

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## December 2023

As we enter the last week of the term, school is a hub of excitement! This week the children will enjoy their class Christmas parties. There will also be a Christmas concert from the School Music Service, which is always very popular and of course, who could forget the traditional Christmas school dinner. Children in the Nursery, EYFS and KS1 might also receive a visit from a very special character!



On behalf of all the staff at Westfield, I would like to wish our children and families a very Merry Christmas.

### Lights, Camera, Action!

Congratulations to all those pupils who took part in various performances this Christmas. Our EYFS children thrilled family and friends with their nativity performance of “A Miracle in Town” and Y1 sang their hearts out at their Christmas Carol Concert. We also enjoyed fantastic performances from our talented KS2 musicians at our Christmas Musical Evening and are looking forward to the Rock Steady Concert. Our amazing KS2 Choir entertained the crowds at the Cottingham Christmas Market and performed for local residents at the Derby and Joan Pensioners’ Lunch. Brilliant performances by you all! Thank you to all those staff, who are prepared to “go the extra mile” at such a busy time of year and ensure we can join together and celebrate these events.



### Sporting Success

Our sporting teams have been out in full force this half term with the Girls’ Football Team, Y3/4 Dodgeball team, Y5 Boys’ Football Team, Y6 Boys’ Football Team, Y3/4 Benchball Team and Y6 Dodgeball Team all competing in local competitions. For the first time, some of our KS2 pupils also took part in the Panathlon Competition at Wolferton School. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved. We were also delighted to be awarded the Silver Quality Mark for Youth Sport Trust, celebrating our commitment to PE, Sport and Physical Activity. Thank you to Mr Price and all staff for their continued support and commitment.

### Wellbeing at Westfield

We continue to promote mental and emotional wellbeing for both children and staff at Westfield. Our website includes a wellbeing section. This can be found within the Our School tab. It gives information for families and offers lists of signposted services and resources for parents/carers. Please take a look at <http://www.westfieldprimaryschool.org/>

## Christmas Jumper Day 2023

A huge thank you to all those families who have supported our Christmas Jumper Day—this is one the children always look forward to! Thank you for your very generous donations which we will send to Save the Children.

We are always amazed at the fantastic array of festive knits on show. Encouraging pupils to have an understanding and tolerance of the world around them is an important part of our British Values work and I am always humbled at the generosity and support for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.



## EYFS Twelve Days of Christmas

Thank you to all those families and friends who have supported our EYFS Twelve Days of Christmas Challenge. Children have taken part in a number of Christmas themed activities to raise money for improvements to our outdoor provision. I know the children have really enjoyed themselves and I think that the staff secretly enjoyed it too!

As Winter approaches we would like to remind parents of our procedures regarding potential school closures during severe weather. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We will always endeavor to make a closure decision as early as possible. If possible, parents will be informed via the school text message service. However, parents should also ensure that they check the school Twitter account and website.

Please be assured that we will always endeavour to keep school open and will only close for health and safety reasons.



**Merry  
Christmas**

## Diary dates— Spring term 2024

Tuesday 9th January  
Friday 26th January  
Tuesday 30th January  
Monday 12th February  
Friday 1st March  
Thursday 7th March  
Thursday 7th March  
Friday 15th March  
Wednesday 20 March  
Friday 22nd March  
Tuesday 9th April

Children return to school  
TT Rockstars Day  
Whole school theatre performance – The Secret Garden  
HALF TERM  
EYFS Height and Weight checks  
World Book Day  
Magic Theatre Company—school visit  
Red Nose Day  
Class Photos  
END OF TERM  
Children return to school

