

NEWSLETTER



BALFOUR
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 13th December 2024

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day:

Wednesday 18th
December

Year 3 pupils

Christmas Carol performance to

parents: Wednesday
18th December
9:15am and 2:00pm

Last day of term 2 and

TAG day: Friday 20th
December

First day of term 3:

Friday 3rd January
2025

Last day of term 3 and

TAG day: Friday 14th
February 2025

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Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the pupils who came to the Christmas Fair (and the grown ups who gave them the money to spend!) They had a lovely time visiting the stalls and taking part in games and competitions. We would also like to thank the staff who helped to organise and run the Fair with a very special thank you to Becky for organising the whole event. All money raised will go directly to Friends of Balfour



Christmas jumpers and Christmas lunch



We look forward to seeing the children looking festive in their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 18th December. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes with their jumpers or Christmas clothes, as well as Christmas accessories such as head bands or Christmas hats, if they would like to. We will be serving Christmas lunch on the same day; children can book their Christmas lunch on the day during registration and it must be paid for via your ParentPay account

Christingle

We reflected on the true meaning of Christmas today as we visited St Stephen's church for our Christingle services. The children were exceptionally sensible and respectful, with several from each year group taking part in the readings, prayers and tableau. Thank you to St Stephen's church for welcoming us today and helping us make it a special part of the Balfour Christmas experience.



Football match

On Thursday after school, Balfour played a league match against Hoo St Werburgh Primary School. The teams were very well matched, with both sides playing well, having numerous shots on goal as well as some spectacular saves. The match finished 3-3 with goals for Balfour from Danny and Bailey. Well done to the team: Louis, Bailey, Jimmy, Dorcas, Lincoln, Mason, Maisie, Danny and Jake for playing so well and showing great determination and sportsmanship. Thank you to the staff and parents who came to cheer the team on and to Miss Johnson and Mrs Riley for organising the match and helping the team to prepare.

Parental controls

We have had a few reports recently of pupils being befriended online by people they do not know in real life, particularly through Roblox and Snapchat. Please ensure any devices your child has access to have parental controls applied to prevent potentially unsafe contact from strangers. If you would like advice about how to set parental controls on any device, you can visit Internet Matters: [Parental controls & privacy settings guides](#) | [Internet Matters](#). We are also happy to help in school if you would like support or need some help, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



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| 3H: Abbie-Rose | 3L: Ofranela | 3M: Pippa | 3P: Phillip |
| 4H: Yasemin | 4B: Hatice | 4T: Joseph | 4O'K: Kaiya |
| 5H: Leo | 5K: Yasin | 5C: Evan | 5R: Aurile |
| 6K: Pinky | 6L: Dilan | 6Ma: Sam | 6Mo: Amelia |