost of trips and events as low as possible for everyone.

As a result of purchases from the book fair, we are able to spend £190 on new books for the school, which will help us to keep class libraries well-stocked and help us to continue to promote a love of reading.

School Parliament

A big well done to School Parliament representatives from Year 3 and Year 6, who visited a local residential home on Tuesday to sing Christmas carols to the residents. They showed the spirit of kindness and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the pupils who went and to Mrs McNeil, Mrs Atkins and Miss Murphy for organising the trip and taking the children.

Car Park

Please note that the school's car park is for staff use only, including before and after school. We have received concerns about dangerous parking and vehicles driving at speed when some parents and carers are dropping off or picking up from breakfast or after-school club. Please park outside of the school and walk to the MFSE provision. If you have to use the car park for any reason, please be mindful that there is a strict 5mph speed limit in place for the safety of all members of the school community. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



3H: Roman	3L: Anaya	3M: Olivia	3P: Olly
4H: Sartaaaj	4B: Sonia	4T: Viktoria	4O'K: Cordelia
5H: Maia	5K: Blake	5C: Emily	5R: Isra
6K: Mayleigh	6L: India-Beau	6Ma: Alice	6Mo: Ayaan