



# Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025



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*Dear Parents and carers,*

*"I knew as soon as I heard the noise,  
It was only the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, not even yet bonfire night,  
but the faint sound through the wall was clear enough...  
Christmas. Music. Already!"*

That's right everyone, the younger children are now a full month into practising for their Christmas show and what a production it is turning out to be, I hope that lots of you manage to join us for the performances next week.

There is no better, or busier, time to be in a primary school than the run up to Christmas. In this week alone the Nursery have had a wonderful visit to Lakes Wildlife Oasis where they encountered all kinds of amazing animals and met a very special someone. Later this week it is the turn of the rest of the school to travel to Lancaster Dukes Theatre to see the Snow Queen, very exciting!

Elsewhere in this FYI, you will find lots of reminders about events and special days as we near the end of term. We've had our final meeting of the school council for 2025 and they had much to discuss. If you're passing by my office at any time, please have a look at the School Council notice board outside, you will see minutes from their latest meeting. They discuss all kinds of issues and I'm very proud of what an empathic and caring school council we have here at Milnthorpe.

Finally, you may well be aware that Mrs Rushton has moved on from Milnthorpe Primary School and has returned to Spain. We of course wish her all the best and will miss her greatly in and around school – we are all very jealous of that warm winter sunshine too!

*Thank you and best wishes,*

*Paul Macfarlane*

*Head teacher*



**It's Mufti Day tomorrow (3<sup>rd</sup> Dec)!**

Leave your uniform at home and wear your own clothes to school!

Please donate chocolates and or a bottle for the Christmas Fair (this can be anything from shampoo to wine, a selection box to a chocolate box – whatever you have at home will be equally valued.

Thank you all so much 😊

**December Birthdays**

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

Elijah Baines, Jenson Rainford, Arlo Winder,  
Thomas Staveley, Braxton Rushton,  
Lillie-Mae Wright, Archie Brown,  
Selina Stone, Sophia Urban,

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



We are all super excited to go to the  
**Snow Queen at The Dukes**  
on Thursday 😊

Please remember to send your child with a drink  
and a snack for the theatre, in a named bag 😊

The children will need to be in full school  
uniform, for ease of identification, but they are  
very welcome to wear Christmassy hats, deely  
boppers, reindeer antlers, or any other Christmas  
related head gear.

We will put a post on Dojo before we leave the  
theatre, with an ETA at school – please make  
sure that if someone else is collecting your child  
from school, that they know the pick-up time –  
please also inform your class teacher 😊

It is now possible to order your child's  
**Christmas Lunch on School Hub!**

Don't forget that the last date for  
ordering is This Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December



#### MPS Parent and Carer Christmas Crib Sheet

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November Pay for Snow Queen Panto on School Hub

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9.45am Nursery Christmas trip to Wildlife Oasis

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Mufti Day - Bottle and Choc donations for Christmas Fair please

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 – 4.30pm Snow Queen show at The Dukes - children need to bring drinks and snacks. At 3.30pm ish - check ClassDojo for a post regarding our return time

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am MPS Choir singing at Beetham Christmas Market

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am Last orders for Christmas Lunch on School Hub

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December Choir singing at Hollybank Care Home, Arnside

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December PTA Secret Room – children bring £2 to buy and wrap a gift for someone special to them

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Production (bring change for the raffle)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day - no donation, just for fun

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Production (bring change for the raffle)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm – 4.00pm Christmas Fayre (more information to follow regarding donations, baking, pick up times etc)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Christmas Carol Service at St Thomas' Church – all welcome

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm Class Christmas Parties – class teachers will be in touch regarding clothing and food

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm School Closes



Milnthorpe Primary School PTA  
**Christmas TOY DRIVE**

**Having a clear out before Christmas?**  
**ANY and ALL donations (in clean working order) will be greatly appreciated.**  
Our goal is to collect as many  
**TOYS and TEDDYS**  
as possible to be able to run a stall at  
**The School Christmas Fair - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**Bring Donations into School on the morning of the Christmas Fair - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
New to you....second hand is just a better choice  
for the whole world

#### 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**  
<https://www.milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe/site/pages/schoolinformation/termtimeandholidaydates>