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What's on next week -

- Whole school trip to Jack and the Beanstalk
- **17th December**
- Nursery Christmas Party Day
- **19th December**
- Last day of term, finish at usual time
- **20th December**

Message from Mrs Kelly.

This fantastic bunch have had the most wonderful Benmore week. Blessed by cold but sunny and crisp weather they have made the most of every opportunity. Can't wait to hear all about it on their return.

Our grateful thanks to the staff who accompanied them, Mr Devine, Ms Miller, Miss Sinclair, Mr Diffley and Miss McCaughey. A PJ weekend for them all.



While our oldest learners were embracing the outdoors the youngest were enchanting us with an engaging and energetic performance of The Nativity. A huge well done to all of the P1&2 team for their support.



Our wonderful catering team delivering a fantastic Christmas lunch. Our newest learners excitedly waiting.



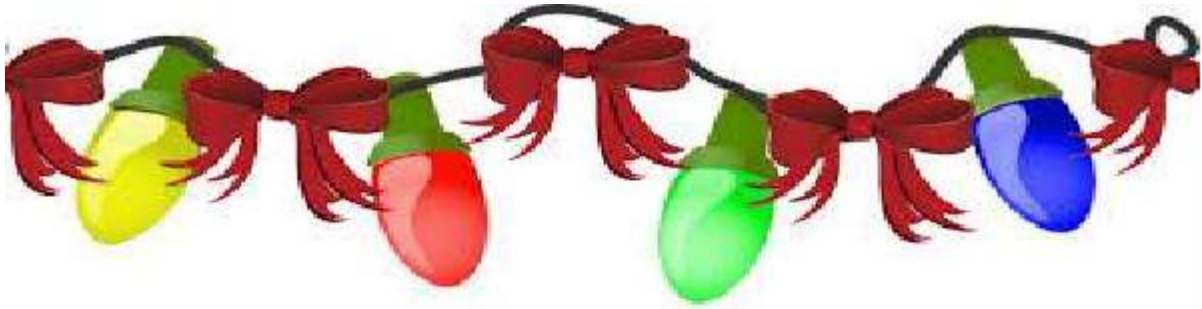
P1 Visit from Santa

Our P1 classes had a surprise visit today !



Panto - Tuesday 17th December

Our whole school are very excited about the planned trip to the Panto at Portobello Town Hall on **Tuesday 17th December**. The performance starts at **10am-12** and we will leave the school at **0915** sharp. We will not take any bags and ask that the children bring a small snack and water bottle only.



Support for Families

The Whole Family Wellbeing Team have collated a list of free and low-cost activities to do in the run up to and during the winter school holidays.

Help Make the Magic Manageable!

There are so many demands at this time of year, the list just keeps on getting longer and the cost continues to rise. You can find a list of free and low-cost activities to do in the run up to and during the winter school holidays on the Family Holiday Activities webpage. The City of Edinburgh council are updating the webpage all the time, so please keep checking back in for new activities.

Support for Families

Check out the other Support for Families webpages for lots of other supports and activities provided by different organisations throughout the year.

The Financial support webpage might be particularly helpful just now when trying to stretch the budget for those extra holiday costs.

If you need any help finding support for you or your child, please email supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk



**FAMILY
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Information on free and low-cost fun activities for families in Edinburgh over the school holidays.

edinburgh.gov.uk/familyholidayactivities

You can also find support for families at edinburgh.gov.uk/supportforfamilies



Friday Football and Mini Kickers

Please see below information regarding our upcoming block of term-time football classes for boys and girls.

All sessions take place at our Forrester / St Augustine's Community Sports Hub and range from age 3 to S1.

Friday Football

Friday Football is a fun, developmental football programme for boys and girls aged P1-S1. The sessions focus on developing confidence and enhancing competence on the ball through dribbling, passing, scoring and control. Sessions are outdoor on 3G astroturf so please bring footwear and clothing suitable for being outdoor.

P1-P4 : Fridays 2.00-3.00pm <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158736>

P5-S1 : Fridays 3.00-4.00pm <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158749>

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Mini Kickers

Mini Kickers is our fun, developmental introductory programme, which focuses on building motor skills and physical literacy through the enjoyment of football. These sessions are indoor.

Age 3-4 : Saturdays 9.00-9.45am <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158706>

Age 4-5 : Saturdays 10.00-10.45am <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158721>

If you would be interested in finding out more information or booking a place, please visit the links above.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

3rd	P4 classes singing at Portobello & 4th Older Peoples Project
4th	School Choir performing - Dome
5th	Advent Service P4 In school
6th	Egyptian Shared learning P3
12th	Christmas School Lunch
9th-P7	Benmore Residential
13th	
11th	P1 & P2 Nativity
13th	Christmas parties P1-P6
17th	Whole school trip to Panto
19th	Nursery Christmas parties
20th	Last day of term

JANUARY

7th	All pupils resume
15th	Feast of St John: Whole school Mass led by P3 @ St-John's
24th	Robert Burns Celebration
29th	Lunar New Year

FEBRUARY

3rd	P6/7 Cross Country
10th	Mid-term break
16th	
27th	P6/P7 Scottish Opera performance
28th	Ramadan

MARCH

5th	Ash Wednesday
6th	World Book Day
10th	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation @St-John's 7pm
19th	Parent Consultations
21st	

APRIL

7th	-Easter holidays
21st	
22nd	All pupils resume

MAY

5th	School holiday
6th	School in-service day
7th	All pupils resume
19th	School holiday
21st	New P1 2025 St John's Nursery Transition event
28th	New P1 Transition event
	Partnership Nurseries
29th	Ascension Thursday Mass led by P2 with P6 support @ MM

JUNE

9th	Sports Day
13th	School reports
13th	New P1 Transition activity
16th	P7 Confirmation @ St-John's
17th,	P7 High School Transition
18th	
19th	
18th	Pupils meet the new teacher
23rd	P7 Leavers Event
25th	P7 Mass
26th	Last day of term