December 2025

Broughton Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter of 2025 and gives a little bit of a flavour of the festivities that the children have been enjoying alongside their usual timetable of learning.

I always think that there is a great deal of important learning that takes place for the children at this time of year: taking responsibility for a part in a play, memorising lines, overcoming nerves, finding the confidence to take a role in front of an audience, waiting quietly, standing still... The list is long, but in all these things there are skills that will be important in their future. If children can become confident to speak in front of a large group now, it will help when they need to do it later life. Likewise the discipline needed to stand still and be quiet is an important one, and one that once mastered is a notable asset on many occasions.

For parents, the opportunity to see your child in a play or concert is one that is never forgotten. I know how important each of these moments is in making those memories.
We no longer spend weeks immersing ourselves in the arts and crafts of Christmas, or lots of Christmas themed activities - there is too much curriculum that should and is still taught. However I think that we have retained the important things, that mean that our children will still have the wonderful memories of Christmas at school that we want them to have. As ever, it is all about balance.

Please enjoy this newsletter and the half-termly round ups that have been prepared by the teachers. Then our thoughts turn to what is coming up in the first term of the new year and you will find lots of information in the letter and topic web that are attached.

With very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas to all our families,

Lucy Macey

and all the staff
at Broughton Primary School



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What's Coming Up?

First Day of Spring Term
Monday 5th January

Clubs Start
W/C 12/01/2026

Superhero Day!
Tuesday 13th January

SCARF Workshop
Thursday 15th January

Bikeability (Squirrels)
Monday 26th - Thursday 29th January

A Fantastic Nativity Performance!

We were thrilled to welcome parents and guests to this year's wonderful production of **The Big Little Nativity**. Our Squirrels Class and Otters Class thoroughly enjoyed performing on stage and sharing their hard work with such an appreciative audience. Their enthusiasm, confidence, and joy truly lit up the hall!

The Big Little Nativity was a beautifully engaging retelling of the traditional Christmas story. It's BIG because it tells a huge, timeless story complete with show-stopping songs, and LITTLE because it is easy and fun for our young performers to learn - perfect for Broughton Primary School.

With fabulously catchy songs and a lively cast, this nativity brought out the very best in our young performers. It was the perfect way to share a BIG story with LITTLE voices, resulting in maximum enjoyment for everyone involved.

A big well done to all our pupils, and a heartfelt thank you to families for your support.

Mrs Hudgell & Miss Gibson







Panto Fun!

We were delighted to enjoy this year's pantomime, "Richard Whittington", which proved to be an interactive delight for audiences of all ages. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, sitting beautifully throughout the full 90 minutes and engaging enthusiastically with every opportunity to join in. Laughter, cheering, and plenty of participation filled the school hall, with some children even becoming part of the cast! Attending the annual pantomime is a tradition we always treasure, and we are incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to experience it once again this year.







Wessex Rivers Trust Workshop

At the start of December, Willow Class from West Tytherley Primary School joined us for another collaborative learning opportunity with Foxes Class.

We welcomed Wessex Rivers Trust, as part of our Geography topic, to teach us all about rivers and how we can look after the rivers around us.

The children enjoyed a visual demonstration: travelling from the source of the river towards the middle and lower course, ending at the mouth in Southampton. In the classroom, they took part in some "river dipping".

There was some fantastic collaboration between the children from both schools and a lot of fun and learning was had by all!







SCARF Workshop

Thursday 15th January
3.30pm

On **Thursday 15th January a**ll children will be taking part in a SCARF workshop during the school day, held in the SCARF LifeSpace environment. Each session has been carefully selected to support the needs of specific year groups and to promote their personal, social and emotional development.

Badgers will explore Online Behaviour, learning how to stay safe and make responsible choices online.

Foxes will take part in a workshop on Acceptance, focusing on valuing differences and building positive relationships.

Otters and **Squirrels** will join the session Taking Care of Our Feelings, helping them recognise, understand, and manage their emotions.

These engaging workshops provide a supportive and age-appropriate way for children to develop important life skills. We look forward to a meaningful and enriching experience for all.

At the end of the school day, parents are invited to attend a short SCARF workshop led by a SCARF professional from Coram Life Education. The session will include an introduction to SCARF and how we use it in school.

P.E Champions!

One of my favourite ways to stay active is by swimming! I try to go to the pool at least once or twice a week and always aim to do at least 40 lengths of the pool (sometimes I push myself to do 64 which is equivalent to a mile!). Swimming is a great full-body workout that keeps me feeling strong and healthy. It's also a great way to relax and clear my mind after a busy day as I find that it is a time I fully switch off away from the day-to-day distractions, particularly those tempting screens. The best part? It doesn't feel like exercise when you're having so much fun and the time really does pass so quickly! I encourage everyone to give swimming a try - it's a great life skill to learn, and you never know, you might discover a new hobby you really enjoy!

Miss Ayres



Weekly Awards

Friday 19th December

Squirrels	Harper	For her engagement in reading and development in communication
Otters	Owen	For looking out for his peers and always offering a hand
Foxes	Maya	For her continuous effort in class her curiosity
Badgers	Millie	For being in the driving seat when writing in English and showing improved transcriptional accuracy

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	The Hurley Cup	The Payne Cup
Squirrels	Maggie	Maverick
Otters	Harriet	Freddie
Foxes	Dustee	Flora
Badgers	Benji	Alyssa

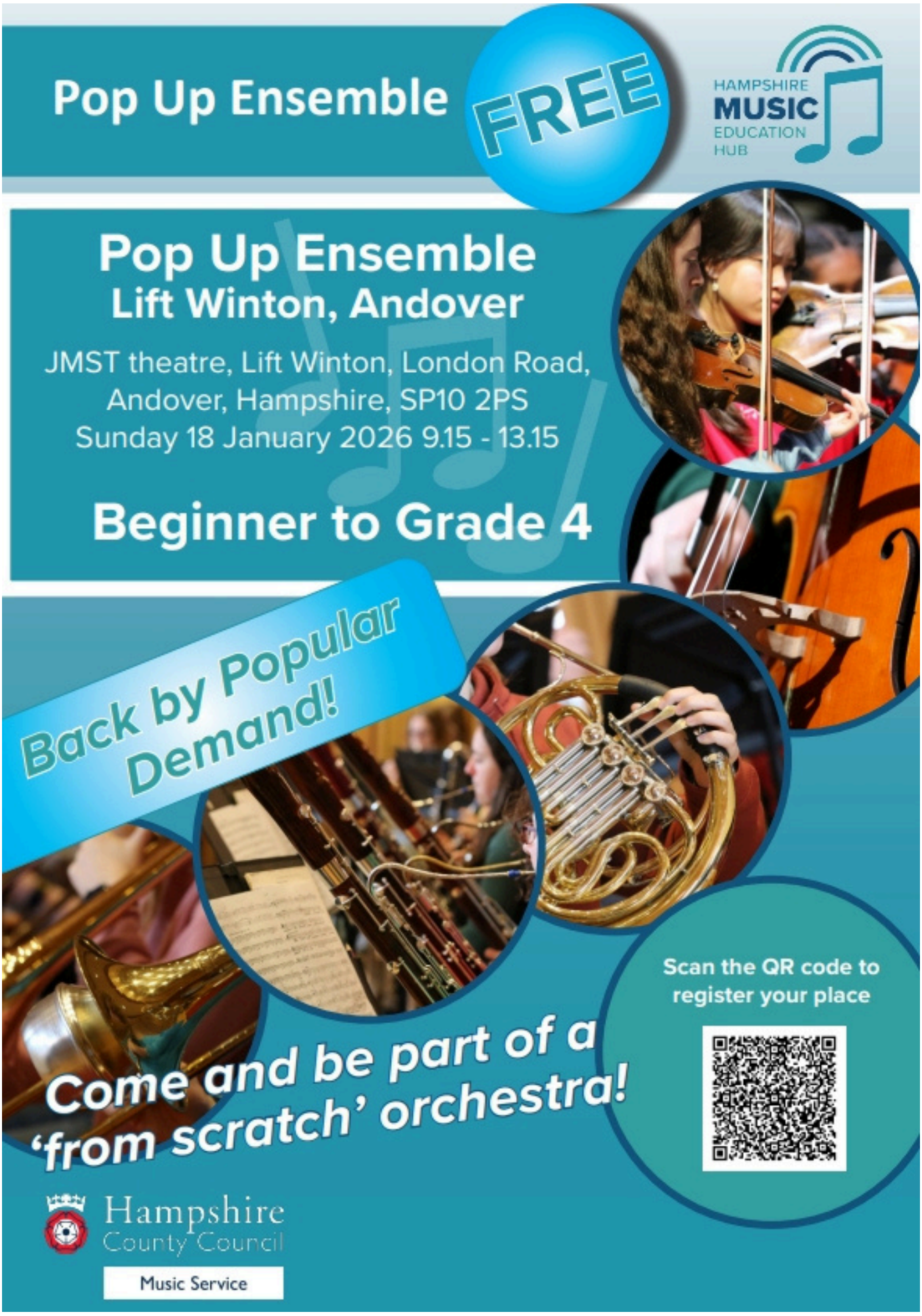
Merits

Termly Merit Totals

Fripp: 2710
Dowse: 2617
Steele: 3384

Individual Winners

w/c 15/12/2025
Tilly, Owen, Barrett, George


Pop Up Ensemble
FREE
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JMST theatre, Lift Winton, London Road,
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Sunday 18 January 2026 9.15 - 13.15
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