



# Shilbottle Primary School Friday Flyer

## 12th December 2025

What a truly fantastic week it has been here at Shilbottle Primary School – Christmas has well and truly arrived and the excitement around school has been infectious!

We began our week on Tuesday with a *fabulous* Lower School Nativity. It was a joy to welcome younger siblings to our dress rehearsal in the morning and then to see so many parents and carers filling the hall in the afternoon. Our youngest children were absolute stars – standing confidently on stage, singing beautifully and remembering every word without a prompt. It was the perfect start to our festive celebrations and a moment of real pride for us all.

On Wednesday, we were treated to the most scrumptious festive feast imaginable. A huge thank you to Mr Bell from Pele Trust, who joined Katelyn in the kitchen to help prepare such a special lunch. The tablecloths, crackers, atmosphere and generous portions all added to the occasion – and the children (and staff!) loved every second. It really was a highlight of the week.

Thursday took us to the beautiful setting of St James' Church for our Key Stage 2 Carols. The church was packed with families and the children looked marvellous standing at the front of the altar. Their singing was simply stunning, full of warmth and confidence and it was truly a special moment that encapsulated the magic of Christmas. I know it certainly put me firmly in the festive spirit as we head into the final week of term.

Today, we rounded things off with our Santa Dash – a fun-filled afternoon of smiling faces, rosy cheeks and plenty of laps run for good causes. It was wonderful to see the children letting off steam and enjoying themselves in such a joyful, energetic way.

I'd also like to offer a huge thank you to our newly formed SPPA. They only officially began in September, yet through just a handful of events they have already raised well over £1,000. This is an incredible achievement and a testament to their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to our school. But it wouldn't be possible without you – our parents, carers and wider community – coming along, supporting events and getting involved. Every penny raised will go straight back into the school and will make a meaningful difference to our future plans.

We ended the week with our final Hot Chocolate Friday of 2025 and our Celebration Assembly, recognising all the fantastic effort, kindness and achievements across the school.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for our final week of term before we break up next Friday at 1pm.

**Mr Shaw**



Shilbottle Primary School is committed to keeping all children safe. Our staff regularly participate in safeguarding training and are fully aware of how to keep our pupils safe and what signs to look out for. Our pupils know they can share any concerns and we have robust policies and procedures in place which underpin safeguarding. It is our paramount priority to keep all children healthy and safe.

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### Attendance

As parents and carers we want to share our attendance figures because it is you who can make the big difference. Our children are entitled to a full and balanced education and at Shilbottle we feel we provide one of the best experiences possible.

**Current Whole School attendance is 93.9%. Our Whole School Target is 96%**

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Mrs Blackhall	91.9%	92.4%
Mrs Kelly	95.6%	94.9%
Mr Phillips	98.8%	94.1%

Days of school add up to lost learning						
Days in school	190	186	180	175	171	170
Percentage attendance	100%	98%	95%	92%	90%	<90%
	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Caution	Cause for concern	Serious concern

Absence Procedures if your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

We have a continual focus on attendance and punctuality and this is of the utmost importance in your child's education. Please remember that our school gate closes at 8.40am as this is when our lessons begin. Anyone arriving after this time is classed as late and will miss valuable learning opportunities, such as phonics, which take place immediately after registration.





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## Classroom updates - Bluebell Class



What a busy week it has been in EYFS and Key Stage 1! We are incredibly proud of our youngest children, who performed brilliantly in their Nativity this week. Their singing, acting and enthusiasm were a pleasure to watch, and they truly did themselves, and all of us, very proud. A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and families who were able to join us. We understand that the calendar can get very busy at this time of year, so

your support means a lot to the children and to the school community.

We also enjoyed our Christmas Dinner day. The children had great fun crafting their own festive paper hats, which added an extra splash of colour and cheer to the celebrations. The Children were incredibly excited to share festive food together and even pull some Christmas crackers.

On Thursday, a small group of our EYFS and KS1 children took part in a cameo during the KS2 performance. A special thanks to them

for braving the stage again and supporting their older peers in their carol service performance.

It has been a week of teamwork, creativity and increasingly sparkly festive spirit. Everyone has earned a good rest this weekend!





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**Mrs Blackhall**

### Classroom updates - Poppy Class

Christmas is a week nearer and excitement is building in Poppy Class. We have tried hard to carry on as normal but it's proving increasingly difficult!

In Maths, we finished our work on multiplication and division, completed our end-of-term assessments, and began looking at the area of shapes. In English, we continued enjoying our class book, 'Pugs of the Frozen North' exploring persuasive writing and designing posters to attract contestants to the Race to the Top of the World.

Our afternoons have been busy with carol practice, including a visit to the church on Monday and a visit to Clover class to rehearse. During French lessons, we revisited numbers to 20 and focused on developing clear and confident pronunciation. Our Geography work brought our settlements topic to a close as we learned how to use four-figure grid references to find locations on a map.

We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday, followed by a wonderful Christmas fayre, and the highlight of our week was the carol concert at St James' Church, where the children read beautifully and sang brilliantly — with a special mention to our brave soloists. On Friday we took part in the Santa Fun Run in our Christmas jumpers, adding even more festive cheer. With just one week left, we can only imagine how excited the children will be by the time we break up.



Have a lovely weekend,





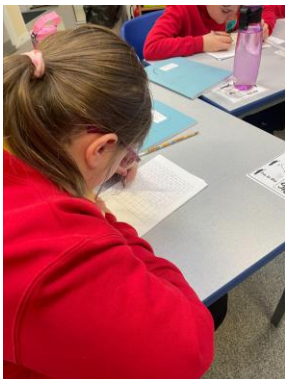
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**Mrs Kelly**

## Classroom Updates - Clover Class

Excitement reached fever pitch this week as the Christmas carols started in abundance and the Christmas dinner was served with lots of festive spirit, fun and laughter.

Monday saw a change in our programme, swapping PE for extra music lessons as we visited St James' church to rehearse our KS2 Christmas Carol service. Revd. Anne and Mr and Mrs Angier were there to listen and they simply loved it. We have all worked hard to learn our lines and Mrs Barber has done a wonderful job in teaching us how to sing our songs. We sounded quite angelic.



It was back to reality on Tuesday as we kept up our multiplication practice and showed once more that our confidence in long division is steadily growing. However, come the afternoon, after a quick geography assessment, we invited Poppy Class into our classroom to practise our Christmas songs again. We have been having a bit of trouble with one of our songs, but Mrs Kelly and

Mr Phillips helped us out and we now know it much better!



There is only one word to describe Wednesday and that is ... CHRISTMAS! We had a fun morning making Christmas party hats, listening to Christmas tunes and solving Christmas riddles. Then, it was on to the main event - Christmas Dinner - Katelyn, with help from Richard from the Pele Trust, served up the best Christmas dinner ever. Year 6 had their dinner at their own table in the library and Mr Shaw and Mr Phillips even served their drinks. It was amazing and a great way for them to remember their last Primary School Christmas!



As if that wasn't enough, we also had the school Christmas Fair, organised by the incredible parents of the Shilbottle Parents Association. They really outdid themselves with some amazing stalls and some really amazing prizes ... *Mr Phillips is still grumbling that he didn't win anything!*

Our Christmas Carol Concert happened for real on Thursday. It was great to see so many parents there and all our rehearsals paid off as we really spread Christmas joy to everyone! Even Mr Phillips said he felt Christmassy!



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Mr Phillips

### Dates for your Diary

*Events could be subject to change and will be communicated if required*

Date	Time	
Tuesday 16th December	2:00-3:00	Reception/Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December	9.30-11.30	Alnwick Playhouse (whole School visit) Christmas Panto
Wednesday 17th December	2:00-3:00	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	2:00-3:00	Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December	1:00pm	School shuts at 1pm
Monday 5th January 2026	8:40	School will resume after Christmas holidays



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**Happy Birthday to all those celebrating  
this week**

**Ella - Bluebell Class  
Rosie - Poppy Class**