



Alanbrooke Academy Newsletter Dec 25

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Good afternoon,

It's hard to believe we have only two weeks left of this half term – one of the busiest we've had! The festive spirit is in full swing, and the children are thrilled that the cheeky elves have returned for another year. It's hard to say who enjoys it more, the children or the staff! We are looking forward to a fun-filled couple of weeks, with the Christmas Singalong, Movie Night, and Christmas Jumper Day just around the corner.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils for their fantastic work and their positive attitude to school life this half term. They continue to impress us in everything they do.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas break when it arrives.

Mrs Long

Deputy Headteacher

New starters for 2026 reception class

Admission applications for new starters open on 12th October, 2025 and close on 15th January, 2026. This is for children born between September 2021 and August 2022.

Please use the link below for more information and to apply for your place.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primaryschool-and-junior-school>

Applications close on the 15th January 2026 and the national offer day is 16th April, 2026.

We are always happy to welcome visitors—please feel free to drop in or arrange a time to look around our school if you are considering us for a new starter.



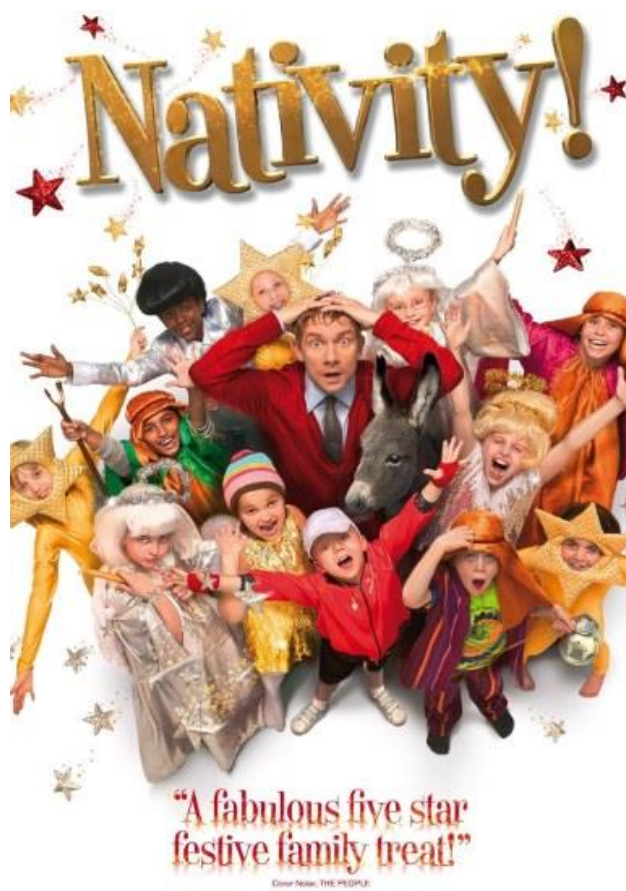








Christmas Movie Night



The whole school is invited to join in a Christmas movie night on Monday 15th December 3.20-4.30pm. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided but please feel free to send in another small snack or treat with your child. The children can bring pillows, teddies, blankets, pyjamas etc to cosy up and enjoy the movie. Please send these into school in a separate bag.

Please return consent forms and contribution of £1 per child or £2.50 for more than 2 children to the school office.

Christmas Singalong

We are excited to invite you to our Christmas Singalong on Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm. We hope to help you get into the festive spirit by singing some of our favourite Christmas songs. The children have been practicing so hard and sound fantastic. Everyone welcome!

Christmas Jumper Day 2024



We are supporting Save the Children this year with their annual Christmas jumper day on Thursday 11th December. The fundraising link will be shared on Class DoJo nearer to the day. Children can come to school that day dressed in their Christmas finest.

We are also having our Christmas dinner together on Thursday 11th December.

Closing for Christmas

We break up for Christmas at **3.20pm on Friday 19th December.**

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 6th January** as Monday 5th is a staff training day.

Smart phone free childhood campaign

Thank you to a number of parents have made us aware of the Smart Phone Free Childhood Campaign. Whilst we do understand that maybe as they become more independent children

walking home may need the safety that phones provide them. There is certainly lots of research to support how carefully parents, schools and adults around young children need to monitor access and exposure to online dangers.

There is a growing community that is gaining momentum - [Smart Phone Free Childhood](#) - and I wanted to bring the movement to your attention. They have a [Parent Pact](#) that empowers parents and guardians with the tools and resources they need to delay smartphones from their children for as long as possible.

So far, over 150k parents have signed up, covering over 13,500 UK schools, and there are lots of success stories.

There are multiple local SFC [WhatsApp support groups](#) parents can join to keep children smartphone-free. (There is now one for Thirsk) We wanted to support and make parents aware of the movement and the local groups above. We have joined as a school and will pass on any useful insights on to you.

Important ParentPay reminder

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS ARE CLEARED PROMPTLY - THANK YOU.

As a small school, it's really important that we keep our meal accounts balanced so we can continue providing daily lunches smoothly. Please take a moment to check and top up your child's ParentPay account if needed. Keeping accounts up to date helps us manage our kitchen orders and budgets effectively.

Earrings

Just a reminder that earrings **should not** be worn for PE lessons/competitions/swimming. Only stud earrings are permitted at other times. This is due to health and safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

Child Absence and Sickness

May we respectfully ask that if your child is ill could you please ensure that you phone the school and leave a message on the dedicated absence line or messages can be left on our school email.

If your child is unwell and has had sickness and/or diarrhoea they are required to remain at home until 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to avoid spreading germs across the school.

School Office 01845 577 474 or admin@alanbrookeacademy.org. Please let school know on a daily basis.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for the Diary

DECEMBER

Friday 5th December - Christmas Carols with Padre 1.30pm Families welcome at the Chapel on camp

Thursday 11th December- Christmas jumper day and school Christmas lunch

Monday 15th December- Mini Police Pass out ceremony 2.45pm Parents and families of Armstrong class welcome

Monday 15th December- Movie night 3.20-4.30pm

Wednesday 17th December- Christmas sing a long 2.30pm

Friday 19th December- Finish for Christmas holidays

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5th January- Staff training day

Tuesday 6th January- Pupils return to school

Thursday 22nd January- Cross country KS2

FEBRUARY 2025

Friday 13th February- finish for half term.

Monday 23rd February- Pupils return to school

The term and holiday dates for the academic year 2025/2026 are on the school website. Please click on the link below to view these.

[Term dates](#)

Contact Us

Please continue to use Class Dojo for communication to teachers. If your child is going to be absent please email or call the office.

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