

Holidays are coming...

At Shanklea school, somewhere not so far from you, excitement levels are reaching fever pitch with thoughts of the plentiful presents and parties that the festivities bring...

It's been an amazingly busy time at school, with lots more planned for next week. We have included a list on the following page to remind you of some of our plans.

On Wednesday we all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner. Children enjoyed their meals with friends and members of staff while listening to some of their favourite Christmas classics.

Check out some of our pictures from a very enjoyable lunchtime.



Year 1 and 2 Performances

Congratulations to Years 1 and 2 for putting on a spectacular Christmas show - Making costumes, painting scenery and learning lines aren't even the half of it!

With a lively script and seriously thumping good tunes, the script was guaranteed to have our audience dancing in the aisles; this musical was the ultimate way to celebrate Christmas at Shanklea School!

Thank you to all parents for supporting their children in such a splendid way and allowing them to shine.



If you would like to order a photo of your child please contact our office team.

Year 3 and 6 Performances

On Friday, Shanklea families joined our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils at St Nicholas' Church in Cramlington for a concert of festive delights - favourite carols, traditional sing-alongs, and even a sprinkling of stardust. Accompanied by Miss Yarrow and her musicians it was a festive morning to remember.



Cameron C used his pocket money this weekend to buy hot sausage rolls and Greggs' goodie bags for 4 homeless people who he saw on the street adjacent to the Theatre Royal. This is such a kind and thoughtful thing to do. Well done, Cameron.

Shanklea Superstars

Ruby A won the managers' player of the game award with Cramlington United recently. She had an exceptional game and is turning into quite the defender. Great work, Ruby!



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 20th December

Christmas jumpers have become a staple part of any festive celebration at Shanklea Primary School.

Tacky tinsel, bouncing baubles, fluffy penguins - whatever your Christmas jumper or glittery outfit looks like this year, wear it with pride on the last day of school term. There's nothing to stop you from wearing your favourite festive knit.

St Oswalds Fab Four



We still have a few Fab Four soft toys left. They cost £2 each and all monies raised go to support St Oswalds Charity.

Time to Celebrate

Class Christmas Parties will be taking place next week in the afternoons.

Your child may come into school that day in their party clothes. Please provide your child with their own small plate of food to eat at the party. Please do not bring anything that includes any traces of nuts. They will not require much as the party is after lunchtime so they should still be quite full!

We are so pleased to announce that Santa is planning a visit. He has heard about how busy we have been and how hard we all work, so he decided to pop in and see us. We'll be very glad to see him. Thank you to Santa Claus for taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit us at Shanklea Primary School. We can't wait to see you.





Shanklea Primary School

"We provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children recognise and achieve their fullest potential"

Year 6 Hate Crimes Workshop.

Our Year 6 children had the fantastic opportunity to work with Northumberland Police this week as they took part in a Hate Crimes Workshop.

They were quite surprised to learn that at some point in our lives we will all fall into a vulnerable category due to factors such as age, disability, gender, religion, sexual orientation. Crimes committed against someone because of such things are hate crimes and should be reported to the police.

This was a very interactive and enjoyable workshop where the children got the chance to dress up as criminals and police officers. They learnt lots of useful information and found out what would happen to someone who was convicted of a hate crime.

The children learnt that Northumberland is statistically the safest place to live and how to challenge attitudes and opinions of others. We were very impressed with how our Year 6 students engaged with such an important topic.



Important Update

The following clubs will be **on** next week to make up for missed sessions:

Monday Lego Club

Tuesday Football

Thursday Gymnastics

Thursday Boxing

OOSC

We have some extraordinarily generous members of our Shanklea community. We have had lots of toys and games donated recently which the children are having a wonderful time investigating.

Please note that the OOSC phone number is now:

0792 6053 422



Thank you so much to everyone for your continued support – you are amazing.

Parent View

Please let us know what you think

Thank you to everyone who has completed questionnaires in the last few weeks. Your feedback is so useful and really important to us.

If you have not completed a form, please collect one from the office. Completed forms can be left in the box outside the office. Thank you



What's happening next week?

Monday 16 th December 2019	KS1 Christmas Party afternoon Nursery Home visits
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	9.15am Nursery Christmas Crafts Squirrels Home Visits Years 4 and 5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December 2019	Squirrels Home Visits 9-10am Toddlers Christmas Party 9.30am Reception visit to Azure 2pm Christmas Choir at Sainsbury's Year 3 Christmas Party afternoon
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Year 6 Christmas Party Reception Polar Express Day
Friday 20 th December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Party Lunch School closes for Christmas holidays.

Attendance

Last week's attendance

**Class of the week
with 95.7%
attendance is
LMR/KLR**

**Year Group of the
week is
Reception**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	95.0
1 and 2	86.4
3	87.0
4 and 5	85.6
6	89.1