



## BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025

Dear Families,

This week has been completely magical in school! The corridors have been filled with the sound of fun, laughter, singing and praise.

All of the children loved their Christmas parties. We saw some amazing dance moves, played lots of Games and ate a terrific amount of sweets. Marrie served up an incredible Christmas dinner on Thursday and the children all agreed it was a delicious feast. We are lucky to have such a talented cook in school.

Santa paid us a surprise visit on Thursday, too, and delivered all of the children's presents. It was so lovely having such a huge celebrity in school! You can tell he's busy at this time of year though because, would you believe it, Reception found him sleeping in their classroom! After waking him up, he treated them to a story before heading out to his magical grotto in the Peace Garden.

The highlight of the week was our carol service and Nativity at St. James' Church. The Year 4 children read so clearly and the singing was superb! I am so proud of the choir for their hard work and dedication this term. They sang beautifully and got us all firmly in the Christmas spirit with their rendition of, 'Go Tell it on the Mountain.'

I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas. Thank you, so much, for your kindness and support this term. We will see you all for more fun, learning and adventures in 2026!

**S Hart & N Burton**

**Executive Head Teacher**

**Deputy Head Teacher**



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Year 1 100%	Reception 96.7%	Year 3 95%

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## Forest School Update

Class 1 have had quite a creative time in Forest School this half term. We started off doing some leaf threading which resulted in some beautiful necklaces being made. The following week we continued the leaf theme by each year group making a giant nest that they could all fit into, making much smaller nests for my needle-felted Little Robin to try out, and raking up huge leaf piles to jump into. The latter activity was a highlight for many as they stacked up some tyres to climb up onto a tree to enable them to dive into the leaf pile from a height! Enormous fun was had by us all. The week after that we made lots of pine cone bird feeders to hang in the woods and in week 4 we made Forest Friends - simple stick figures brought to life with leaves, fabric scraps, colourful yarn and drawn on faces. I cut some willow for us to make Christmas wreaths and the children pounced on the pile of yarn, fabric and ribbons to produce wreaths, dream catchers and other marvellous creations. We have played our favourite games Spot and Foxy Foxy, and have also enjoyed playing Sleeping Bear, Scatter and Funky Monkey; this last one is hilarious and really gets the brain working hard! In week 5 we cooked up a big Woodland Apple Crumble over the fire.

Although not to everyone's taste, the entire pot was devoured with some children having up to four helpings! I think everyone tried some, and I am always so proud of our more anxious eaters when they are willing to try new food in the forest, as it can take a lot of courage to do this. We finished off this week with a Christmas Chocolate Hunt around the woods and then we fired up the kelly kettle for a warming cup of hot chocolate.

Reception Class have played lots of games in the woods; the Name Game, Foxy Foxy Can We Cross Your Field, the Tree Game (to celebrate National Tree Week), Spot and Sleeping Bear. We have also had fun making self-portraits using natural materials, making a giant leaf nest for us all to sit in, and jumping and rolling about in the big leaf piles made by Class 1. We toasted marshmallows over the fire one week, and we all agreed they were delicious. We read the story In My Nest and made our own nests for Little Robin or Little Hedgehog. We also made pine cone bird feeders as a treat for our feathered friends and hung them from the trees and bushes. In National Tree Week we had an excellent discussion about the importance of trees, and we were so impressed by the children's knowledge. We ended the term with a very wet walk around the school grounds spotting lots of signs of winter and then we had a very exciting search for chocolate sprouts and chocolate Christmas puddings on the woods!

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and  
look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

*Sarah Curtis (Forest School Leader)*

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## Dates for your Diary

**New dates have been added in red:**

Date	Event	Notes
<b>January 26</b>		
Monday 5	School Re-opens	
<b>Monday 12</b>	<b>School Clubs commence this week</b>	<b>Information sent out</b>
Wednesday 28	Rainbow Day Themed Lunch	More Information to follow
<b>February</b>		
<b>Monday 2</b>	<b>STEM Fortnight Begins</b>	
Thursday 12	Valentines Lunch School closes at end of day for Half Term	More Information to follow
Friday 13	School Closed	Teacher Trng Day
Monday 23	School Re-opens	
<b>March</b>		
<b>Monday 30</b>	<b>Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle</b>	<b>Information sent out</b>
<b>April</b>		
Thursday 2	Easter Lunch School closes at end of day for Easter Holidays	More Information to follow
Monday 20	School Re-opens	
<b>May</b>		
Monday 4	Bank Holiday Monday	School Closed
Monday 25 May	Bank Holiday Monday	School Closed
<b>June</b>		
Wednesday 10	Teddy Bears Picnic	More Information to follow
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	<b>Year 4 Leavers Celebration at Hexham Abbey</b>	<b>More Information to follow</b>
<b>July</b>		
Tuesday 7	Transfer Day	More Information to follow
Wednesday 15	Leavers Lunch	More Information to follow
Friday 17	School closes at 1:30 for Summer Holidays	

### **Reminders for Music Equipment/Forest School Kit 2026**

**Guitar Lessons Mondays with Mr Reed / Violin Lessons Mondays with Miss Hetherington  
Trumpet Lessons Tuesdays with Mr Vallance**

**Forest School – For Reception Class every Monday Commencing Monday 5 January  
Forest School – For Year 3 & 4 Every Wednesday Commencing Wednesday 7 January  
Pupils please come to school in your forest school clothes on these days! Thank you.**