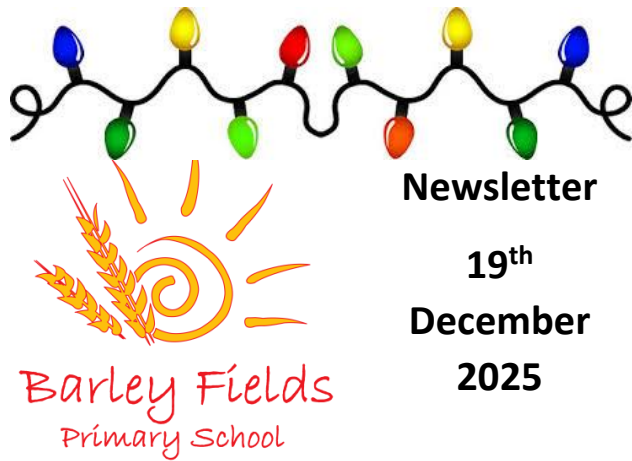




Ofsted

Thank you for your amazing support during this terms Ofsted inspection. We were genuinely uplifted by the many messages of encouragement that came into school—they meant a great deal to the whole team.



As we are part of the **Volunteering for Early Inspection Schools** group, the official outcomes will not be published until **January**, and we will share the report with you as soon as it is released. Thank you again for your continued support.

Helen Rutter- Author Visit in Year 5 and 6

We were delighted to welcome author Helen Rutter to Barley Fields this term. She spent time with our Year 5 and 6 children, inspiring them with stories about her writing journey and sharing insights into how characters and ideas come to life. The children were thoroughly engaged and came away full of enthusiasm for reading and writing.

Reception Christmas Performances

Our Reception children delivered the most wonderful nativity performance. Their confidence, enthusiasm and early talent shone brightly on stage—there truly wasn't a dry eye in the house! We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we did, and we are incredibly proud of every single child.



Prince regent Street Trust Carol Concert

A group of children from Upper Key Stage 2 proudly represented our school at the Trust Christmas Concert, held at Stockton Tabernacle. It was a lovely evening filled with wonderful performances, and our pupils shone throughout. Well done to everyone who took part!



School Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we hosted our school Christmas lunch. It was a lovely occasion followed by a singalong in the hall. Thank you to all the kitchen staff and



lunchtime supervisors who worked so hard to make this possible.

Year 1 – Letters to Santa

Our Year 1 children enjoyed writing their own letters to Santa, practising their sentence skills and sharing their Christmas wishes. They were very excited to post their letters in the school post box and learn how mail is sent. A magical festive experience for all!

Rudolph Run – Teesside Hospice



Our Rudolph run, in aid of Teesside Hospice, was yet again a runaway success. Despite the weather we had such fun running laps around the playground and MUGA as part of the challenge. Some of the children are unbelievably fit and I was astounded at how many times they could run around the track! I think some of them must work on batteries!

We are using JustGiving to collect any sponsor money as this sends your donation straight to Teesside Hospice and can, if you give permission, reclaim Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. The page can be accessed at:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/barley-fields-primary-school-15?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Year 2 The Bossy King



We are so proud of the Year 2 children's performance of "The Bossy King" – it was nothing short of outstanding. The children put so much effort into learning their lines, and their singing was absolutely incredible!

Mayors Christmas Carol Concert

This week, our Year 5 and 6 choir had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert in Stockton. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this festive community event, joining other schools and local groups to celebrate the season through music.

The children sang beautifully and with great confidence, showcasing all the hard work they have put into rehearsals. Their behaviour, enthusiasm, and teamwork were excellent, and they represented our school exceptionally well throughout the morning. We are very proud of the children and grateful to everyone who helped make the event such a memorable experience especially Mrs Forster who gives up her time so freely to support the children.

Year 3 Christingle

As part of their RE lessons this half term, Year 3 have been exploring Christian symbols of Christmas. Today, they created their very own



Christingles, carefully thinking about the symbolism of each part and what Christians believe it represents. The children were excited to light their candles at home and maybe even sneak a sweet or two from the top!

A big thank you to Ingleby Barwick Tesco for the oranges! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Year 4 Bethlehem the Musical



A huge WELL DONE to our amazing Year 4 children for their fantastic Christmas production of "Bethlehem"! The children lit up the stage with their confidence, energy and the most beautiful singing - every song filled the room with Christmas cheer. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them!



Facebook

If you want to keep up to date with the many amazing things we complete at Barley Fields these are often shared on Facebook. Please like and follow our account to see lots of examples of the things we do in school. Can I remind parents that our social media is for publicity only. If you have a concern, a question or a problem please contact our school directly via email or telephone and not through these pages.

Year 6 Performance – *The Wizard of Oz* 🌈



The Year 6 performance of *The Wizard of Oz* was absolutely wonderful and a joy to watch from start to finish. The children showed amazing talent, confidence, and enthusiasm, bringing the story to life with fantastic acting, singing, and teamwork. Every child played their part brilliantly, and their hard work and dedication truly shone through on the night.

A huge thank you to all the staff and everyone involved behind the scenes for their time, commitment, and support in making this production such a success. It was a memorable performance that will be remembered by all who attended.

Cold weather

It is likely that we will have more cold weather in January. Our school yard is a huge space and it is not feasible to grit it entirely. I would remind everyone that we have a gritting plan in place.



When the weather conditions are inclement, Mrs Symmonds (our school caretaker) will demarcate safe routes into school with floor cones and may cordon off areas for safety. Please follow these pathways as much as possible and supervise your children away from potentially slippery areas.

Mrs Gaynon – return to school

We are delighted that Mrs Gaynon in Year 5 has returned to school and we warmly welcome her back! Mrs Gaynon will resume her full teaching responsibilities after the Christmas break. We would like to thank Mrs Burton and Mr Durrani for their outstanding support over the past few months. Their dedication has ensured that the children have continued to receive the very best education during this time.

Christmas Lunch

Yesterday we held our school Christmas Lunch which was kindly provided by our talented kitchen staff. It was wonderful to see all of our school family come



together to celebrate Christmas in the traditional manner and it was a lovely festive occasion. Thank you to all our amazing lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff for their hard work.

Christmas Singalong 🎄



Our Christmas singalong in the school hall was such fun yesterday! The hall was filled with festive cheer as the children sang their hearts out, spreading smiles and Christmas spirit all around. It was a joyful occasion enjoyed by everyone and a lovely way to celebrate the season together.



Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the PTA Christmas Raffle.



All winners have been notified. Well done to everyone who was lucky enough to win a prize. A huge thank you to Mrs Young for her gorgeous hamper donations and gifts.

Facebook Christmas Surprise

Check out our school Facebook page for a special surprise video of all the amazing things that have been happening at Barley Fields during our Christmas festivities. Thanks to Mrs Brand and Mrs Durrani for putting it together.

Diary Dates

19th December - Break Up for Christmas
5th January 2026 – return to school

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to wish our whole school family a very happy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make our school such a caring and welcoming place. I hope the holiday brings rest, joy and special time with loved ones. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.



Merry Christmas!
Love
Mrs Taylor x