



# INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Let your Light Shine

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



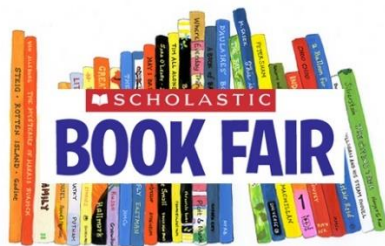
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – FOIS Christmas Fayre (3.30pm-5.30pm) in School
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Pantomime visit to see Cinderella at Bishop Auckland Town Hall
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1/Y2 Multi Skills Competition @ Staindrop Academy (am)
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Willow Class Nativity Performance @ 2.45pm
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Willow Class Nativity Performance @ 9.30am
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Chestnut Class (Y3/Y4) Multi-skills Festival (am) @ Staindrop Academy
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Carol Service @ 11am at St John's Church, Ingleton
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - School Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Parties (pm)
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day in school / Break up for Christmas
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - Teacher Training Day / School closed to pupils
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Pupils return to school



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A HUGE thank you to all parents for supporting our book fair. Altogether we spent over £520 which means our school received over £210 to spend on books for our school library.

This was AMAZING – THANK YOU! 



### PANTOMIME

The whole school will be going to Bishop Auckland Town Hall on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.00am** to see Cinderella. Many thanks to FOIS who have very kindly agreed to pay for the transport towards this. We can't wait!



## Friends of Ingleton School Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December 3:30 -5:30pm

Ingleton School hall

Home bakes

Stalls

Refreshments

Christmas  
crafts

Santa's  
Grotto

Raffle

Tombola



## NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Our Nursery & Key Stage 1 pupils will be performing "Baarmy Bethlehem" this year.

There are two performances:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am**

**Photographs** – we will be taking photographs of pupils involved in the Nativity and these will be on sale on the day. All profits will be going towards school funds.

**Please be aware that if you do not want your child's photograph to be taken, please inform us ASAP – thank you. Also, please be mindful that although photographs are allowed at the performance, I must please stress the need to be respectful of other people's privacy and please seek parental permission first before sharing any photos via social media.**



## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE / CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.

Everyone is welcome to come along to St John's Church, Ingleton for **11am**.

Pupils will also be having their Christmas lunch that day in school.

**If your child has a packed lunch and would like to have a Christmas dinner, please let us know by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the latest – thank you.**



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Please donate a voluntary contribution of **£2** if you can, and **wear your**

**Christmas jumper (non-uniform day).**

All money raised will go to Save the Children – thank you!



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children are welcome to send Christmas cards to one another or to their class. Please could we ask that all cards be brought into school by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** so that they can be sorted and given out to pupils. Unfortunately, due to data protection, we are unable to provide class lists.



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Each class will be having a Christmas party on the afternoon of

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

Pupils do not need to wear their uniform on this day and can wear a Christmas / Party outfit if they wish.

**Please could we ask for a £1 donation via ParentPay for party food – many thanks.**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

## **SWIMMING**

Chestnut Class pupils will start their swimming lessons in the New Year. Week commencing **13<sup>th</sup> January 2025** for 12 weeks at Teesdale Leisure Centre. We will let you know the exact day/date once they confirm this with us.

If they can bring a towel, one-piece swimming costume/swimming trunks or shorts. If they would like to wear swimming goggles these are permitted but not essential. Any child with long hair must have this tied back for the lesson.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

- **Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)** – Thomas M, Katherine & Billie
- **Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)** – Noah, Archie & Mason
- **Oak Class (Y5&Y6)** – Hugh, Freddie & Reuben

### **CORE VALUE SUPERSTARS**

#### **LOVE / KINDNESS / HONESTY / RESPECT**

- **Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)** – Emmett, Rosie & Thomas J
- **Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)** – Carezza, Freddy & Theo
- **Oak Class (Y5&Y6)** – Eliza, Freddie & Max



## **ATTENDANCE & ABSENCE POLICY**

### **2024-2025**

Just a reminder that our **Attendance and Absence Policy 2024-2025** is available on our school website. [https://www.ingletoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/school\\_policies](https://www.ingletoncofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_policies)

This has been updated in line with updated Government guidance and regulations including information linked to the new national framework on issuing penalty notices.

**I would be grateful if you could ensure you read this document carefully and are fully aware of the legal requirements around attendance - thank you.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Our Minimum Target is 96%  
Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.

Super work! 😊

<b><u>Willow</u></b>	<b><u>Chestnut</u></b>	<b><u>Oak</u></b>
<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>

Current Whole School Attendance is **97%**  
**Well done everyone!**

**Attendance Matters**



## **PE KITS**

PE kits will be sent home before the end of term.  
Can you ensure that your child brings their PE kit back to school in the New Year and leave it in school Monday to Friday or for the half term.



## **EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

Please can you let the office know if you have recently updated any of your contact details **especially mobile phone numbers and email addresses** as it is essential that we have two contact numbers per child - thank you.





## SPORTING EVENTS

Pupils will participate in the following sporting events over the next few weeks at Staindrop Academy. Our staff will accompany the pupils and parents do not need to attend. This is for your information only.

Class / Year Group	Event
Year 1 & Year 2 Multi Skills Competition	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 9:30am-11.30am
Year 3 & Year 4 Multi Skills Festival	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 @ 9:30am-11.30am

As the weather is getting colder just a gentle reminder that all children need to have the **correct** PE kit - a hoody, plain black jogging bottoms, trainers and a water bottle, please. If your child wears earrings and they are unable to take them out, then you will also need to provide plasters – thank you.



## RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2025

If you have a child who turns five between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026 you can now apply for a school place. Visit [www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces](http://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces) where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. Online applications are encouraged but paper application forms are available on request from Durham County Council. Applications close at midnight on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. For more information, please contact School Places and Admissions Team on 03000 265896.



## CHALLENGE HOMEWORK

Just a reminder that all children were allocated new homework challenges at the start of the Autumn term. Children have been given a paper copy of these and they are also available on our school website under the 'Our Classes' section. Just simply click on your child's class. Challenge homework activities are set per term and are linked to our current topic. Children are asked to complete at **LEAST ONE ACTIVITY** or more if they wish. Children have the **WHOLE TERM** to complete these. The deadline for Challenge Homework submission is **Wednesday 18th December 2024**.

Chestnut Class Autumn Term 2024 Challenge Homework			
Please find below details of Chestnut class challenges. Please note the homework covers the whole Autumn term and is to be handed in by Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December. All children in KS2 must complete at least one piece of the challenge homework. Our History theme this term is: 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Migration and Geography topic is Migration. In Science this term we are covering Animals Including Humans and Living things and their Habitats. Have fun completing the challenges!			
<b>Geography - Migration</b> <b>Your story with migration</b> Using a map of the world, discover where you, your parents, grandparents or other family members have migrated from. Find out why your family has migrated.	<b>Science - Teeth</b> Make a poster about how to take care of your teeth. Can you include how to brush your teeth properly and why?	<b>History - Migration</b> Try to name all the European countries that were once part of the Roman Empire. Can you explain how the Roman Empire changed the civilisation of these countries?	
<b>Science - Classification</b> Create a classification key with 8 items. It could be of something in nature e.g. leaves or flowers or something different like the picture. Remember to use questions with a yes or no answer.	<b>Art - Sonia Boyce Experimental Collage Creation</b> Explore the concept of collage using mixed media by creating a collage that represents your identity, drawing inspiration from Sonia Boyce's themes of personal and cultural identity. Use various materials, such as magazines, fabric scraps, and natural elements.	<b>Science - The Digestive System</b> Make a model of the human Digestive System. You can be as creative as you like. Remember to label the parts and explain their roles in digestion.	
<b>RE/Art - Creation</b> Choose a part of the Creation Story from Genesis 1:1-5 and create a picture. You might choose a picture of the Earth, Space, Sea or Land. You could even create a picture of a favourite animal. You may even be able to show all the different days.	<b>Be Creative</b> Choose your own challenge homework based on any topic we have covered or will be covering in school this term.	<b>Computing - Online Safety</b> Create online safety posters suitable for the younger children in the school. They need to be clear and concise. Extra points for using the computer to create the poster.	
<b>History - Historical Timeline Creation</b> Research the timeline of invasions by the Romans, Saxons, and Vikings. Create a large poster that clearly represents key dates, events, and reasons for the invasions.	<b>English -</b> Can you write your own Fairy Tale with a twist just like the True Story of the Three Little Pigs? How creative can you be?	<b>Get Baking!</b> Start feeling festive by making a Christmas themed treat to eat! <a href="#">Click here for more ideas</a> <a href="#">Kids BBC Good Food</a>	

## **SAFEGUARDING**

At Ingleton C of E Primary School, we are passionate about and committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and visitors to share this commitment.

Any concerns about children are passed through the members of staff who are trained as Designated Child Protection Leads. In our school, these are myself (Mrs Whitaker) and Mrs Street-Poulsen. We also have two link Safeguarding Academy Councillors - Mr Deakin and Mrs Hawlor.



Mrs Whitaker



Mrs  
Street-Poulsen



Mr Deakin



Mrs Hawlor

We have robust policies in place to ensure the well-being of our children. These policies underpin our practice and values shared by every single member of staff in our school. Copies are available from the school office or via our website <https://ingletoncofeprimaryschool.eschools.co.uk/web/safeguarding> & [https://ingletoncofeprimaryschool.eschools.co.uk/web/school\\_policies](https://ingletoncofeprimaryschool.eschools.co.uk/web/school_policies)

**Please note that if you are ever worried or concerned about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.**

We would like to wish you  
all a very  
Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year!



Are you turning 6 soon?

Would you like to...

Build  
dens?

Cook on  
a fire?

Make paper  
aeroplanes?

Make new  
friends?

Have  
fun?

Explore  
nature?

Try new  
things?

Play  
games?

Then why not try  
Gainford Beavers?  
We meet on Thursdays at 6:30pm  
in the Scout Hut  
Contact Fiona on 07739312113  
for more info!

**BEAVERS**



## Term Dates 2024-2025

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Spring half-term 2025	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
May Day 2025	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer half-term 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	TBC

### Teacher Training Days 2024-2025

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**Many thanks for your continued support.**

Mrs. K. Whitaker & The Ingleton Team x

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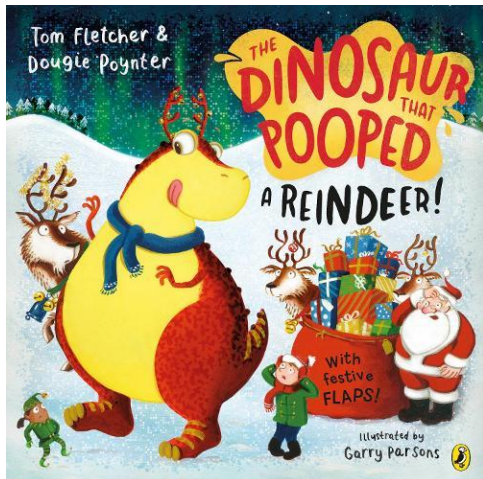
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“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”





# Recommended Reads



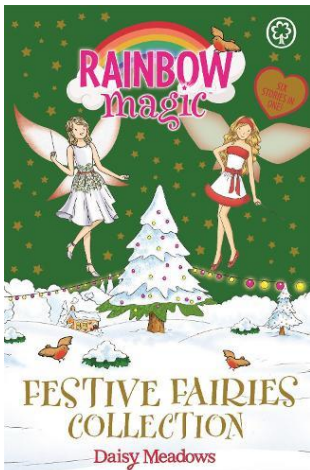
## **THE DINOSAUR THAT POOPED A REINDEER! A FESTIVE LIFT-THE-FLAP ADVENTURE (PAPERBACK) BY TOM FLETCHER & DOUGIE POYNTER**

Join Danny and Dino for a POOPTASTIC Christmas in this lift-the-flap adventure! With rip-roaring rhyme and laugh-out-loud silliness, the Dinosaur that Pooped series has sold over 1.5 million copies around the world!

With one final CHUFF, the express train arrived.  
"You made it!" cried Santa, and led them inside.  
"The feast's almost ready, but there's time before  
to show you the workshop and give you a tour!"

One Christmas Eve, Danny and Dino receive an exciting invitation to the North Pole. Soon, they're on a festive tour of Santa's workshop, meeting elves and reindeer along the way. There's just one problem - Dino is VERY hungry, and he's surrounded by treats! Will he hold off until Santa's special feast, or will his rumbly tummy ruin Christmas?

This fun series is the perfect introduction to the world of Danny and Dino. The poop-filled adventure is written by bestselling author duo Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter!

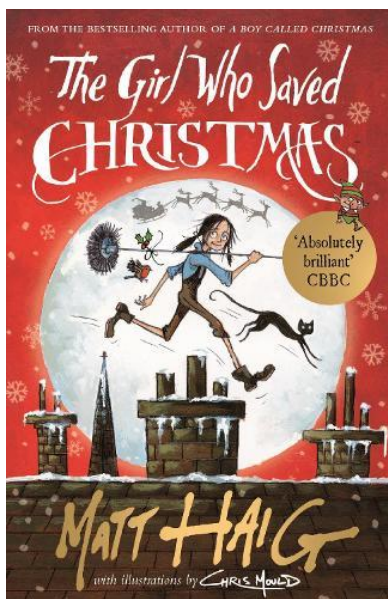


## **RAINBOW MAGIC: FESTIVE FAIRIES COLLECTION - RAINBOW MAGIC (PAPERBACK) BY DAISY MEADOWS (AUTHOR)**

Come along with Rachel and Kirsty for six enchanting adventures with Chrissie the Wish Fairy and Elsa the Mistletoe Fairy! This bumper collection is the perfect Christmas present for Rainbow Magic and fairy fans!

When the friends meet Chrissie the Wish Fairy, they must stop Jack Frost's naughty goblins from stealing Chrissie's three magical wish items. Without her magical items, Chrissie can't make Christmas wishes come true and children everywhere will be disappointed!

Next, they must help Elsa the Mistletoe Fairy to find her missing magical objects. Jack Frost has stolen them and the Fairyland Royal Christmas Gala will be ruined if they don't get them back!



## **THE GIRL WHO SAVED CHRISTMAS (PAPERBACK) BY MATT HAIG (AUTHOR), CHRIS MOULD (ILLUSTRATOR)**

Without hope there would be no magic.

Once upon a time, Father Christmas didn't come to visit children every year. In fact, it nearly came to pass that there was no Christmas as we know it. Father Christmas had a lot to deal with; there were troubled elves, reindeers that kept falling from the sky, and more than a few angry trolls for him to contend with.

The reason? There was not enough magic in the world. Magic is born of hope – and if the children of the world couldn't see any magic, then why would they hope for it?

It is Christmas Eve and all is not well. Amelia Wishart is trapped in Mr Creeper's workhouse and Christmas is in jeopardy. Magic is fading. If Christmas is to happen, Father Christmas knows he must find her.

With the help of some elves, eight reindeer, the Queen and a man called Charles Dickens, the search for Amelia - and the secret of Christmas - begins ... This is the gloriously heart-warming story of how one little girl came to the rescue and helped save Christmas.

An author who blurs the lines between genres, blending fantasy, myth and science fiction to create some of the most inventive and enduringly popular contemporary fiction