

## What we've been up to!

Friday 29th November 2024

**Open Day** was a super busy day with lots of families interested in joining our school. Thank you all for sharing the information. If you know of anyone who is thinking of sending their child to our school but missed Open Day, please do encourage them to ring us to book a tour. Thank you

We have been learning all about **Remembrance Day** with Revd. Chris leading our Remembrance Service.

The world famous choir—**The Sixteen** came to visit us to perform and teach the children some singing techniques which was an amazing opportunity for us all.

**Forest School** with Miss Luttrell has been wonderful and the weather has been relatively kind to us.

**Year 4** went on a class trip to Eureka! this month and had a great time there.

**Children in Need**—we all came to school in our pyjamas and raised a total of £170 for this very worthwhile charity.

**Class Assemblies**—Years 4 & 5 invited their families in to watch their inspiring assemblies, thanks to everyone who came along.

**KS1 Multi-Skills Festival**—our infants did an amazing job at this competition and were narrowly pipped at the post and came second. Very well done!

**Panto**—the whole school went to see Aladdin at The Victoria Hall in Bolton this week and we all had fabulous time, singing along and dancing to the music.

**Our Christmas trees** have arrived, huge thanks to one of our families for arranging these for us.

We know that school life is always busy but more so in the run up to Christmas. Please do keep an eye on the calendar on the website as this is always kept up to date and if you forget something, please do not worry, just ring the school office and we will help wherever we can. Thank you

## General Information

**School Staff Car Park & Side Road**—please do not park on the school car park or side road when dropping off and collecting children for safety reasons. Please pass this message onto other relatives/friends who may collect. Thank you

**Medicines**—please do not leave any medicines or medication, even throat lozengers in children's bags; please speak to the office staff about the administration of all medicines. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Dogs**—if you tether your dog to the gates just outside of school whilst dropping off or collecting your child, can you please ensure that any dog mess is cleaned up after them, thank you

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## Stay & Play

Do you have a child aged 3 looking to start school in September 2025? If so, we have two free 'Stay & Play' sessions in our Reception classroom on Thursday 19th December, where you can bring your child along to meet other children and families in that cohort and get them used to being in school. The sessions are 9.30-10.15am or 10.45-11.30am. If you and your child would like to come along, please ring the school office on 01204 852932 to book a slot. We're very much looking forward to meeting lots of new families as well our existing families. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested. Thank you

## Christmas Lunch

**Christmas Lunch & Hat Competition – Wednesday 4th December (No tuck shop on this day)**

As is tradition, Mrs. Appleton and her team of elves will be serving Christmas lunch to the children on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. All children who are already on school meals will automatically be offered this lunch (vegetarian/vegan options available too). However, **if your child is currently on packed lunches from home, but wishes to join in, please email the school office to reserve their place before 2nd December.** Unfortunately, late bookings cannot be accepted as Mrs. Appleton will need to place her orders in advance. The cost of the lunch is £2.70 which will be added to your child's ParentPay account. Mrs. Appleton is also running her **Christmas hat competition** which is open to all children and prizes will go to those children judged to have put lots of effort into their own creation! Hats can be brought into school on Wed 4th Dec for judging.

## PTFA Update

**Christmas Jumper Days** - Dig out those Christmas jumpers for every Friday in December (normal school uniform please but with Christmas jumper instead of school jumper/cardigan)! In exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper, the PTFA are kindly asking for a donation of chocolate on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December no donation is required.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle** - Each class will be making a Christmas Hamper which will be raffled. Tickets will be sent home with your child if you wish to buy them. Please return the stub and money back to school before Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and winners will be notified.

**Christmas Fair Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 – 11.00am for Infants (Rec, Year 1 & 2) and 2.00-3.00pm for Juniors (Years 3-6). As this event is held during the school day, this will be for the children only. If your child wishes to bring money to spend at the fair, please put this into a named purse, wallet or envelope. Alternatively, parents may 'pre-order' some spends at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or has a great idea for an event, please send an email to:

[edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com](mailto:edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com)

Thank you once again, PTFA

## Community News

**Turton Young Farmers Christmas Tractor Run is Sunday 1st December** in aid of charity MIND Lancashire Please see the attached flyer for the route details. This is an amazing community event and one not to be missed; last years was just fantastic and is definitely worth wrapping up warm and standing outside to see.

**Children's Church at St James Church, Edgworth**—every Tuesday (term time) at 6.15pm. Please see attached flyer for a list of their December services plus information on their Christingle Service on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

## Christmas Carol Service (KS2)

We are once again going to be having our school **Christmas Carol Service at St. Anne's Church in Chapelton on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December starting at 1.45pm. Only children in Years 3 to 6 will be walking to Church, however, all families** are welcome to attend. Each junior class will be singing their favourite Carol.

Children will walk to and from the church so please ensure they have a coat. Children should wear their school uniform and they may wear a Christmas hat, reindeer headband, tinsel in their hair, etc. The service should last around 30 minutes and we will then be selling hot chocolate and mince pies for £1. We can only take cash please and correct change would be wonderful. Thank you

## Holiday Term Dates 2025-26

Please see the attached school holiday term dates for 2025—2026. These are also on our school website.

Thank you



# Calendar of Events

The complete school calendar of events can be found on the school website, under the Parents tab, Term Dates and will be the version that is kept updated. If there are any changes or new additions to the calendar, we will highlight these in amber for your ease. Paper copies can also be collected from the school office.

Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Whole school	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a coloured hamper donation.
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Choir	Blackburn Cathedral performance
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00	School Meals	Christmas Lunch for those on school meals
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45pm	Guitarists	Guitar Concert for families
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for chocolate donation
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.00pm	Choir	Christmas Carols at Edgworth Cricket Club
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30-2.30pm	Year 2	Turton Tower - A Victorian Christmas
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-3.10pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for families
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.30pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for families
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-3.10pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for Grandparents
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45-2.45pm	Years 3-6	Christmas Carol Service St. Anne's - all families welcome to join us
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day - no donation
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00-11.00am	Infants	PTFA Christmas Fair
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Juniors	PTFA Christmas Fair
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00-10.00am	Rec Parents	Reception parents craft session
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Choir	Choir performing at Blackburn Library
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00-10.00am	Rec Parents	Reception parents craft session
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Party
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Year 3 & 4	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Year 5 & 6	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day - no donation
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Whole school	Special Visitor!
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for Christmas break
Christmas Break Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (inclusive)			
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	08.55am	Whole school	School starts



Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see more amazing pictures of our school in action! (via the new school website [www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk](http://www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk))

Mr. Wheatley