



ETHERLEY LANE NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we step into the Christmas term here at Etherley Lane Federation, our school and nursery are already alive with excitement and festive spirit! This is one of our busiest and most magical times of the year and we are delighted to share news and important dates with you. Please take a moment to check our key dates below;

28th November 2025 - Flu Immunisations in school

1st December 2025 - Christmas Jumper Swap

3rd December 2025 - Year 5 Rocksteady Concert

5th December 2025 - Teacher Training Day - School & nursery closed to all pupils

8th December 2025 - Nursery Trip to Bishop Auckland Town Hall for Pantomime

9th December 2025 - Whole School Trip to Bishop Auckland Town Hall for Pantomime

10th December 2025 - Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

12th December 2025 - Choir Trip to Sandringham Care Home

16th December 2025 - Christmas Performance at 9.30am & 5.00pm

17th December 2025 - Butterwick Reindeer Run

18th December 2025 - Christmas Disco in School

19th December 2025 - Break up for Christmas Holidays at 3.15pm

6th January 2026 - School re-opens for all pupils



Staff News

Mrs Walton and Mrs Wakes have now left our school and we wish them well in the future!

Christmas Jumper Swap

We are excited to launch this year's Children's Christmas Jumper Swap but to do so we need your help. If your child has outgrown last year's Christmas jumper, why not donate it to our swap? It is a fun, eco-friendly way to share the Christmas spirit and save money - just in time for Christmas Jumper Day!



Please bring any of your old Christmas Jumpers to the school office or nursery by Friday 28th November. All families will be welcome to come and choose a new Christmas jumper for their child from Monday 1st December - completely free!

Christmas Dinner Day

Chartwells are providing a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 10th December. If your child is already on school meals this day, they will get their usual choice on this day. If you would like them to have a dinner instead of their usual sandwich, jacket potato or toastie please complete the following link. If your child is not on school meals but would like to have a Christmas dinner this day, please also complete the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/n8XWYyYste>

Christmas Pantomime Consent

Just a reminder for all parents/carers to return the pantomime consent for all school and nursery children to school by 28th November 2025.

Christmas Performance Tickets

If you would like Christmas Performance tickets, please return the slip to school or nursery by Monday 1st December. All tickets will be sent home with the children by Monday 8th December. Please note it is a maximum of 2 tickets per family.

Thank you & Merry Christmas!