

# Bersted Green Primary School

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December 2025

**We would like to say Happy Christmas to our families and all the best for the New Year -2026!**

## Festive Events

Over the next three weeks there are lots of different events happening, please make sure you have got your tickets for Reception, year 1, 2 and 3 performances. Raffle tickets are on sale from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and please make sure if your child is in years 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 you check the date your children are going ice skating, so you can remember warm clothing and gloves for them. Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December it's Christmas jumper week please make sure children come dressed in school uniform with their Christmas Jumper.

## Reducing one form of entry

Here at school, our year groups size has been reducing due to low birth rate in our local area. So, like several schools locally, last year we made the decision to reduce one form of entry from September 2027 while the birth rate is so low.

This decision was made so we could maintain single year groups and not mix year groups as we find this a much more effective way to teach our children. It also means that, for now at least, we can afford to have teaching assistants supporting children's learning in classes too as well as all the resources we need.

We are very excited that over time we will be able to use classes that become empty for special learning spaces – Mr James is keen to develop an art area, and we would also have a cooking space etc and lots of group spaces.

## Clubs, Trips and Meals

**A Reminder that free afterschool clubs finish week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and new clubs will be on MCAS in January 2026, a message will be sent in the New year about when you can start booking clubs. Paid afterschool club will finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

**Year 5 and 6 polite reminders please look at paying the deposit for swimming and the Residential for year 6.**

**Cut off dates for meal ordering for next year is Christmas day, so please make sure you book your children's meals in good time, we return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**



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## Some important dates for the lead up to the Christmas holidays

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	All years	Raffle tickets on sale
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 1	Planetarium visit to school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4	Holy cross church 1.45pm, more information to come
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3	Panto 2pm, more information to come
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3	Panto 9.15am, more information to come
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2	Christmas story 2pm, more information to come
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5	Singing at Dove court
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5	Singing at Gerard lodge
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2	Christmas story 9.15am, more information to come
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3	Makerspace show
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Ladybirds and Year 1	Winter songs 2pm, more information to come
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Ladybirds and Year 1	Winter songs 2pm, more information to come
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6	Ice-skating
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	All years	Christmas jumper week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	All years	Last day of selling raffle tickets
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	All years	Raffle to be drawn
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2	Elf day dress up, see slip that was sent home. 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 and Dormice	Ice-skating
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	All years	Christmas school dinner, please order on ParentPay by Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December cut-off date.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6	Christingle service, children only
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Frogs	Ice-skating
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	All years	Christmas party/disco 3pm to 4.30pm pick up from classes, consent and pay on MCAS
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	All years	End of term, Christmas holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	All years	No children in, Inset day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	All years	Start of term, all children back to school.

