

# Rothwell Schools News

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Please see any new dates below in red



## December

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to order Christmas dinner
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Christmas Play 10.30am and 6.00pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	RVIS Film night
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Christmas Play 10.30am and 6.00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	RVIS Influenza vaccinations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 open afternoon from 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair begins until 18 <sup>th</sup> December –RJS
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 VE Day Celebration and Craft Sale
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Victorian day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas craft afternoon 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Town Carol Service
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	RJS Fluenz Vaccination (whole school)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity Performance 2:00pm and 6:00pm (Children will need to be returned to school at 5.30pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Christmas craft morning 9.00am 11.00am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas craft morning 9.00am – 10.30am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Christmas party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Christmas party
	Nursery Christmas party
	RJS Carol Service 9.30am all welcome
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Christmas party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas sing-a-long 11:15am and 3:00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas party afternoon
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Christmas party
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Christmas party afternoon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas party afternoon

## January

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	SATs information evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Space Centre Visit
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Health screening

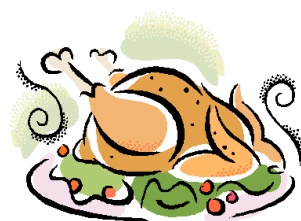
## February

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos (RJS)
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## March

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World book day
	Both school's parents evening 3.30pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Both school's parents evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Easter Play 2.00pm and 6.00pm



## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Only Christmas dinner or the vegetarian option will be on offer on this day, there will not be an option of sandwiches or jacket potatoes. Please can you check what has been ordered for your child on your school money. **The cut off for ordering a Christmas dinner is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December @10am.**

## Illness

In line with guidance from the Public Health England, all children must be off for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. We follow these guidelines and if your child does return before the 48 hours we will

ask you to take them home again or ring you to come and collect. Children must be well enough to eat and drink as normal before returning to school.

Please can parents/carers leave a message on our absence line daily, if your child is poorly and off school.

### **Christmas Jar Competition**

Thank you to all of you that sent in their decorated jars to both schools. It has been a tough job judging as the standard is so high but we finally managed to choose:

RVIS - well done to Guillermo Y2, Freya Y1, Eleanor YR and Lilly in Nursery

RJS – well done to Teegan Y6, Andrei and Daniela Y5, Matilda Y4, and Charlie Y3

**Come and visit us at the Town Gala where you can have a go on our Tombola and be in with a chance of winning one of the fantastic jars.**

### **Instagram**

Last week the children in Year 4 and 5 attended sessions on being CYBERWISE.

The sessions reminded them about how to use “ghost mode” on devices so that their exact location could not be seen by anyone they were engaging with on line (this was delivered with an example of not revealing to anyone online that you are in the park where they could approach them directly).

From our TARGET and CyberWise sessions in school, we are aware that there are a number of children who are using Instagram, some of who say their parents might not know. This week, Instagram have introduced a new feature where new users will need to input their birthday to prove they are 13. This means that if your child is using the app that they have consented to being 13. **All users of Instagram should be 13 or over.**

Please take this opportunity to find out if your child is using Instagram. Its content is unsuitable for young children. Even with a private account, Instagram provides its users with a stream of popular photos, which Instagram aims at an older user. Studies have shown that Instagram is rated (by young people) as one of the social media apps which has the most negative effect on a young person's mental health.

Source: NewsRound, NHS, BBC

### **Funding**

As many of you will be aware, the government pay a grant to schools for children in receipt of free school meals to support them in school; this fund also covers those children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.

If you are the parent or carer who cares for a child in any of these cases and have not notified the school, would you please do so before 16<sup>th</sup> January so that the grant can be applied for; for further information, please contact Mrs Barker, Mrs Leder or the school office.

### **Big Book Boost - The Book People**

As a school, we have signed up for the Big Book Boost, because we like to have the latest books in school for the children to read. Some of the books are so well loved, they need replacing with new copies. So, if you are buying books as presents this Christmas, please have a look to see whether you can get them through The Book People, and simply nominate our school when you make a purchase. We get £1 for every £10 you spend. Thank you!

### **Admissions Consultation**

Pathfinder Schools is consulting on the Admissions arrangements for our schools in 2021/22. Please follow the link below to view the proposed arrangements and for details on how to make any comments.

<https://www.pathfinderschools.org.uk/about-us/statutory-information>

### The Sun - Books for Schools

Both schools have registered for 'BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS'. Tokens can be collected from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 from The Sun newspaper, please hand them into school's offices, if we collect enough tokens we will be able to claim free books worth more than £600 for our schools.

### Polite note

Please can all letters/notes, forms be given to children to give to their class teacher, these will be placed in class registers and given to the school office. Both school offices are incredibly busy in the mornings and this would help alleviate congestion in the office reception areas.

### Lunch Orders

Please can lunch orders be made online via school money – office staff are no longer able to add lunches to the system. If your child is entitled to free school meals these must also be ordered by parents/carers to ensure a meal that your child will like is prepared.

### Reception outside area

Please can we ask that children do not play on the outside play equipment in the Reception area while waiting in the Morning and afternoon. Thank you.

### Wellies

Please can Year 1 children bring in a pair of wellies to leave at school. Year 1 regularly go and feed the chickens and also try to go outside as much as possible even if it is wet, having wellies left in school helps to make this possible.



### **Attendance Award**

w/e 6th December

Well done Magpie class for achieving 97.50% attendance in the Infant school

Well done to Saturn class for achieving 95% attendance in the Junior school

**Phone Home Friday**

**Scarlet U - RVIS**

**Alex J - RJS**

### 2019 – 2020 Term dates

#### **Term 2**

Training Day

Monday 4 November  
Tuesday 5 November  
Friday 20 December

Term starts

Term ends

#### **Term 3**

Training Day

Friday 3 January 2020  
Monday 6 January 2020  
Thursday 13 February  
Friday 14 February

Term starts

Term ends

Training Day

#### **Term 4**

Term starts

Term ends

Monday 24 February  
Friday 3 April

#### **Term 5**

Term starts

(Bank holiday

Term ends

Monday 20 April  
Friday 8 May  
Friday 22 May

#### **Term 6**

Term starts

Term ends

Monday 1 June  
Friday 17 July