

Newsletter December 2025

🎄Christmas Edition 🎄

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and festive week we've had at BWIS! Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this week so special for our children.

🎄Christmas Shopping Morning

A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us for our Christmas shopping morning. Our amazing PTA did a fantastic job organising everything, and the children had a brilliant time choosing gifts. We hope you enjoy opening them on Christmas morning!

🎄Christmas Performances

- **Year 1 & 2 Shows**This morning, Year 1 and 2 wowed us with their first Christmas performance – the story of the lost angel and shepherd was truly magical! Monday's show is fully booked, so please remember to bring your ticket.
- **Year R Nativity**On Tuesday, our youngest stars shone brightly in their first nativity. They sang beautifully and spoke with confidence – what a proud moment for everyone!

Year 2's New Zealand Outcome

From Hakas to carols, Year 2 have been busy sharing their learning in style – what an incredible celebration! The children have learned so much-it is a pity we couldn't go on a school trip there.

Christmas Lunch & Party Fun

Wednesday was full of excitement with Christmas lunch and parties. Father Christmas even popped in with his helper – a big thank you to Tim Dancer from Trojans Rugby Club for spreading festive cheer!

A Few Hiccups on Thursday

Sadly, Thursday brought some challenges – internet and phone lines went down, heavy rain caused local flooding, and we had to cancel our Grandparents Service at short notice. We're so sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Fundraising & Wishing Assembly

Friday was full of festive spirit with Christmas Jumper Day and our Wishing Assembly.

- **Fundraising Totals:**
- Jumper Day: £43.54.
- Christmas Collections: £185.61
- ll proceeds will go to **Naomi House Charity**, with more school fundraising planned for our resources later in the year. Donations directly to school to help with books and costumes can also be made via ARBOR – thank you for your generosity!

The children's wishes for 2026 are displayed by my office – please take a look next time you visit.

A Final Festive Note

As we pack away the decorations, it's time for you to start your own celebrations at home. We wish every family a **Merry Christmas** and look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday, 5th January 2026**.

Merry Christmas from all of us at BWIS!

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Riches

Headteacher



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PTA Update

Welcome to our fourth PTA update for this school year and what a month it has been so far! With Christmas just around the corner, the PTA and our volunteers have been busy making the holiday season as magical as possible.

We hope you have all liked our beautiful Christmas tree by Year 2 classrooms, the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer did a great job decorating it!

Since our last newsletter we have had some Nativity Costume and Christmas Jumper sales, as well as the hugely popular Christmas Shopping Bazaar. The Bazaar was a great success - a big thank you to all the teachers, volunteers and members of the PTA who helped make the day so special. Also not forgetting the children themselves, so much care and attention was made choosing and wrapping the presents. We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Riches for sourcing all the fantastic presents!

We are delighted to announce that the sandpit for Year R has now been purchased and due to the fantastic funds raised we have been able to supply gifts for all the children from Father Christmas at the Christmas Party Day.

The latest events to keep in your diary are : - Christmas Party/Visit from Father Christmas - Wednesday 17th December (non uniform day)- Grandparents Church Service - Thursday 18th December - Christmas Sweet Sale - at school pick up time on Friday 19th December

We are always looking for volunteers or if you would like to join the PTA itself, please let us know! Why not join our whatsapp community group, using the link below:

link;https://chat.whatsapp.com/L0vi212kPtKKYox1a2Y63N?mode=ems_copy_h_t . Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!Your PTAbwispta@gmail.com[2]

Governor Update

There is nothing quite like the excitement of an Infant School in the build up to the Christmas holidays. This year has been no exception. The School has been full of festive cheer and joy. At the time of writing this we are very much looking forward to being involved in the Christmas performance, the Christmas lunch and the Grandparents church service.

Every year these BWIS traditions are a highlight for the children and parents and for many create beloved and iconic memories of childhood, remembered and recounted for years to come. These moments don't come without hard work from staff to bring the shows together, organising, rehearsing and herding! Thank you!

As our final governor update of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the school team for their continued hard work. Despite some challenges behind the scenes, the staff, led by Mrs Riches have maintained an incredibly high standard of learning and care for all children which is a testament to their dedication and love of what they do. I would like to formally thank them for this and everything they do for our children.

Governors have enjoyed meeting many of you, visiting the school, speaking with children and engaging with events. We all look forward to what 2026 will bring and wish everyone a relaxing Christmas break.

Best Wishes BWIS Governing Body

What Have We Been Learning About? Year Group Updates

Year R

Year R discovered a surprise present in their classrooms, which led to discussions about when gifts are given, such as on birthdays and at Christmas. The children have been learning when

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their birthdays are, sharing their own birthday experiences and talking about how these celebrations make them feel. This naturally led to thinking about the very special birthday Christians celebrate on Christmas Day.

We ended our project by performing our Christmas Nativity to our Mums an Dads, and we're sure you will all agree that the children did an amazing job.





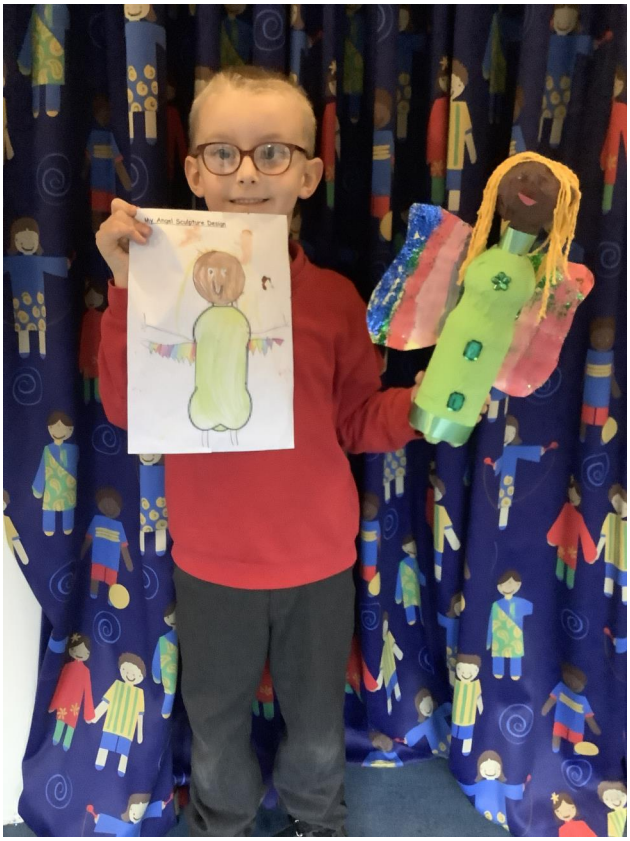


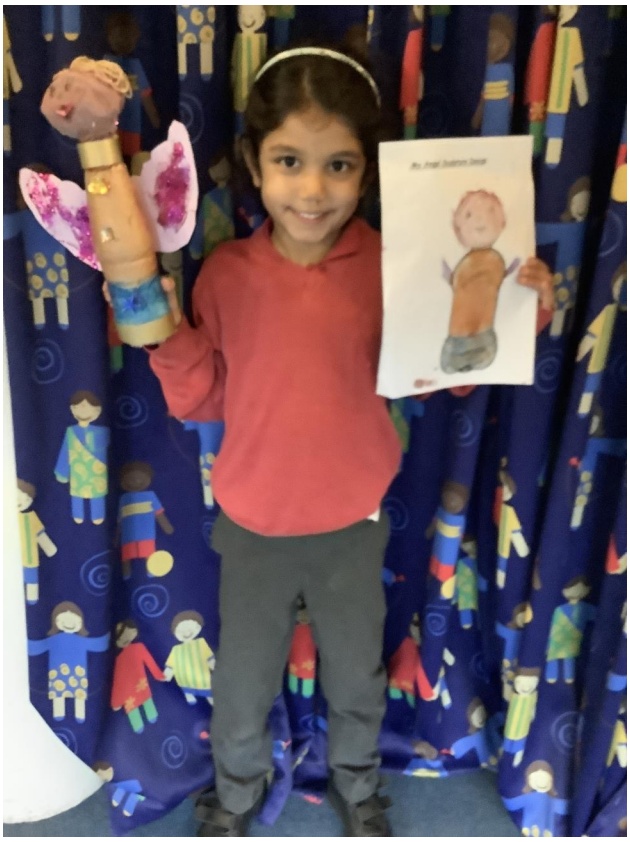
Year 1

Our Angels project has now come to an end and we are incredibly proud of the final outcome. Did you spot our beautiful angel display on the ramp? The children worked extremely hard to design and create their angel sculptures and we're sure you'll agree they looked absolutely stunning. We explored how different people view angels and what we learn about them from the Christmas story. The children studied artwork from different times in history, using these ideas to inspire their own designs. This led to some thoughtful discussions about different

opinions. Some angels have swords, spears or shields, while others have rainbow wings and bright halos.

The Year 1 team would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed we have been with the children throughout the Christmas period. They sang and danced beautifully during the performances and their costumes were wonderful. We would like to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy new year!






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ever seen
an
Angel ?



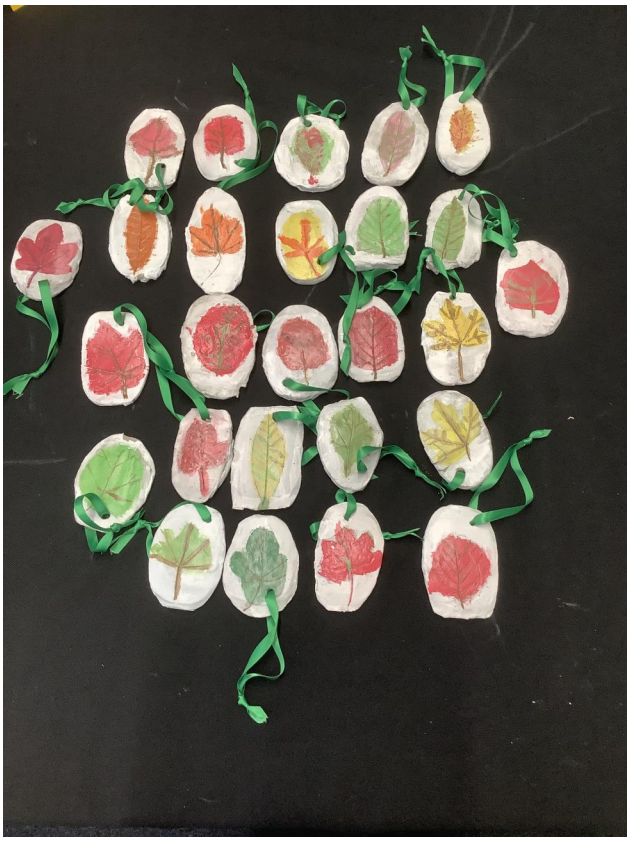

My Angel Sculpture Design

Year 2

Our New Zealand project came to an end, this term, and the children enjoyed welcoming all the parents and carers in for our Outcome. What a fun project! The Christmas performance, *The Lost Shepherd,* was a huge success, featuring fantastic singing, dancing and costumes. In class, the children have been learning about the importance of journeys in the Nativity story and created beautiful booklets retelling the Christmas story. They have also been busy making lots of Christmas crafts to help your homes sparkle. The children were delighted to have a special visitor and receive presents on their Christmas Party afternoon!

Have a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2026!





Dates for your Diary

- Monday 5th January-Back to School. First day of Spring Term. Normal opening time.
- Tuesday 6th January-Pantomime coming to school. 'Sleeping Beauty' will be performed by MGM Theatre Productions This has generously been paid for by our amazing PTA!
- Thursday 15th January-Closing date for Year R Applications 2025



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