

Shirland Primary School

Christmas Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive season is upon us!

Despite the recent flood, we have many activities planned for the children as we lead into Christmas and I thought you would like to see what we have planned. The Shirland elves will soon be here, decorating our Christmas and causing mischief at dinner time!

All events are on our website calendar, but please keep a look out for updates and detailed information on ParentHub.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas time.

Miss Vessey and The Shirland Team

Rainbow Raffle Non Uniform Day – Thursday 27th November

Children are invited to wear non uniform and bring a long a colour themed raffle prize for their class. Details have already been sent on ParentHub.

Christmas Cards post box

The Christmas card post box will be open in school from **Monday 1st December**. If your child wishes to send Christmas cards. Please write on the envelope the child's name and the class that they are in. Post helpers will not be able to post cards to the right class without this information. Staff are not able to give out class name lists

In recognition of the Christmas spirit, subtle festive headbands and hair slides are ok for the month of December. They will need to be removed for PE.

Christmas Panto – Tuesday 2nd December @ 2pm

This year the PTFA have paid for the whole school to go to Mansfield Theatre to watch 'Snow White'. Children will return to school at approx 5.15pm. This was only made possible due to the fundraising events ran by the PTFA. I extend our gratitude and thanks to the volunteers who put a huge amount of effort in to arranging fund raising activities that benefit the children at Shirland. I also wish to thank the families that support their events and help to raise money so that we can give the children exciting life experiences at no extra cost to our families. Thank you.

Reception Christmas Songs and Crafts – Thursday 4th December

Our youngest children will be performing to parents their Christmas songs in the school hall at **9.15am and 2.30pm**. Please see ParentHub for further information about obtaining tickets.

PTFA Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December @ Shirland Miners Welfare

The PTFA are busy getting ready to host their Christmas Fayre on Friday 5th December, **after school – 5.00pm**. The Fayre will be held at the Miners Welfare and we hope that you can come along and help raise funds to support school events and resources. Thank you in advance for your colourful donations for the 'Rainbow Raffle' and selling tickets. Good Luck!

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 10th December

Year 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas play 'How Rudolph got his red nose' at **9.30am and 2.30pm**. This will be held at **St Leonards church**. Please see ParentHub message for further information about obtaining tickets and photos. Children in school will be watching their dress rehearsal.

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 10th December

Our catering team will serve Christmas dinner at lunchtime on 10th December for those who have already ordered a Christmas dinner. If you pay for your child's school dinner, this should be paid for on Parent Pay as usual, but will be free of charge for those children who normally have a free school meal. A QR code for your donation will be sent on ParentHub.



Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

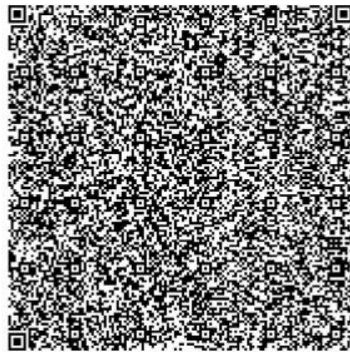
Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers and clothing to raise money and awareness for 'Save the Children'. Please use the below barcode to make a £1 donation. Please ensure that children have sensible shoes and coats for play and lunch times.

We're taking part in



Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (213890), Scotland (SC039570) and Isle of Man (199).

Rock Steady Concert – Monday 15th December

Children who have 'Rocksteady' lessons will be performing at 2.30pm to our children and their own families during the afternoon.

Reception and KS1 Party Day – Monday 15th December

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to wear their party clothes today (KS2 normal uniform please). Children will be spending the day having fun making Christmas decorations and joining in dancing and party games. The PTFA are supporting us and will be

providing refreshments for the children. We have also written to the North Pole and asked for a special 'early' visit from Father Christmas. Children to bring PE kit in to school, if it is a PE day.

Year 3 and Year 4 Party Day – Wednesday 17th December

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 are invited to wear their party clothes today (all other year groups normal uniform please). Children will be spending the day having fun making Christmas decorations and joining in dancing and party games. The PTFA are supporting us and will be providing refreshments for the children. Children to bring PE kit in to school, if it is a PE day.

Year 5 and Year 6 Party Day – Thursday 18th December

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to wear their party clothes today (all other year groups normal uniform please). Children will be spending the day having fun making Christmas decorations and joining in dancing and party games. The PTFA are supporting us and will be providing refreshments for the children. Children to bring PE kit in to school, if it is a PE day.

**And finally, the last day of school for children is Friday 19th December.
School reopens on Monday 5th January. INSET day Friday 9th January.**

