

THE GRYPHON

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we have come to the end of a busy and memorable term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many wonderful events and achievements that have brought our school community together over the past weeks. It has been a joy to see our students, staff, and families share in the festive spirit and to witness so many magical moments that will be treasured for years to come.

The KS1 Nativity was one of my highlights, where our youngest children captivated us with their heartwarming performance. Their enthusiasm and confidence shone brightly on stage, and their hard work in rehearsals truly paid off. I would like to thank the KS1 team and all the parents who supported this event, from costumes to practicing lines at home. Together, you helped create a performance that celebrated the magic of the season and the talents of our children.

Another special event was the Cherry Trees Sing-a-Long, which brought music and joy to all who attended. The children's delightful singing filled the room with festive cheer, and it was wonderful to see so many families joining in and creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere. This event reminded us of the power of music to bring people together and spread happiness.

The Winter Showcase was yet another example of the incredible talent within our school. From musical performances to dramatic pieces, it was an evening filled with inspiration and pride. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this event a success. It was a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students and staff, and it left us all feeling uplifted and inspired.

We also came together as a school community to enjoy a delicious and festive Christmas Lunch. It was a lovely opportunity for students and staff to share a meal and enjoy some laughter and camaraderie - The 12 Days of Christmas was particularly enjoyable (see the video below)!

The PTA Christmas Fair was a fantastic success, bringing together families, staff, and students for an afternoon of festive fun and fundraising. The stalls, games, and activities created a joyful atmosphere and the event raised valuable funds that will directly benefit our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered and contributed to making this event such a highlight of the term.

Finally, the term ended on a magical note as we returned to St Giles Church, Risby to host our long awaited carols service. This beautiful tradition allowed us to reflect on the meaning of the season. The carol service was a peaceful and poignant way to conclude the term, and it was made even more special by the participation of our students, families, and staff. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.

As we say goodbye to this term, we also bid a fond farewell to Sarah Hyden, who will be moving on to new adventures. Sarah has been an integral part of our school community, and her contributions and dedication have made a lasting impact. She will be missed, but wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Looking ahead, we send our best wishes to our Year 11 students, who will return in January to complete their mock exams. This is an important milestone in their academic journey, and we are proud of the commitment and effort they have shown so far. We encourage them to use the holiday period to rest, recharge, and prepare for the challenges ahead, knowing that we will be here to support them every step of the way.

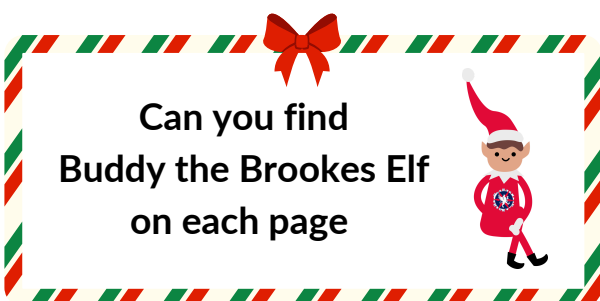
As we close the term, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our parents and guardians for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement in school life plays a vital role in the success of our students, and we are truly grateful for everything you do.

On behalf of all the staff at Brookes, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and successful New Year. May this holiday season bring you joy, peace, and the opportunity to create cherished memories with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back in January for another exciting term ahead.

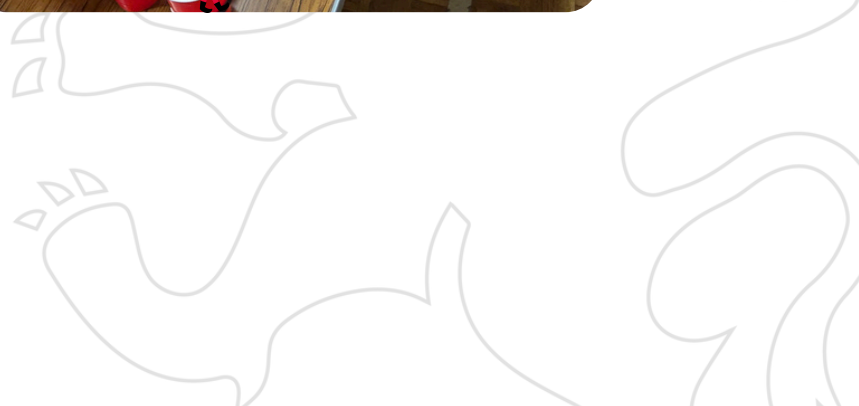
Warm regards,



Paul Jackson
Principal

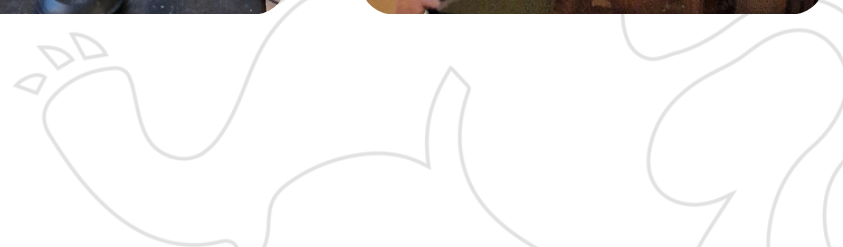


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Stars of the Week



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Christmas



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Staff INSET day	Monday 6th January
Spring term starts	Tuesday 7th January
Half-term	Monday 17th February - 21st February
Spring terms ends	Friday 28th March 3.30pm (no aftercare)

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