

THE GRYPHON



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Dear Parents and Brookes Community,

As the festive season approaches, this week has been packed with energy, excitement, and plenty of achievements. Here's a round-up of the fantastic events that took place at school:

🏉 Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby & Year 3 & 4 Football Matches ⚽

Our Year 5 and 6 students showcased their teamwork and determination in an exhilarating Tag Rugby match this week vs Thetford GS. Their spirit and enthusiasm were a joy to see, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts! The Year 3 and 4 football team took to the pitch against Fairstead House. Their skill and enthusiasm, together with their teamwork and sportsmanship were truly commendable – well done to all involved!

🎄 Christmas Tree House Decorating Competition

Our Junior school enjoyed participating in the House Christmas Tree Decorating Competition, which brought festive cheer and creativity to the school. Each House put their own unique twist on decorating their trees, and the results have transformed our school into a winter wonderland. A big thank you to all the students who participated with such enthusiasm!

📷 School Photography

This week we welcomed Mark Logan, a local photographer, to capture our fantastic school and students throughout the week. The photos will be used to update our school website and future marketing campaigns. We look forward to sharing these photos with you soon.

www.marklogan.co.uk

Newmarket Lights

A thoroughly enjoyable event. The children sang beautifully as the opening act of this years 'Love Newmarket' Christmas lights switch on event.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We look forward to more exciting events in the weeks ahead, as we build up to the holiday season!

Paul Jackson

Can you find
Buddy the Brookes Elf
on each page





On behalf of the PTA



We are having a

Non Uniform

Day **FRIDAY**
29TH
NOVEMBER

We ask that you bring in an item for the hampers that we will raffle off on the evening of the Winter Showcase

The themes for this year are:

T'was the night before Christmas

Movie night

A Cosy Christmas

A Crafty Christmas

Let's get cooking

Game night

A Chocoholics delight

A very Berry Christmas

Mistletoe and Wine

The Pamper Hamper



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

**SANTA
RUN/WALK**

**09:30 MEET
10:00 START**



**REGISTER
HERE**



**PUT ON YOUR
TRAINERS AND SANTA SUIT**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED MORNING
FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES AND A WARM
DRINK**



**RAFFLE
TICKETS
AVAILABLE**

**COSY CHRISTMAS
CRAFT ROOM**

**BROOKES
AND
CHERRY TREES PTA**

**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

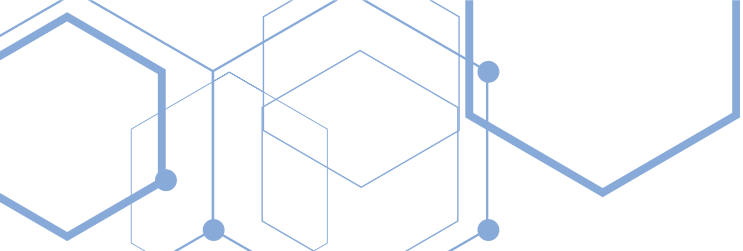
**FRIDAY DEC 6TH
3PM- 5.30PM**

CAKES

REFRESHMENTS

GIFT STALLS

GAMES



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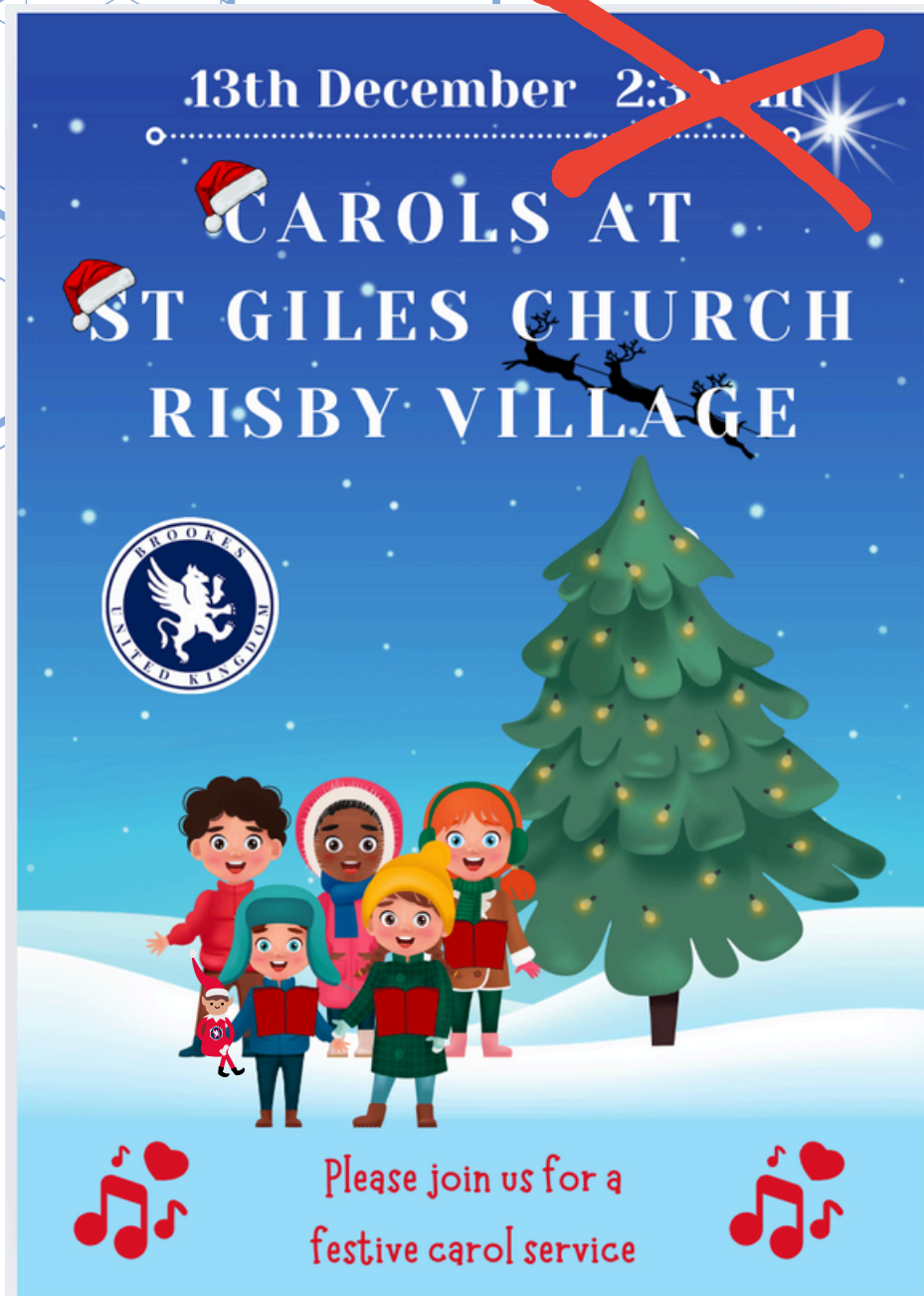
Christmas Jumper Day

£1



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Wed 11th Dec



We are really looking forward to our end of term Carols at St Giles Church, Risby Village.

We would like to, however, inform you of a change in timing of this event which also changes the time of pick up, on our last day of this term.

We have decided to bring our service forward to start at 1:45pm instead of 2:30pm. This is to prevent any frustrations with car parking and possible clashes with the local primary school, during their pick up times.

We will be driving the children to the church, for the service to begin at 1:45pm. Parents are invited to attend this special service, please arrive ahead of the start time, to take your seats. The service will finish at 2:30pm, where our term finishes and children can be taken home from there.

Please note that Friday 13th December will be a **'NO BAG DAY'**. All bags, clothes, belongings are to be taken home on Thursday 12th December. Children must wear full school uniform on Friday 13th, in preparation for the Carol Service (There will be no Forest School/PE on that day, for all year groups)

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to celebrating the end of term together.

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Love Newmarket

Newmarket at Christmas

Light Switch On Event

The Clock Tower Friday 22nd November
Fun Starts at 4.30pm | Switch On 7.00pm

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Congratulations are in order!



Top Right picture

Fern class are learning about leavers and linkages, making a lazy tong, hand grabber, using lolly sticks and wooden dowels.

Right picture

Bramble class learnt how to make butter this week in food tech by hand. This links to their learning about the Victorians, which they are doing in class with Mrs Gale.

Top Left picture

Big thanks to the Woodland Trust for a donation of 30 trees for our Forest School site. We now have a Dogwood, Crab apple, Hawthorne, Dogrose, and Hazel trees.

The students have helped to plant these on the site, over the last week.




Food tech needs takeaway tubs

We could do with some more take away tupperware for the food tech room, just incase our students forget to bring one

Any donations will be greatly received
Thank you in advance

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**Forest School
Winter Song**

To the tune of Head, shoulders, knees and toes

**HATS, SCARVES,
MITTENS AND BOOTS**

MITTENS AND BOOTS

**HATS, SCARVES,
MITTENS AND BOOTS**

**MITTENS AND BOOTS
THEY KEEP US WARM
AND COSY IN THE COLD**

**HATS, SCARVES,
MITTENS AND BOOTS
MITTENS AND BOOTS**

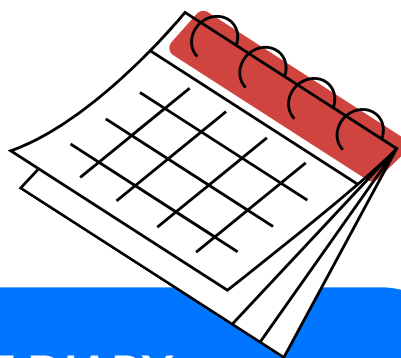
Christmas Post Box



Thank you to Mr Graham for making this amazing Christmas Post Box

If children wish to send their school friends Christmas Cards this year, they are encouraged to post them in the Christmas Post Box, where they will be delivered to them, by our Brookes Elves.

Stars of the Week



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Wednesday 27th Nov	Past Yr 11 GCSE Certificate Eve TBC
Friday 29th Nov	Non-Uniform Day Christmas Hamper Donations
Saturday 30th Nov	Santa Run 09:30
Wednesday 4th Dec	Yr 11 Art Mock
Thursday 5th Dec	Reception & KS1 Nativity 2:30pm
Friday 6th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair 3:00 - 5:00pm
Tuesday 10th Dec	Winter Showcase
Wednesday 11th Dec	Class Christmas Parties Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day (£1 Save the Children)
Friday 13th Dec	Carol Service - Risby Church 1:30pm Term Ends 2:30pm



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