



# Bickershaw Church of England Primary School

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## December Newsletter 2025

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a huge success, and we would like to thank everyone for coming along and supporting the school. We made a total of **£1,949.40**.

The winner of the teddy was **Runo** in Reception.

### Christmas Dinner



On **Friday 12th December** the children on school meals will be having a Christmas dinner.

We will have a non-uniform day (£1 donation) on this day and would like the children to dress in festive clothing. However, please do not purchase anything especially for this occasion, non-uniform will be fine. All money raised will go to Wigan & Leigh Hospice.

### Our Christian Values

Our Christian value for Spring Term 1 will be **Agape**.

### Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on the following dates:  
Infant Christmas Party - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December pm  
Junior Christmas Party – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December pm

Children can come in their party clothes.

### Outdoor Carol Service

There will be an outdoor Carol Service on the Junior Playground on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.15pm. Refreshments will be available.



### Christingle Service



You are warmly invited to the Christingle Service which takes place in Church at **2.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

Each child has been given a 'candle' in the hope that you might donate some small change, which benefits the Children's Society.

I would be grateful if they could be returned by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest.

Thank you for your support.

A Taberner  
Headteacher

### Attendance

Congratulations to **Y2** on their attendance in November! Their attendance was the best in school with 95%. Below is a list of each classes' attendance for November.

Year	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3/4	Y4/5	Y5/6	Total
%	88.1	92.8	95.0	91.9	94.4	90.8	<b>92.2</b>

School's target for attendance is 96%

### Citizenships Awards



Well done to the pupils who received the Citizenship Award in November! Citizenship Awards are given for displaying Christian/British values in and around school.

Child	Class
Salsabil	Y3/4
Yat Yui	Y2
Joseph	Y1
Isaac	YR





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## Christmas Hampers

The lucky winners of the Christmas Hampers were:

Food Hamper	<b>Kate Y6</b>
Christmas Cake & Wine	<b>Jean Barlow</b>
Fruit Hamper	<b>Aaron Y6</b>
Matchmakers & Wine	<b>Kate Y6</b>
Chocolate Hamper	<b>Alison Story</b>
Matchmakers & Wine	<b>Mrs Waltho-Chase</b>
Baking Hamper	<b>Mrs Stock</b>
Matchmakers & Wine	<b>Lily Y6</b>
Clean Up for Christmas	<b>Sophie Y6</b>
Toiletries Hamper	<b>Kate Y6</b>
Games Hamper	<b>Mrs Waltho-Chase</b>
Matchmakers & Wine	<b>Peter Wilson</b>
A Good Night in Hamper	<b>Owen Y3</b>
Playdoh	<b>Pam Derbyshire</b>

## Christmas Tree Decoration

The winners of the Christmas Tree Decoration Prizes were:

Reception	<b>Archie</b>
Year 1	<b>Isobelle</b>
Year 2	<b>Theo</b>
Year 3/4	<b>Poppy</b>
Year 4/5	<b>Marlie</b>
Year 5/6	<b>Aaron</b>



## PGL Residential Payments

A reminder that the **£60** confirmation payment for PGL is due by **19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

Failure to pay will result in your place being offered to another child. If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to "Bickershaw Church of England Primary School".

## Celebration Assembly

On **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a Celebration Assembly for the **infants**, held in the School Hall at 9.00am.

On **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a Celebration Assembly for the **juniors**, held in the School Hall at 9.00am.

All parents/carers and parishioners are very welcome to attend.

## Icy Conditions

In icy conditions, the blue path from the gate to the school entrance **ONLY** will be gritted. Please use the front entrance for Breakfast Club, as the hall entrance gets slippery.

## Santa's Grotto

Santa will be back for another visit for the children in school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** during school time. If you would like your child to meet, have a photo and receive a present from Santa for £4.00, please complete the slip which was sent out, and return with payment, by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas – Church diary dates

- Carols by Candlelight – 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm
- Crib service – 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. Children (and adults) go dressed as a nativity character.
- Christmas Day Service (Holy Communion) at 10am

## School Closes

School will close for Christmas on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025** at the usual times and will re-open on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.





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## Diary Dates:

<b>Y1 Infant Nativity Play</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - 2:30pm &amp; 5:30pm</b>
<b>Y2 Infant Nativity Play</b>	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - 2:30pm &amp; 5:30pm</b>
<b>Choir Performance</b>	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 2:30pm &amp; 5:30pm</b>
<b>School Church Service – in Church Led by YR</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>Candles to be returned for Christingle</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>Christmas lunch for the children and non uniform day. (Christmas Jumper Day)</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>Carols by Candlelight Service in Church</b>	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 4pm</b>
<b>Infant Christmas Party</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 pm</b>
<b>Junior Christmas Party</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 pm</b>
<b>Santa Grotto Visit</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>Christingle Service in Church</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 2:30pm</b>
<b>Community Christmas Meal</b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 1:30-3pm</b>
<b>Outdoor Carol Service</b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 3:15pm</b>
<b>Celebration Assembly – Infant</b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>Celebration Assembly – Junior</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>School Closes for Christmas</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>School Open for Spring Term 2025</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 8:50am</b>