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Milnthorpe Primary School

*Dear Parents and carers,*

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break, filled with moments of calm and connection. Even though we've already been back for a week, I wanted to take a moment to warmly welcome you back to Milnthorpe Primary as we begin the Christmas term — always a magical time in school.

There's a real buzz around the classrooms and corridors, and it's lovely to see the children returning with such energy and enthusiasm. This term brings with it a wonderful mix of learning, creativity, and festive joy. We're looking forward to sharing our Christmas performances, welcoming special visitors, and celebrating together as the term draws to a close. These events are always a highlight, and we can't wait for you to see the children shine.

Of course, alongside the sparkle of the season, our focus remains firmly on learning. Our dedicated staff continue to support every child to make progress and feel proud of their achievements. It's also a busy time for sports and trips; Year 4 are preparing for their adventure to Robin Wood, and the Dallam Cross-country Competition is just around the corner.

As we move towards the festive season, we're encouraging all our children to embrace the spirit of kindness and generosity. Whether it's through supporting a charity initiative or simply helping a friend, these small acts make a big difference and help build the caring community we're so proud of here at Milnthorpe. We received a lovely card from Milnthorpe Area Food Bank to say a big thank you to all of you who donated items as part of our harvest celebrations before the half term break.

Finally, thank you to everyone who joined us in the square for Remembrance Day on Sunday. It was heartwarming to see the photographs with many familiar faces coming together to honour and reflect. A special well-done to Jacob and Lottie who represented school and laid the wreath.

As is the nature of school at this time of year, by the time of the next FYI there will be lots more to tell you about the Nursery Sponsored Walk, Year 6 Lacrosse tournament, School Council update, Robinwood, Dallam XC and the Kendal Mountain Festival — see you in two weeks!

Wishing you all a joyful and inspiring term ahead.

*Best wishes,*

*Paul Macfarlane*

*Head teacher*

November Birthdays

*"Happy Birthday to you...."*

Isaac Johnston, Oscar Atkinson, Hunter Wade,  
Nel Barr, William Atkinson, Kit Stone,  
Chloe Pritt-Shaw, Aubrey Marshall,  
Morgan-Dawn Read, Cesca Wilkinson,  
John-James Woodend-McKay, Jacob Bland,  
Mia Wilkinson, Emily Downes,

*.... enjoy your special day!"*



### PTA Upcoming Events

**Friday 28th November 6.00pm**

*Village Christmas Tree Light Switch On*

**Wednesday 3rd December**

*PTA Mufti Day for Tombola bottles and chocolates*

**Tuesday 9th December**

*Secret Room in school*

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11th December**

**1.30pm Raffle at the Christmas Plays**

**Friday 12th December 2.00pm**

*Raffle, Chocolate Tombola, Bottle Tombola and Toy Stall at the Christmas Fair*

**Thursday 22nd January 2026 3.30pm**

PTA Meeting in Year 4 classroom – EVERYONE is very welcome to attend 😊

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3.15pm - 3.40pm each day

**DATE:**  
Monday 17th - Thursday 20th November 2025

**LOCATION:**  
School Hall -  
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\* Time to secure your child's spot for our magical **Snow Queen** theatre adventure on **Thursday 4th December!** \*

\* Payments are now due on School Hub. Don't let this enchanting opportunity melt away! \*

\* Thanks for your prompt attention to this - we're so excited to share this wonderful experience with the children! 🙌

### Useful Links to our School Website

- **Diary Dates** - <https://milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe>
- **Guidance on Requesting Leave of Absence** -  
<https://www.milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe/site/pages/schoolinformation/holidaysintermtime>
- **Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026**  
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