



Christmas Fundraising

The staff and governors have kindly donated items to make up a stunning Christmas Hamper with a wealth of other prizes also available including a FREE 1 hour 5-a-side football pitch hire at Power League which has kindly been donated. Tickets are £1 each. Tickets can be purchased from the school office from 1st December or at the EYFS Nativity performance or KS1 Christmas Spectacular!

All the money raised will go into the school fund to support our curriculum activities, including our trips in the Summer term.



Christmas Parties

Each year group will be having their Christmas Party on separate days. These are:

EYFS	Monday 15 th December
Year 1	Wednesday 17 th December
Year 2	Thursday 18 th December

Children can come to school in party clothes on their day, but please ensure your child is wearing clothing and footwear which are suitable for the school day including playtimes.

Please note: children will still need to follow their normal lunchtime arrangements i.e. school dinners, school packed lunch or bring a packed lunch. The school is only providing a snack for the party.

Christingle Shine Time

We are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers and families into school for our Christingle Shine Time on **Friday 19th December at 9.00am.**

Our Year Two children lead this special Shine Time with our beautiful 'Display of Light' as they carry the Christingles around the school hall.



Please note - whilst all parents/carers are welcome to attend only YEAR 2 children will be in the hall. EYFS & Y1 children will access this via Teams in the classroom.

Christmas Cards

The Year Group post boxes will be put out from 2nd December. If children would like to send each other Christmas cards, then they can 'post them' in the boxes and the Year 2 'Posties' will deliver them to the classrooms.

Please ensure names and class are written clearly on the envelopes. We often have to dispose of cards that are unidentifiable. **Please note we are unable to provide a class list of names.**

Christmas Performances

Wednesday 10th December 2.15pm:
EYFS children will share the Nativity story

Thursday 11th December 2.15pm:
Year 1 & Year 2 children will be performing in our Christmas Spectacular!

On this day could all Year 1 & Year 2 children come to school in festive outfits please.

All families are welcome to join us including younger siblings!

There will be a collection at the end of each performance. All monies donated will be given to a children's charity.

Thank you!

Books & Gifts Sale

We have an abundance of brand-new books and gifts that have kindly been donated to our school.

We will be selling these, at reduced cost, on **Friday 5th December 2.45pm - 3.30pm.**

Please pop in and grab yourselves some Christmas bargains.

All proceeds will go towards subsidising our curriculum activities, including the summer trips.

Christmas Gifts & Foodbank Donations

Considering the current financial situation for families and the pressure we know some of you feel to buy your child's teacher/TA a gift, we would like to say that, whilst we are always grateful for your generosity, we would like to reduce your stress a little and ask that you do not buy us gifts this year.

If you would still like to give something, we politely ask that you donate to our local foodbank instead. They are currently running low on stocks of instant mash potato, long life fruit juice & milk, tinned rice pudding & tinned fish.

If your child still wants to give us a gift, we would love and treasure a handmade card or a picture!

We hope this goes a small way in helping you this Christmas.

Foodbank

Dogsthorpe Infants is an agent for foodbank vouchers. If you are currently going through a difficult financial time and need a food parcel, please speak to Mrs Waters or Mrs Gardner. You can be assured that this will be kept confidential. E-Vouchers are now available so can be sent to you electronically.

Polite reminder that the Foodbank is there to supply 3 days of emergency food to support families who are in crisis. This is defined as having very little or no food to eat. Please do not request a voucher unless it is really needed.

If you require a voucher please email Mrs Waters/Mrs Gardner on:

office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk or click on the link on our school website
www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk

The office email address will be checked periodically over the Christmas holidays as well so please do ask if you are in need.

If you need help...

If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child's learning, then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Don't forget our **Admin Staff** are always ready and willing to help you with any general school questions you may have:

Mrs Gardner, Administration Manager and PA to the Headteacher

Mrs Streeter & Mrs Sendall, Administration Assistants

Miss Stamper - Family Well-being Champion

If you need support with anything, please ask us and we will do our very best to help!

Don't forget to check your emails & Class Dojo on a regular basis as lots of school and learning information is shared on these platforms.



Term Dates

School Closes at 3.15pm on Friday 19th December for the Christmas Break.

We wish you a safe & happy holiday break.

Spring Term 2026

School opens on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 8.45am

Half-term holiday - Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

School closes for the Easter break on Friday 27th March 3.15pm

Summer Term 2026

School opens on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 8.45am

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May 2026 (School Closed)

Half-term holiday - Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

School closes for the Summer holidays at 3.15pm Friday 17th July 2026

**Reminder that all holiday dates for this year & 2026/2027 can be found on the school website
www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk**