November 2025

Broughton Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents,
There is a lot to report about the events of the last three weeks as well as news of what is coming up in December. So read on….

Singing at Broughton Christmas Market

We are delighted to have been invited to sing some of our nativity songs at this year's Christmas Craft Fair. We will be on stage at 2.30pm, so if you are planning to attend make sure that you don't miss us.

Parents Evenings

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to look at your child's work and meet the teacher. Please arrive in plenty of time for your appointment and please remember that for everyone's benefit it is important that you only take your 10 minute time slot,. If you feel that the conversation needs more time, we would be happy to arrange a follow up appointment for you to speak with your child's teacher. There will be no Drama club on Tuesday 9th December

Cluster Sports- Football and Kurling:

In the last few weeks we have competed teams in both boys football and new age kurling.



The football took place after school on a gloomy day, which meant that play had to be stopped before all the matches could be played. As a result, the competition is rescheduled for the Spring term, so more opportunities are available for playing competitive football. Brilliant!



The Otters who took part in the kurling competition gave it their all, and their hard work truly paid off as we proudly secured second place. It was a joy to attend and watch their determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm shine throughout the event.

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What's Coming Up?

Parents Evening
(Otters, Foxes and Badgers)
Monday 1st December
Tuesday 2nd December

Nativity Performances
Monday 8th December 2.00pm
Tuesday 9th December 6.00pm

Last Week of Clubs
W/C 08/12/2025

Carol Concert
Friday 12th December
St Mary's Church
2.00pm

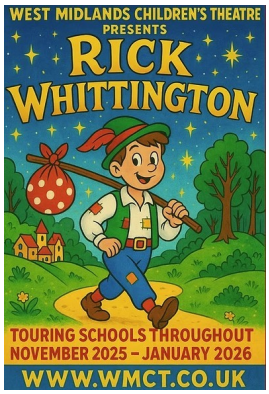
Christmas Dinner/ Festive Jumper Day
Thursday 18th December



Tickets - Squirrels and Otters for the School Production
Letters were sent home earlier this week. Please return requests for tickets as soon as possible. We would ask that you keep to the allocations, bearing in mind that siblings at the school will have seen the play in school time. We hope that child care is sorted out, however if you need to bring older siblings they can wait in the school and we will fit them into the hall, if we have room.

Our Christmas Tree donated by David Salter Flowers, Timsbury.
We would like to thank David Salter Flowers for kindly donating a tree to the school. We absolutely love it and would thoroughly recommend them for your own tree this year. Please do consider getting your tree from these wonderful people and supporting a local business. If you are interested in purchasing a Nordmann fir premium grade tree please contact 01794 367755. www.davidsalterflowers.co.uk





Richard Whittington - Pantomime at School on Friday 5th December (no celebration assembly)
Please note that there will be no celebration assembly on Friday 5th December, due to the pantomime performance in school that afternoon.

Last week of Clubs - week commencing Monday 8th December
Please make a note on your calendar that clubs will not run in the week beginning 9th December. Wraparound care (Early and Late birds) will run as usual. We are hoping to get the club lists for Spring term sent out before the end of term.

Carol Service– Friday 12th December at 2pm
We would be very pleased if you would join us for our Carol Service at the church . The children will be reading and singing to celebrate the story of The Birth of Jesus, according to the Christian scriptures. If you are able to help to walk the children to the church, please let Mrs Yates know.

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Carol Service 2025



Sensory Garden – Progress, Plans and Wish List!

We are thrilled to share the progress and plans for our sensory garden! We have transformed an unused area of school grounds into a welcoming space for exploration and wellbeing. So far, we have established a barked area with flow beds and pots, and creatively reused go-kart tyres as planters. We have received many generous donations of top soil, pots, and plants to get us started. An array of crocus, alliums, and daffodils will bring vibrant spring colour, while a hellebore (Christmas rose) adds texture. We have also planted small shrubs like hebe and revived a fuchsia and rose.

Looking ahead, our plans include renewing the fencing to create a distinct space, a pizza patch with herbs and veg for the perfect slice (basil, tomatoes, onions, oregano), perennials for colour and pollinators, a sitting area, a bug hotel, a small fairy garden, a climber on a trellis (honeysuckle), and an archway to provide a feature area within the garden.

Our vision is for this garden to be a peaceful, engaging space that encourages children to connect with nature, explore their senses, and enjoy quiet moments of reflection. We look forward to seeing it flourish and become a special part of our school community.

We are still relying on generous donations to help complete the garden and would be very grateful for:

- A circular wooden table and chairs to seat at least four children
- A Keter-style garden storage box
- Garden ornaments such as gnomes, bird baths, and stakes
- Small handheld tools in good condition (hand trowels, etc.)
- Gardening gloves
- Perennials or split plants from overgrown ones
- Herbs for scent (lavender, thyme, oregano, majoram, basil)
- Grasses for texture (festuca)

If you are able to help, please contact the school. Any contributions, large or small, will make a big difference in bringing this garden to life!

Thanks,
Mr Webbe and the Eco Council

Book Joy!

We were delighted to receive a wonderful supply of new books through a generous initiative run by Business in the Community (founded by His Majesty The King when he was Prince of Wales). The campaign supports children and families by improving literacy, helping over 15,000 children last year and aiming for more than 21,000 across 12 cities this year. As children who own books are six times more likely to read above their expected level, this initiative is a fantastic way to get more books into the hands of young readers. We are extremely grateful!



World Children's Day



Since 2020, we have had a whole school charter based the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This was initially devised with the pupil Rights Respecting Team and has since been reviewed by The Equality and Rights Advocates to ensure that it is still relevant for our current pupils. on Each pupil was invited to sign our School Charter, not with a pen, but with their own fingerprint. This gesture symbolised that every member is a unique and valued part of our school family. The fingerprint signing ceremony was both fun and meaningful, and the resulting Charter canvas now hangs proudly in the school hall as a daily reminder of our shared values and commitment to the rights of everyone in our school.

In addition, this year, it was announced that our word of the year is KINDNESS. All pupils from Key Stage 1 and 2, made a pledge to use kind words to each other to ensure that all pupils are treated with respect and kindness.



Following the Charter signing, after school, we turned our focus to celebrating the diverse backgrounds that enrich our school. Pupils were encouraged to reflect on their family heritage and share stories about where their families come from. With great enthusiasm, each child with their parent, pinpointed their family's origins on a map of the British Isles and a large world map. This activity sparked discussions and a wonderful sense of pride. The map quickly filled with colourful stickers and we were amazed to find that we have connections across the UK and to all 5 continents. Thanks to all the families who came to join us. If you were unable to do so, we would still like to include your family's heritage, simply ask for some help to place your sticker on the maps which are now on display.

Both the Charter signing and family heritage map activities under-scored what makes our school
exceptional: respect for the rights of everyone. We celebrated not only our shared values but also the family backgrounds of our pupils that shape our collective experience of school. These events will continue to spark conversations about identity, respect, and belonging, reminding us that everyone's story matters.





First Aid: Empowering our Children with Lifesaving Skills

Since 2020, all state-funded schools in England have been required to teach first aid as part of the PSHE curriculum and at Broughton we wholeheartedly embrace this responsibility. We believe that first aid is not just a statutory requirement, but a truly essential life skill that empowers children to act with confidence and care when it matters most.

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance team to Broughton. Their expert trainers worked with Otters, Foxes and Badgers Class, delivering engaging, hands-on sessions that taught our pupils what to do in a medical emergency.

Children learned how to stay calm and take charge in an emergency situation, how to make a clear and effective call to the emergency services, and how to manage common injuries such as head bumps and cuts. They practised helping someone who is choking and mastered the recovery position; skills that could truly make a difference in real-life situations. Our older pupils went even further, gaining an introduction to CPR and understanding the vital role it plays in saving lives.

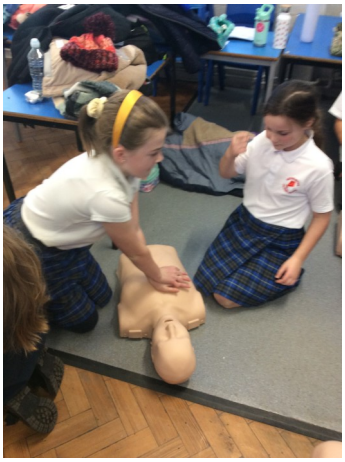
This workshop perfectly supports our SCARF curriculum, linking with our recent topic "Being My Best", which focuses on staying safe, building confidence, and looking after ourselves and others. We are incredibly proud of how enthusiastically our children embraced their first aid training and the sense of responsibility they showed throughout.

At Broughton, we want our children not only to learn but to feel empowered—ready to help, ready to care, and ready to make a difference.

Mrs Hudgell

PSHE Lead













Year 5/6 Remembrance Visit

On Tuesday 11th November, our Year 5/6 pupils visited the church for a special act of remembrance. The children explored the churchyard and found the names of those from Broughton who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars, taking time to pay their respects at their gravestones. They were then joined by members of the local community as everyone gathered together for the two-minute silence. A massive thank you goes to Chris Lloyd, who led such a meaningful and reflective morning for us as always. We were incredibly proud of the children - their maturity, respect, and thoughtful attitude embodied the true spirit of remembrance.





Children in Need Fundraising

Our School Council did a fantastic job organising a range of fundraising activities for Children in Need this week. We invited pupils to come to school dressed in spots, yellow, or Pudsey-themed clothing in exchange for a £1 donation to this wonderful cause. To help raise even more money, families kindly sent in cakes and biscuits decorated in Children in Need colours: yellow, white, red, blue, and green. These delicious treats were sold after assembly in the playground by our dedicated school councillors, with all proceeds going directly to Children in Need. In total, we raised **£153.72**. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported such an important charity - your generosity is truly appreciated!

Have a wonderful half term break!

Best wishes,

Lucy Macey

Executive Headteacher



Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on **Thursday 18th December**. This is also the day when the children can come in to school in their Christmas/festive jumpers instead of their normal school jumper/cardigan. The festive jumper is optional. We know that some children prefer to wear their school uniform to school and that is absolutely fine.

The cost of the Christmas dinner is the same as normal meal - £3.20 per child, this cost is only for children in KS2 (Badgers and Foxes. For children in Otters and Squirrels this will be free of charge.

Please let us know by Wednesday 3rd December if your child does not want a Christmas dinner so that the correct amounts can be ordered by the kitchen.

Menu

Chicken, pork sausage or Vegetarian Wellington (Vg)

with roast potatoes, stuffing and vegetables

TO FINISH

Christmas shortbread

or

Christmas ice cream



Weekly Awards

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of the following children:

Friday 10th November

Squirrels	Max	For encompassing all of our learning values
Otters	Toby	For having a mature attitude towards trying new things
Foxes	Ziggy	For always being a positive classmate and being a fantastic learner!
Badgers	Darcie	For being in the driving seat and stepping up to being a Year 5

Friday 17th November

Squirrels	Thea	For being in the driving seat and having an excellent attitude towards her learning
Otters	Maisie	For spreading sunshine wherever she goes
Foxes	Grayson	For his learning attitude this year and for being focused in all areas of learning
Badgers	Emmeline	For comparing the birth narratives between Matthew and Luke in detail

Friday 24th November

Squirrels	Willow	For being in the driving seat and making good use of classroom enhancements
Otters	Elsie	For challenging herself more in all areas of learning
Foxes	Millie	For being a fantastic role model in everything she does
Badgers	Evie	For being responsive to teacher feedback and always trying to improve in her learning

Merits

Individual Merit Winners
W/C 03/11/2025
Max B, Maisie, Perry, Claudia
W/C 10/11/2025
Maya B, Artemis, Albert, Harry, George H
W/C 17/11/2025
Freya, Otto B, Arlo, Zachariah
W/C 24/11/2025
Harper L, Harriet, Milo, William C

November Merit Totals	
Fripp	**878**
Dowse	**654**
Steele	**917**

The Board of Brilliance

The following children were recognised for their excellent attitudes this month:

Sunshine Spreaders

Willow, Freya, Orla, Bonnie, Maisie, Maya C, Millie M, Clemmie, Emmie, Darcie, Ezy

Thinking Outside the Box

Otto B, Hugo, Chloe, Grayson, James, Harry, Rafferty, Ella, Freddy S

In the Driving Seat

Thea, Tilly, Theo R, Max B, Landry, Artemis, Albert, James, Thomas, Arlo, Ivy, Emmie, Rafferty

Have a Go Hero

Casey, Maria, Theo F, Jack N, Maya C, Dustee, Rafe, George H, Benji

In the Community







SANTA'S GROTTO
AT WOLVERCROFT IS BACK

Santa's getting ready to meet everyone on the nice list and can't wait to make memories that will sparkle all season long.

We still have spaces available, call ☎ 01425 655525 to book your spot today!

£10 per child includes a special gift and unlimited photos with Santa

Santa is also wonderfully SEN-friendly ❤ every child is welcome to enjoy the magic at their own pace. If the grotto feels a little overwhelming, Santa can even come to meet you at our train station for a calmer, more comfortable experience.

If you've met Santa at Wolvercroft before, tell us in the comments

- What was your favourite moment?
- What makes Santa so special here?

Let's make this Christmas the most magical one yet!

In the Community

Christmas at The SALISBURY museum

As Christmas and the festive season draw near, we're delighted to warmly welcome all our visitors. Whether the weather isn't quite so merry and bright, or you're simply looking for a change of scene, come and enjoy Christmas at The Salisbury Museum.

Sir Charlie Stinky Socks

Saturday 06 December, 11am & 2pm

Step into a joyful quest with Kristina Stephenson and our favourite knight, Sir Charlie Stinky Socks, with interactive storytelling, dressing up, songs, surprises and plenty of giggles!
Pre-booking essential
Tickets: Adults £8, Children £6, Under 5s Free
Tickets include admission to the museum

Christmas Takeover

Our studio creative space is yours! Enjoy an entire room full of dressing up, block building, Christmas arts and crafts, and a cosy book corner. Open to all ages for stay-and-play fun!

Nutcracker Trail

Can you find them all? Spot the hidden nutcrackers around the museum and unlock a prize!

Under Fives Friday

Christmas Music Special!
Friday 12 December, 10-11.30am

Join musician Emily Askew for a joyful musical session for under-fives — with singing, dancing, and sleigh bells!

Discovery Day - Celebrations!

Tuesday 30 December, 10am -4pm

Make it. Wear it. Celebrate it!
Join us for a day packed with fun and creativity.

Our café is open, serving meals, snacks, mince pies, Christmas treats and delicious hot chocolate.

Christmas Opening Times
Open daily, 10am–5pm, including New Year's Day
Closed: 24, 25 & 26 December 2025

All events included in museum admission, and booking not needed unless stated otherwise.

See website for further details: salisburymuseum.org.uk

