



# Apple Press

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Newsletter

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## Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 7 December, instead of the usual roast dinner, Christmas dinners will be served. Please book per usual on Wisepay but note that there will be no other choices available on that day. For a Christmas dinner select a Main and for a vegetarian Christmas dinner, select the Vegetarian option. If your child does not want the Christmas dinner, please send them in with a home packed lunch. The whole school will be eating together in the hall even if they have a packed lunch. "Tis the season to be jolly..."

**We are delighted to invite all parents, carers and grandparents to St Mary's Church Banham for Banham School's Christmas Carols on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm.**

It has been 4 years since we held Banham School's Christmas Carols at the church! Over the years we have alternated between the Community Centre and the church for the school's Christmas production. We appreciate more than ever to be a part of such a beautiful village and the opportunities we're able to offer to bring the community together. We look forward to seeing you there! 🎄

Dear parents and carers,

Could I please remind everyone about safe parking around school drop offs and pickups, especially as the nights are drawing in and the weather is often very poor which can reduce visibility. A concerned parent has also asked me to remind all car drivers to kindly switch off their engines whilst waiting outside the school. It has been very well documented that air pollution around schools is often poorer due to car emissions which can have a negative impact upon everyone's health. This is particularly important at the moment as we have noticed a surge in coughs and colds across the school.

I would just like to say thank you to the school governors who were able to come into school yesterday for a learning walk, it is a really important part of our monitoring processes.

I would also like to thank the FOBS of the school for their continued fundraising and support for the school - if any new parents would be interested in helping with this then please let Ms Shahdadi know who can then pass on your details to the FOBS.

Best Wishes,  
Mr Gamble



We are holding a book sale! We would be really grateful for any donations of good quality books. They can be brought in from Monday and the money will go towards our new charity of the year which is Guide Dogs for the Blind. Many thanks, Lottie

Reverse Advent Calendar

We are asking for families to bring dry goods into school from the 1<sup>st</sup> December up until the last day of term. We will then donate all that has been given to the local foodbank to help families in need over the Christmas period. Many thanks, School Council

## Here are what the children have been up to in their classrooms for the last fortnight...

**Robins** are continuing their celebration topic. Last week we celebrated Diwali and made Rangoli patterns with rice to welcome people to our classroom. We then made and decorated Diya pots. This week we have been finding out why we celebrate our birthdays! In Maths we have been busy finding different ways to make number bonds to five using a five frame and Numicon.

**Swifts** are very proud of their model coastlines which they made using mod-roc and clay with painted details. They have been very busy learning how to compare, order, add and subtract fractions in maths. In literacy, they have been writing some fascinating information texts about the Himalayas and some spooky ghost stories. Year 6 were very lucky to have a special trip to the zoo on Tuesday and even got to feed the giraffes in the rain!

**Skylarks** have started looking at when, how and why the Vikings came to Britain and their trade routes. In maths we are learning to multiply and divide using times tables facts and we have had fun doing this with sticks! We have continued with our coding and learnt how to create an algorithm using sound commands. We even created a tune - twinkle, twinkle, little star! We created some beautiful remembrance day pictures, which are now on display in our cloakroom.

**Wrens** have had another busy couple of weeks. They've been creating some incredible seasonal artwork based around our topic and they have been working really hard to improve and develop their writing skills by writing some effective sentences using similes, contractions and adverbs. They have been practising counting in their multiples in maths and extending their knowledge of money and the value of coins. Wrens have also enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day and of course celebrating Children in Need Day last week.



### Dates for your diary

- 30 Nov '22 – No-uniform day
- 2 Dec '22 – NHS Dental Group (Y6)
- 7 Dec '22 – Christmas lunch
- 7 Dec '22 – Christmas Carols @ 6pm
- 9 Dec '22 – Santa Dash
- 12 Dec '22 – NHS School Nursing Team (Reception & Y6)
- 14 Dec '22 – Rock Steady Concert @ 10am
- 15 Dec '22 – Entertainer for the children, thank you FOBS!
- 17 Dec '22-3 Jan '23 – Christmas Break
- 3 Jan '23 – INSET Day
- 6 Jan '23 – Robins & Wrens trip to the Theatre
- 11-19 Feb '23 – Half Term
- 1-17 April '23 – Easter Break
- 17 April '23 – INSET Day
- 1 May '23 – Bank Holiday
- 14-16 June '23 – Swifts Residential
- 27 May-4 June '23 – Half Term
- 21 July '23 – Last Day of School