



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025



Headteacher Mr S Payne

Acting Head of School: Mrs M Clark

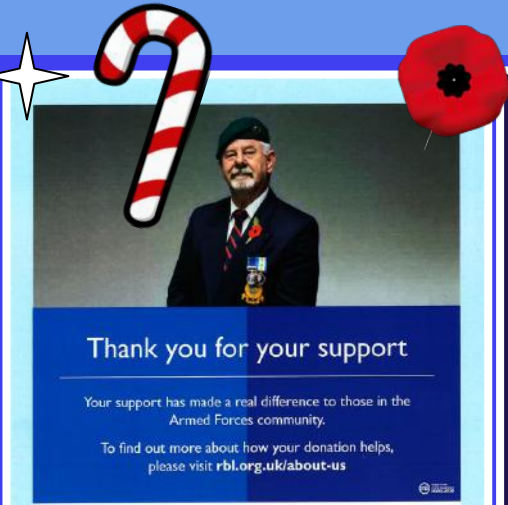
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Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion

Together we raised £266.04



Dear Istead Rise families,

We hope you enjoy our final newsletter of Term 2. As usual, it showcases the vast range of learning and fun activities which pupils experience at our school. We appreciate all the support you have given staff and pupils in preparing for and attending the various carol concerts and nativities which have already taken place or are due to take place. I am sure you will agree the performances have been fantastic, which demonstrates how hard children (and staff) have worked in preparing for them. On behalf of all the staff at Istead Rise, we would like to wish you a Happy Christmas, and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Best wishes,  
Mrs M Clark

**Attendance Class Awards**

W/C 01.12.25 W/C 08.12.25

KS1 - Year 1 KS1 - Year 5

KS2 - Year 5 KS2 - Years 5 & 6



Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December 2025.  
For full details please use the attached link.

[Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day](#)



Tuesday 16th December  
Years 1 & 2  
Christmas Show  
2:00pm

Wednesday 17th December  
Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Friday 19th December  
End of Term 2

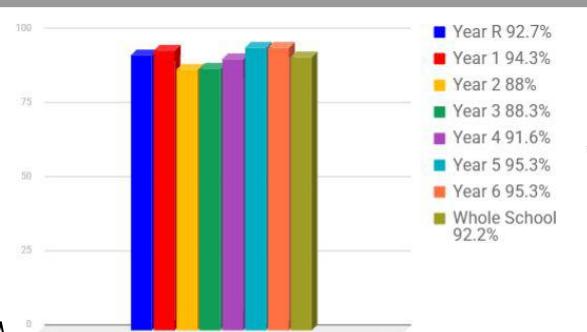


Monday 5th January 2026  
INSET Day  
School Closed

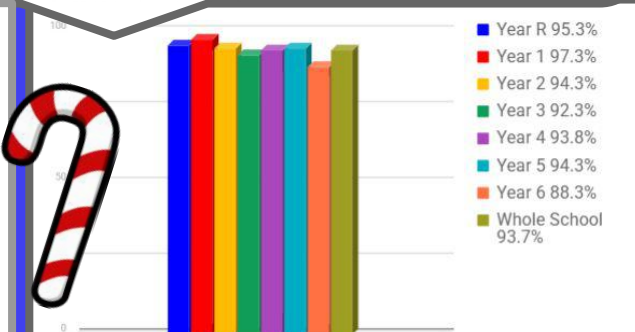
Tuesday 6th January 2026  
Term 3 Begins

Friday 13th February  
End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February  
Term 4 Begins



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 08.12.25



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 01.12.25

# FIRPS



**FIRPS XMAS RAFFLE 2025**

**DRAWN ON 15/12/25 | 12 PM**

**TICKET £1**

**HERE TO ENTER**

[Click Here To Enter](#)

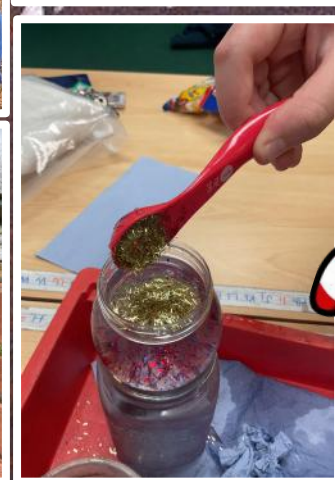
We would like to thank FIRPS for organising a fabulous festive experience for the children this year. Each class was able to pay a visit to Ice-Stead's Igloo and make decorations to take home. The children had a fantastic time with the team, yet again, going above and beyond. The Igloo looked fantastic. There is still time to buy tickets for the FIRPS Christmas Raffle which is being drawn on Monday 15th December. There are some amazing prizes up for grabs!

- Pass
- Fortnum & Mason Hamper
- Tickets x2
- Ebbsfleet FC Match Tickets x4
- Luxury Facial
- Eagle Heights Free Entry x2
- £25 Butchers Voucher
- Family ticket to Fenn Bell Zoo
- £50 Bartellas Voucher
- Nuffield Health Family Pass
- Luxury Christmas Hamper
- PLUS SO MANY MORE**

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# STEM - Craft



STEM club has been jam packed with lots of exciting activities. Our theme for this term was Changes. We looked at the different growing stages of vegetables in the sensory garden. We monitored each stage and the results were really impressive. Some children were able to take home the crops after they were harvested. I heard they were delicious. We started our Christmas activities by mixing flour, salt, and water, causing a physical change to make Christmas Salt Dough decorations. The children really enjoyed mixing their own dough from scratch. For the past two weeks, the group has worked hard to make a cube light up by looking at energy changes, chemical changes (the cell) and physical changes. Some parts were fiddly, but they persevered and created a light-up cube that they can keep for a long time. This week we wanted to see what changes would happen if we mixed vegetable glycerin with water and glitter. At first the glitter clumped together until we found a secret ingredient. After adding the secret ingredient, the glitter fell like snow after the mixture was shaken. Can you guess what we made? I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas Mrs T Clark



# Year R



Reception class have continued to work hard, always trying their best - growing and developing new skills. We are still continuing our learning journey of celebrations - in the last few weeks we have been looking at birthdays and Hanukkah. By exploring diverse traditions, we allow the children to build cultural awareness, respect and empathy. It gives us a way to connect with each other and appreciate differences. The children have been curious to see different ways of celebrating around the world.



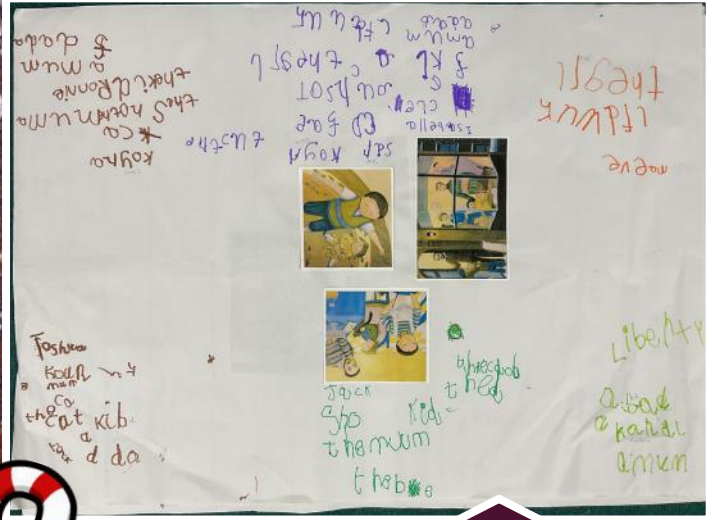
Reception class took a walk to the local post box to post some very special letters. The children were impeccably behaved and were able to follow all the rules to stay safe. Mrs Davies even got us singing christmas songs along the way!



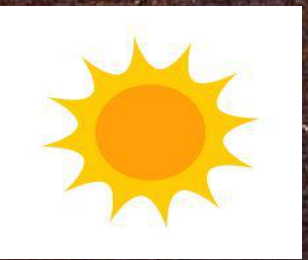
# Year R



In Maths we have been looking at different ways to make 5. We used numicon to explore and write number sentences.



We have been looking at light and dark, thinking about routines and tasks that are completed in the day and at night.



In English we have continued to use big paper to support our writing.

# Year R



We were lucky enough to have an elf workshop hosted by FIRPS. We had so much fun making stockings ready for Christmas!



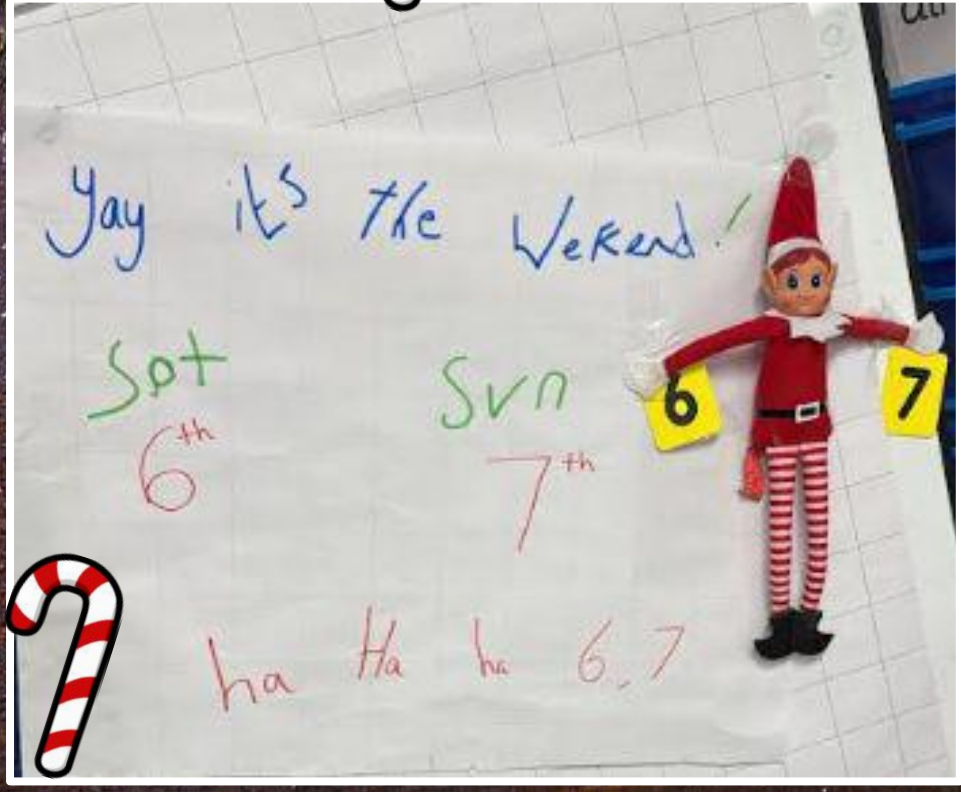
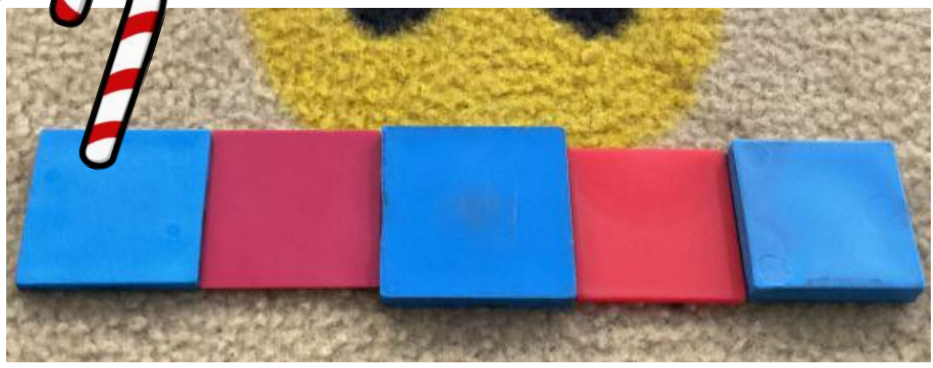
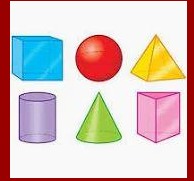
# Year 1



The children have been working really hard learning their Christmas play and are very excited for all the parents/carers to come and watch them next week. They have also had a visit from the mischievous elf!



We have been working really hard in maths learning our 2D and 3D shapes. The children have made patterns as well as finding out what 2D shapes they can find inside the 3D shapes.



# Year 2

IRPS  
DOWN'S ROAD  
Grave send  
DA13 9HG

8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Mrs Clark,

I am writing to you today to please unban Christmas it lights up the place and brings the Christmas spirit back.

I feel upset that we banned Christmas peace bring back the fun plays and activities.

We feel glum and dissapointed I am asking you to bring Christmas back Christmas makes our school feel happier and kinder place why did you make this decision.

First I thought it was a joke I think its a mistake I understand but please change it make it a mistake.

Firstly, you think that Christmas time takes learning time away.

We can make a better suggestion we can do activities could be learning.

Christmas plays are speaking skills we use our sounds talking Christmas activities can be learning too?

We understand you are worried about the school being dirty but we are responsible to clean up after ourselves.

Do you agree that we should be responsible like tidying up.

You have mentioned that children do not follow school rules when wearing their own clothes.

Wearing a colourfull jumper does not change the school rules because we wear PE jumpers and follow rules we know the school rules Super well dont you think we should have some fun from workin so hard?

Finally Christmas is very important it teaches us about togetherness I feel really glum and unhappy

Dear Mrs Clark,

I am writing to you today to ask you to change your mind.

Your decision made us feel disappoytid, melancholy, and heartbroken.

But we strongly believe that Christmas is a joyful time.

Firstly, you believe that Christmas time takes away from valuable lesson time.

However, we strongly disagree! Christmas activities are learning.

When we learn the songs and the lines for the play we are using our reading skills and speaking skills. Isn't it true that being is easier when

you are happy?

Secondly, you are worried about our classrooms becoming messy with glitter and glue.

We promise to help keep our school tidy!

Do you agree that children should learn to tidy up?

You have mentioned that children do not follow school rules when wearing their own clothes wearing a colourfull jumper does not change the school rules because we wear PE jumpers and follow rules.

Don't you think children should be allowed to have fun?

Finally Christmas is very important because it teaches us about togetherness it teaches us to be thoughtfull and generous. Thank you for taking the time out to read my letter.

Your sincerely  
Mrs M Clark

Dear Mrs Clark,

I feel very sad that you banned Christmas that is my favorite day.

I love Christmas day please change your mind and everybody wants to be happier and kinder place to be in they always want people to be kind and greatful forever Christmas makes people calm.

Mrs Clark's decision makes me feel glum melancholy heartbroken and upset.

I can't understand why you banned Christmas because you want the classrooms to be tidy. And it

isn't it wasting our learning time.

If you cancel Christmas all the kids will feel melancholy and upset I don't want kids to get upset and I don't want the kids to be angry I want them to be happy.

Christmas is about friendliness and kindness it is not just about fun you have to be good to deserve fun.

Finally Christmas is important

Island Rise Primary School,  
Down Road,  
Grave Send,  
DA13 9HG

24th November 2025

Dear Year 2,

I am writing to you about something very important that affects everyone at our school. I usually spend this time of year with the children to get ready for Christmas celebrations. I am aware that some comparisons have already started. It is our policy that I should children singing Christmas songs and see them at Christmas plays.

This year, however, I have decided to have the children learn to be in school.

- No singing.
- No plays.
- No Christmas activities (this includes the making of cards or decorations - not even Christmas dinner or Christmas jumper day).

This was not an easy decision to make. However, there are several reasons why I have made this choice.

To start with, I believe that you should all focus on learning. The time you would spend practicing songs and plays taken away from the most important thing - your learning. Practising for the plays and rehearsals takes up many hours of lesson time. It is important that every moment you are in school should be spent on amazing lessons, such as, reading, writing, and maths.

Another factor in making my decision is the importance of keeping our school tidy. Christmas crafts often involve the use of glitter, paper and decorations that can make our classrooms messy. The children do not have the time to clean up your mess of glitter on the carpet, glue on the table and unrolled up paper on the floor. We want to keep our classrooms and hallways clean and tidy so we can focus on our education without distractions. Without a doubt, our school Christmas dinners are extremely popular and delicious, and wearing a festive jumper to school on the day makes the hall look colourful. Despite these factors, I am certain that when children wear their own clothes to school they think they do not have to follow the school rules, which could result in poor behaviour. Christmas jumper means good behaviour.

Some of you might be a little disappointed with this announcement. However, please remember that we want to ensure you receive the very best education possible, and I believe this decision will help us do that even better this year.

Let's all have a wonderful term full of brilliant learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Clark

Head of School

After receiving a letter from Mrs Clark, who wanted to ban all things Christmas, Year 2 were only too happy to send her a persuasive letter back.



The children have had a fantastic couple of weeks. They have been working hard to write their personal recount of our trip to Warner Brother Studios. In maths they are continuing to learn times tables, they have now learned the three, four and eight times tables. In history, the children enjoyed looking at artefacts from the Stone Age, first discussing what they thought they could be, before learning what they were and how they were used. In Science we explored magnets south and north pole as well as using the language attract and repel. The children had a wonderful time at our year 3 & 4 Christmas Carol Service. They should be proud of themselves, they spoke and sang beautifully.





As we head towards the end of Term 2, it's been rather hectic! In English we are learning how to write a formal speech using standard English; while in maths we have been revisiting addition and subtraction with exchanging. This has also included using decimals with money. In Science we completed our final project by creating light up cubes. This brought together all of our learning from this term's unit on electricity. In History we have learnt about Edward the Confessor and the building of Westminster Abbey, as well as how having no successor caused a problem which culminated in the Battle of Hastings (which we will be covering next week). In DT we have continued building our structures, and next week will complete them with decoration and finishing touches. We've continued learning our songs for the Carol Concert, and it was lovely to see so many of you this afternoon.



# Year 4

Congratulations to Zachary on coming first in his doubles darts competition! A fantastic achievement!



Well done to the Rocksteady bands who performed for the rest of the school this week! It was amazing to see how much progress you've made and your parents are in for a real treat at the parents concert on Monday (start time 9:30am).



I know that I've said it before, but another massive thank you to everyone who has bought my novel, Grimbie. I still can't get over it! It's been amazing chatting with the children across key stage 2 about it, signing copies and seeing the children excited about reading it! If you would like a copy (it would make a great stocking filler that they could get signed in the New Year), it's available at this link: <https://amzn.eu/d/3A2BNO>



# Year's 5 & 6



A huge well done to Year 5 and 6 for their fantastic performance of 'Christmas Around The World' at the church this week. Mrs Brown and Miss Waters were exceptionally proud of all of the children.



# Year 5



Year 5 have had a busy couple of weeks as we head towards the end of Term 2.

In English we have been writing a description about a winter garden, the children have come up with some amazing descriptive and figurative language to include in their final draft.

In maths we are coming to the end of our learning about fractions. The children have been working exceptionally hard at this tackling some tricky problems.

Looking at rumours, name calling and bullying, has been our focus in PSHE. The children really enjoyed coming up with a scenario, deciding on ways to make the situation worse, how it could be resolved and then making these into a game of snakes and ladders.

We have also been working hard at Speed Stacking skills, trying to master the 3-3-3 formation. The children are loving taking on the challenge of trying to beat Miss Man (who is very quick, unlike Mrs Brown).

Year 5



# Year 6

WELCOME ABOARD  
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED THROUGH THE JOURNEY  
AND DO NOT LEAN OUT AT ANY TIME



Year 6 had a wonderful time on their visit to Kent Life. We took part in various activities linked to the Victorian era such as; candle making, parlour games, acting out a scene from 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, begging, working in a workhouse and playing with Victorian toys. We also had the chance to step foot into a Victorian farmhouse which really gave us a feeling of how some people in the Victorian era lived. We were lucky enough to visit the animals at Kent Life and go on a tractor ride around the farm after our lunch break. In one carriage, the children pretended they were rich Victorians on a horse and carriage, and the members of the public were the poor people! We had such fun on our first school trip of Year 6. The children were an absolute credit to the school and behaved impeccably. All of the adults on the trip were very proud of Year 6 and a staff member from Kent Life even said that we were the best group she'd taught all day!



# Year 6



# Year 6





W/E 05.12

W/E 05.12

W/E 12.12

W/E 12.12

Winning Class Most Valuable Player Winning Class Most Valuable Player

1st Year 4

1st Tyler G - Y4

1st Year 4

1st Khenrab - Y2

2nd Year 5

2nd Theo B - Y4

2nd Year 2

2nd Theo B - Y4

3rd Year 2

3rd Khenrab - Y2

3rd Year 5

3rd Khenyang - Y4

## Gold Mathletics

W/E 05.12

W/E 12.12

Samuel Y, Samuel L & Matilda of Year 6, Frank, Ellie, Benjamin & Elena of Year 3  
Charlie, George, Harry, Saskia & Jack L of Year 5, Harry, Kayla, Clark & Sophia of Year 1, Jason of Year R

Samuel L, Samuel Y & Matilda of Year 6, Adriana & Milan of Year 3, Tyler, Leo H, Freya & Raelie of Year 4 Sienna, George, Saskia, Jack L & Henry of Year 5

W/E 12.12

Platinum Mathletics  
Khenyang of Year 4

## Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 05.12

Year R

Benji for Perseverance, Isabella & Inara for Independence

Year 1

Lyla & Jessie for Perseverance, George B for Independence

Year 2

Mazie for Respect, Kaspia for Independence & Oliver for Perseverance

Year 3

Frank for Independence, Ellie for Respect & Ava for Perseverance

Year 4

Freya, Emilia & Rajah for Respect

Year 5

Cruz & Jack E for Independence, Ella for Self Reflection

Year 6

All of Year 6 for Respect



Week Ending 12.12

Year R

Finley for Independence, Jack & Austin for Perseverance

Year 1

Sophia for Perseverance, Finley & Dainchie for Respect

Year 2

Amari for Respect, Aria for Perseverance & Jaxon for Independence

Year 3

Eliza for Self Reflection, Oscar for Respect & Nathan for Independence

Year 4

Pixie Belle for Independence, Leo H & Khenyang for Respect

Year 5

Cruz & Constance for Respect & Teddy for Perseverance

Year 6

Katelyn & Freddie for Independence, Samuel L for Perseverance



## Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 05.12

Annalise of Year 3

W/E 12.12

lyla, Ollie, Mary Kate & Ava of Year 4

## Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 05.12

Frank of Year

W/E 12.12

Seren, Rei, Olivia, Nathan, Lennon, Jacob T, Ellie, Eliza, Elena, Daisy, Benjamin, Aubany, Arlo & Adriana of Year 3





# Parenting Support Advice Drop In



Sessions where parent and carer of children aged 0-19 years can attend for discussion or support with any topic, theme or issue faced by parents.

### TERM TIME ONLY

**DAY:** Monday  
**TIME:** 5pm - 6pm  
**VENUE:** Northfleet Family Hub, Hall Road, Northfleet DA11 8AJ

Visit your local Family Hub today  
[www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub)



Gravesham

# Christmas HAF Timetable

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Activities for children aged 4-16 that are eligible for benefit related free school meal, SEND, under social care or early help Food provided for children and young people for all activities. Booking required for all activities and are on a first come first served basis. You will need your child's HAF code to be able to book onto these activities. A food parcel will be provided for each family booking onto our Christmas activities.

CLICK HERE to launch our booking page or visit <https://outlook.office.com/book/GraveshamFamilyHub@KentCountyCouncil.onmicrosoft.com?ismsalsauthenabled>

Contact us [graveshamfh@kent.gov.uk](mailto:graveshamfh@kent.gov.uk)

Find us on Facebook or Instagram at Gravesham Family Hubs

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Cinderella Pantomime**  
The Woodville, Woodville Place, Gravesend, DA12 1DD  
Poor Cinderella dreams of escaping her chores and going to the Royal Ball... but with a wicked stepmother and two diva-licious stepsisters, and not a pumpkin in sight, will she ever get her fairy-tale ending? Packed with dazzling sets, show-stopping dance routines, and more laughs than you can shake a wand at - don't miss this magical, musical extravaganza that promises festive fun.  
Lunch provided please arrive 90 minutes before performance time.  
For children and young people aged 4-16 years. Up to 2 adults per family.  
Bookings close on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
11.30am arrival for 1pm performance

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December

#### Sports on your doorstep

Northfleet Family Hub

Provides a range of multi sport activities from football, basketball and boxing.

Children and young people aged 11-16.

Hot lunch will be provided.



11am - 3pm



**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Ice Skating**  
The Village, Bluewater Shopping Centre, Greenhithe, DA9 9ST  
Get ready to twirl, spin and skate on the Ice Rink at Bluewater. Followed by lunch at Pizza Express.  
Children and young people aged 12-16. Children aged 12 must have a responsible adult supervising from the spectating area.  
12.30pm

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FREE PARKING: SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**Gravity**  
Bluewater Shopping Centre, Greenhithe, DA9 9ST  
A 30-minute climbing session followed by a 1-hour bounce session and then lunch. Gravity socks included.  
Children will receive a pizza of choice and unlimited squash.  
Children aged 4-11 years.  
10.00am, 10.30am or 11.15am



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**Farmer Christmas**  
Broaditch Farm, New Barn Road, Southfleet, DA13 9PU  
Come and meet Farmer Christmas at Broaditch. Climb on board our Tractor Sleigh and journey to our enchanted wood. Once there you will be met by one of our elves who will lead you to Farmer Christmas's cosy cabin. Once inside enjoy the wonder of meeting Farmer Christmas as he reads you one of his festive stories. Before you say goodbye and if you have been good all year, a Christmas present will be yours!  
Followed by Christmas dinner at Manor Farm Barn.  
Children aged 4-11 years.  
11am or 11.30am

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Breakfast with Santa**  
Toby Carvery, Coldharbour Road, DA11 8AB  
Join us for a festive morning of magic and cheer!  
Enjoy a warm breakfast at Toby Carvery, with a visit from Santa and a gift for all those that have been nice!  
For children aged 4-11 years.  
9am



**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Christmas Crafts**  
Riverside Family Hub  
Come and join us for some seasonal craft making and games!  
One adult can attend with up to two children aged 4-11 years.  
A hot lunch will be provided for all children attending.  
11am - 3pm

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Snowdrop & Sneaky Exhibition & Performance**  
St George's Art Centre, Bath Street, Gravesend, DA11 0TA  
SEND performance  
Snowdrop and Sneaky invites you into a festive world as a live performance led by the Woodland Caretaker. Designed to spark children's imaginations and give families a festive outing to enjoy together.  
Lunch provided before show.  
SEND children aged 4-11 years.  
Bookings close on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
12.30pm arrival for 1.30pm performance and 1.30pm arrival for 2.30pm performance



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Development Group for Reception & Year 1 students.

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- Location - Northfleet School for Girls
- Winter plan: Indoors in winter months
- Contact - [duncanpomfrey@gmail.com](mailto:duncanpomfrey@gmail.com)

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EVERY SATURDAY 08:30 - 09:30  
08 NOV - 20 DEC 2025

AGES 7-11  
BOYS & GIRLS

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New Story Theatre Company meets every Tuesday in the school from 3.15pm until 4.45pm. For further information, please email:  
[martin@newstorytheatrecompany.co.uk](mailto:martin@newstorytheatrecompany.co.uk)

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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

# Free

Ages 5 - 11

Activities & Food

- Arts and crafts
- Sports
- Cooking and baking
- Free play (and much more!)
- Hot lunch provided

Location  
Westcourt Primary & Nursery School

Times & Cost

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December  
10am-2pm

- FREE (for children on free school meals - use your Eoucher)
- £164 per 4 days (fee paying families)

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CHRISTMAS EDITION!**

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER	TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER	MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER	TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER
XMAS CARD MAKING	GIANT INFLATABLES	FIREWORK PAINTING	MINI GAMES
LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY
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**KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**HELP!**

We know that as a parent, nothing matters more than your child's safety and wellbeing. As the school term begins, we understand this can bring worries about safety both inside and outside school.

Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit works with partners and communities to keep children safe by reducing and preventing violence. We support parents in having the right conversations and helping them spot if their child may be involved in violence or bullying.

Our back-to-school guide outlines year-round tools to help your child stay safe, take action and make the right choices.

**Tools to help you**

Not sure how to support your child or young person? Our range of guides can help:

- Explain the understanding of knives
- A guide to knife harm: how more cordless tools can be used

**Having the right conversations**

Talking with young people or young adults about knives and weapons can be difficult, whether you are a parent, guardian or carer. Our toolkit can help you prepare for a conversation with your child about carrying knives.

**Free sports activities**

We work with Sports Connect to provide free local out-of-school activities that support physical and mental health while keeping children and young people out of trouble through creative and interactive sessions.

**GET IN TOUCH**

Our team can provide advice and guidance all year round.  
vrunit@meophamleisure.gov.uk  
kentandmedwayvrunit.co.uk

**VRU**  
Kent and Medway

**Free Holiday Activity and Food Christmas Camp**

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE.

**AGES 5-16**

**WHERE**  
LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH ST, NORTHFLEET, GRAVESEND, DA11 9HB

**WHEN**  
10AM-2PM  
22ND, 23RD, 29TH AND 30TH OF DECEMBER

**ARTS & CRAFTS** **FREE HOT MEAL EVERY DAY** **SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

**"FREE TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND ARE IN RECEIPT OF A HAF E-VOUCHER"**

**SPORT ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

01622 535315  
info@sportonyourdoorstep.co.uk

**Christmas Fun Day at The Lounge**

Saturday 13 December 2025 | 9:00am - 1:00pm  
The Lounge, Longferry Court, Gravesend DA12 2DF

Join us for a morning full of festive fun!

- Meet Father Christmas!
- Face Painting
- Christmas Crafts & Activities

**Booking Required.**  
To book your place, email [tenantengagement@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:tenantengagement@gravesham.gov.uk) or call 01474 337000

Due to how the event is funded, this event is for Gravesend Tenants only. Time slots are available between 9:00am and 1:00pm, and each experience lasts approximately 45 minutes.

**Gravesham Borough Council**

NOVEMBER TO  
MARCH 2026

**NOURISH**  
GROW WITH US



**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**WEEK ONE**

3 Nov  
24 Nov  
15 Dec  
19 Jan  
9 Feb  
9 March  
30 March

Chicken Pie 1  
Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Crushed Potato  
Cauliflower,  
Carrots

Strawberry Mousse 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Bean Biryani VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rainbow Pasta 1  
Seasonal Vegetables

Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Turkey & Gravy  
Broccoli Tots 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice  
Cabbage,  
Peas

Fruit Jelly VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake 1,7  
Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Green Beans  
Grated Carrots

Parsnip Brownie 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Sausages 1,3,6  
Vegetable Sausage VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans  
Cucumber Sticks

Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

**WEEK TWO**

10 Nov  
1 Dec  
5 Jan  
26 Jan  
23 Feb  
16 March

Caribbean Brown Chicken  
Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,  
Carrots,  
Peas

Chocolate Ice Cream 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings  
& Wedges VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy  
Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice  
Broccoli,  
Carrots

Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1  
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Cauliflower,  
Green Beans

Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Bites 1,8  
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas,  
Coleslaw 9

Marble Cookie 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

**WEEK THREE**

17 Nov  
8 Dec  
12 Jan  
2 Feb  
2 March  
23 March  
27 Oct

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V  
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,  
Green Beans,  
Mixed Salad

Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Noodles 1  
BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Sweetcorn,  
Peppers

Chocolate Rice Pudding 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Savoury Minced Beef & Yorkshire  
Puddings 1,7,9  
Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes,  
Green Beans,  
Carrots

Fruit Jelly VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Cottage Pie  
Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Beetroot Cake 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Fish Fingers 1,8  
Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas, Baked Beans,  
Grated Carrot

Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V  
Yoghurt 3,7,  
Fruit Pots VG

1 Wheat 2 Gluten 3 Crustaceans 4 Soybean 5 Mustard 6 Sesame 7 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 8 Milk 9 Fish 10 Egg  
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat 16 Barley 17 Gluten 18 Barley 19 Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

