



Somerdale Educate Together  
Primary School  
'Learn Together to Live Together'  
Newsletter (Term 2 Week 7)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Value of the Month  
for  
December:  
Peace

Dear Families,

As we approach the festive season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a successful term here at Somerdale. The festive period is a time to come together, to share joy, and to look ahead with hope. It has been wonderful to see this spirit alive in our school community, whether through our festive assemblies and productions, the Christmas Fair, or the beautiful carol performances by our children.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our school's success this term—our dedicated staff, our supportive parents and carers, and of course, our amazing children who make our work so rewarding. Your contributions and partnership mean so much, and they form the foundation of everything we achieve.

As we all take a well-deserved break, I wish you a holiday period filled with joy and happiness. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, ready for another exciting term of learning, growth, and community spirit.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Somerdale!



### **Key Stage 2 Christmas Candlelight Carol Service**

On last Thursday evening, it was wonderful to see so many members of the Somerdale community gathered to celebrate the coming of Christmas with the children of Key Stage 2. FoSET provided warm drink and delicious snacks. Fortunately, the weather was dry-ish and children started off with some Sparkle and Shine! Each class then shared their own Christmas song with actions and their own special lyrics! We rounded off the evening with everyone joining in with an enthusiastic 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas!'



### **Key Stage I Christmas Production – Baarmy!**

What an incredible performance from our Wildcat and Hedgehog classes in their Christmas Production! We were so proud of their wonderful singing, clear voices when delivering their lines, and impressive focus throughout. It's heartwarming to see how they overcame any nerves to deliver such a memorable show! A huge thank you to our parents for their fantastic support with costumes and for helping the children practice their lines at home. We're also very grateful to our amazing helpers who brought the magic to life with their creative props.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas!



### **Early Years and Foundation Stage – Nativity**

WOW! How amazing were our Otters and Turtles in their Nativity performance? I am so incredibly proud of them all! There were some worries and nerves, which were overcome, like true Tryatops! Thank you, parents, for organising costumes and practising words at home. We did video the performance and I will upload on to tapestry soon. Have a wonderful Christmas/Winter break, we will see you in January!



### **Christmas Dinner**

Our catering team produced another wonderful Christmas dinner for the children and staff!



## **Reception Applications Deadline**

The deadline for the 2025-26 Reception applications is midnight 15 January 2025. More information can be found in the booklet below:

**<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Primary%20Admissions%20Booklets%202025-26.pdf>**