

Hill West Weekly Bulletin





Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School'

Week commencing: Monday 9th December



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

<p>Monday 9th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Ms Bailey meeting with Digital Leaders
<p>Tuesday 10th December</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Owls Christmas Nativity in the KS1 hall Owls Parents invited 2.30pm Kingfishers Christmas Nativity in the KS1 hall Kingfishers Parents Invited
<p>Wednesday 11th December</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 9.00am Kingfishers Christmas Nativity in the KS1 hall Kingfishers Parents Invited 2.30pm Owls Christmas Nativity in the KS1 hall Owls Parents invited
<p>Friday 13th December</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jolly Jumper Day for Birmingham's Hospice, Christmas Jumper to be worn with school uniform. 11.00am -12.30am Hill West school choir attending All Saints Christmas Tree Festival, choir parents welcome to attend at All Saints Church 5.30pm - 7.30pm PTFA Movie Night for Reception, Year 1 and 2 5.45pm- 8.00pm PTFA Movie Night for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 16th December – Christmas Lunch for Year 3 Tuesday 17th December- Christmas Lunch for Year 4 Wednesday 18th December -Christmas Lunch for Year 5 Thursday 19th December -Christmas Lunch for Year 6 Friday 22nd December – BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
<p>JANUARY 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 6th January - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN Tuesday 7th January -We Welcome ALL children back to school



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ATTENDANCE

We would like to thank you for your continued efforts in bringing your children to school despite the challenges that coughs, colds, and seasonal illnesses can bring. Your dedication helps ensure that our students remain engaged and benefit from consistent learning opportunities. We are pleased to share the attendance percentages for years 1 to 6 so far this year:

- ❖ Year 1: 95.9 %
- ❖ Year 2: 95.7%
- ❖ Year 3: 97.7%
- ❖ Year 4: 96.4%
- ❖ Year 5: 97.9%
- ❖ Year 6: 96.5%

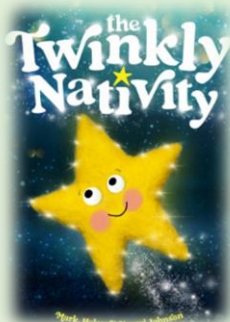
Our Overall school attendance is 96.7% Thank you once again for prioritising your child's education and supporting our efforts to maintain high attendance. Let's keep working together to make this term a successful one!



YEAR 2 NATIVITY

Our Year 2 Children will be performing 'The Twinkly Nativity' in the KS1 Hall on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December. On Tuesday 10th December, Owls will perform at 9.00am and Kingfisher at 2.30pm. On Wednesday 11th December, Kingfishers will perform at 9.00am and Owls will perform at 2.30pm.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to one or both of the performances. If you are not able to attend yourself, then grandparents, other family members or family friends can attend in your place.



ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

All Saints Church are excited to announce that they will be holding a **Christmas Tree Festival** again this year. The event will take place on:

- ✓ Friday 13th December 10.00am – 3.00pm
- ✓ Saturday 14th December 10.00am – 4.00pm
- ✓ Sunday 15th December 11.00am – 4.00pm

The Hill West Choir will be decorating a tree and performing a few carols on **Friday 13th December from 11.00am**. The trees will be located in and around the Church and the Church Centre, and once you have enjoyed the trees, festive refreshments will be on offer in the Church Centre.



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JOLLY JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

This year we will be supporting our chosen Charity, **Birmingham's Hospice**.

On **Friday 13th December**, we will be taking part in **Birmingham's Hospice 'Jolly Jumper Day'**.



We're asking families to donate £2 (or however much they can give), to support families when they most need it. **Children should wear a jolly jumper (Christmas themed or otherwise) with their uniform. Donations can be made by following the link below**

www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-jolly-jumper

PTFA MOVIE NIGHT

We look forward to welcoming the children on Friday 13th December for our annual Christmas movie night. **All children in EYFS and Years 1, 2, 3, and 4 should enter school through the KS1 front door. Years 3 and 4 will be watching the film in the KS1 Hall while the other year groups listed above will watch the films for one of their classrooms.**



All children in Years 5 and 6 should enter school through the KS2 front door as they will be watching the film in the KS2 hall.

We will ask you to enter the building at the end of the evening to collect your child from their classroom or one of the two halls.

Remember to wear your best festive jumpers

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The festive season is well and truly underway at Hill West! **Monday 16th December** marks the beginning of our fantastic Christmas lunches. If you have booked and paid for an adult lunch, please arrive at school on the correct day and access school **via the KS2 front door** where you will be checked in on arrival.

YEAR 3 Monday 16th December **Rabbits 11.45am;**

Hedgehogs 12.00pm

YEAR 4 Tuesday 17th December **Moles 11.45am; Squirrels 12.00pm**

YEAR 5 Wednesday 18th December **Badgers 11.45am; Hares 12.00pm**

YEAR 6 Thursday 21st December **Foxes 11.45am; Otters 12.00pm**



All children in KS1 will be having a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th December

Please be aware that it is only **one adult** per child, thank you.



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READING

*Joy does not arrive with a fanfare,
on a red carpet strewn with the flowers of a perfect
life.*

*Joy sneaks in, as you pour a cup of coffee,
watching the sun hit your favourite tree, just right.*

*And you usher joy away,
because you are not ready for it.*

*Your house is not as it must be,
for such a distinguished guest.*

*But joy cares nothing for your messy home,
or your bank-balance,
or your waistline, you see.*

*Joy is supposed to slither through the cracks of your
imperfect life,
that's how joy works.*

*You cannot invite her, you can only be ready when
she appears.*

*And hug her with meaning,
because in this very moment,
joy chose you.*

***Our wish for all of our families is that you continue
to find joy in the small moments of every day, especially so at this time of year.***

Peace
& Joy



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SAFEGUARDING: KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



Please find below some useful information / contacts should you find yourself experiencing hardship over the festive break.

Domestic abuse:

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police. If you need support call the freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Foodbank:

If you require a foodbank voucher, the following numbers can be called. You will be required answer the relevant questions and request a voucher. Please note, only those with a voucher will be offered food.

Citizens Advice Bureau- 08082082138

Birmingham City Council 0121 303 1116 (Option 2)

Mental Health Support for adults:

For urgent mental health support, you can call: 0800 915 9292. Alternatively, you can attend your nearest A&E department for an assessment

Mental Health Support for Children/Young People:

The FTB crisis team are available on 0300 300 0099 or you can attend the nearest A&E department. You can also visit PAUSE which is a drop-in Centre in Digbeth. The address is Digbeth 21, Birmingham B5 6BJ.

Support with Drug/Alcohol:

For support with drug/alcohol misuse, you can contact Change Grow Live on 0121 227 5890 Monday - Friday only.



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XMAS Movie Night

Brought to you by Hill West PTFA

Date: 13th December

R, Y1 & Y2 5.30-7.30pm (Classrooms)

Films: 3 short films inc Mickey Saves Christmas / Postman Pat Magic Christmas / Donner the Christmas Movie

Year 3 & 4 5.45-8.00pm KS1 Hall

Year 5 & 6 5.45-8.00pm KS2 Hall

Film: The Christmas Chronicles

Tickets £10 per child

Pre Booking essential on MCAS app

Tickets sales will close Friday 6th December

Tickets inc: Movie / Hotdog / Sweets & Drink

Allergies will be catered for - please email Mrs George if you have any concerns

This is a child only event with teacher supervision.

Please drop off & collect from school premises



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All Saints Four Oaks Handmade Craft Fayre



Saturday 14th December

10am to 4pm

Leather Goods

Fabric Bags

Children's Photographer

Christmas Decorations

Knitted Novelties

Artwork

Homemade Jams and Mincemeat

Guess the weight of the cake

Christmas Plants

Cinnamon Buns

Lucky Dip



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**CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL**
13th - 15th DECEMBER 2024

FRI 10-3PM SAT 10-4PM SUN 11-4PM

HO HO HO

**COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FESTIVITIES WITH
OUR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES DAILY**
**ON SATURDAY THERE WILL BE A CRAFT FAYRE &
SANTA'S GROTTTO WILL BE OPEN 10.30 - 3.30**

CAN YOU FOLLOW
THE SNOWMAN TRAIL
TO WIN A PRIZE?

VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVOURITE TREE

DELICIOUS FESTIVE
REFRESHMENTS
SERVED ALL DAY

NO NEED TO BOOK TICKETS - JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY



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