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### NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2025

#### FESTIVE UPDATE

Life in school is extremely busy as we approach Christmas!



The children have been practising hard for both their Christmas Nativity and the KS2 Carol Service. They will all be wonderful festive performances! The Choir will be singing at The Methodist Christmas Tree Festival at 6pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, everyone is welcome. They are also singing for the 'Sizzling Seniors' lunch on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please support us if you can. We are always so proud of how polite and respectful our children are and what superb ambassadors they are for St Mary's. Thank you children!

Thank you to parents and children for all your support for our charity appeals this term. Children in Need raised £144, and we continue with our donations for Ramsbottom food pantry.

#### KS2 CAROL SERVICE

Our school carol service will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Emmanuel Holcombe Church. The service will involve Class 3 and Class 4 and the Faith Ambassadors, All KS2 children are expected to attend. The church will be open from 6:50pm and the service will start at 7:00pm and will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes.

Pupils should wear full school uniform but are allowed to wear tinsel / Christmas headbands / hats should they wish.

Tickets are not issued for this event, and we hope that you are able to join us for this special occasion.

#### CHRISTMAS THEME WEEK

We are very excited to announce that the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a whole school Christmas Theme week, based on a famous Christmas book! A letter will be going out to parents with further details, however, due to the range of activities planned, please note there is **NOT** a Toy Day on the last day. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH & JUMPER DAY

We are all looking forward to our school Christmas lunch this year on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This is also our Christmas Jumper day, and children are invited to wear their jumpers with their school uniform. Please see the menu below.

### Christmas Menu

Mrs Clause's Roast turkey Dinner

Chipolata sausages & Stuffing

Roast Potatoes

Selection of seasonal vegetables

The Grinch's Festive Fillets

Vegetarian/Vegan option - Roast Quorn Dinner

'Santas Turkey Sandwich'

Festive Desserts



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES



As part of our book-based theme week, our KS1 and KS2 parties are being held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December respectively. The children can come to school in their party clothes, but please remember when selecting what they wear that the children will be playing out at break and lunch time. This means they will need **suitable footwear and a warm coat**.

KS1 will be organised by school staff and KS2 may require some donations to help with the party, information will be sent out before the party.

## SCHOOL MILK

Please can we remind parents in Reception that free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday. You will receive a payment request four weeks before their birthday - if you wish your child to continue to receive school milk, simply register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) and make a payment. If you pay by Tuesday 5pm, your child's milk will start the following week.

**If your child is five or older, you can register and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) to start receiving milk.**

## RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2026

Please note that the closing date for applications for our September 2026 intake closes on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please log on to the Bury Gov portal to complete the application asap.  
Thank-you.

## REMINDER

**End of Term Christmas Service with awards – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9:10am  
in Church.**

**School closes on Friday 19th December at 2:30pm.**

Busy Bees will operate from 2:30pm to 5:00pm

And finally, may we take this opportunity to wish all of you a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



