

19th December 2025

Year 6 Fundraising: Year 6 and their families sold reindeer food and ran Christmas competitions to raise funds for their leavers' party.

Christmas Crafternoon: Everyone enjoyed a festive afternoon of crafts.

KS2 Pantomime: KS2 children watched the pantomime (oh yes they did!).

Nativity Performances: Afternoon and evening shows were as fabulous as expected - well done to all children, staff, and parents for their support.

Thank You: We are so grateful for your kind words, cards, and gifts which are all deeply appreciated.

Swimming Reminder: Swimming starts in the New Year - see details within the newsletter.



Wishing you all a wonderful, peaceful Christmas, however you celebrate. We look forward to welcoming you back on **6th January 2026.**

Online Safety

When you gift a device that can access the internet, you're not just gifting the device itself: you're gifting a portal to the entire online world! While that includes all the fun bits, like chatting with friends and finding new favourite games, it also comes with a whole host of potential safeguarding risks.

In the offline world, we teach children and young people how to be safe. We show them how to cross the road carefully, we talk to them about stranger danger, not to touch hot things and what to do in an emergency.

When children and young people are introduced to new devices and given access to the online world, those same safeguarding principles should be applied—and prioritised. Just as you wouldn't drop your child off at the playground unsupervised on their first trip there, so too should first encounters with online spaces be accompanied and guided.

Amidst the Christmas morning excitement and enthusiasm, pausing to do safety set-ups together and talk about online safety might seem a bit 'bah humbug'. However, you're not only helping to keep your child or young person safer online, but also beginning to build their cyber resilience.

Over the 12 days of Christmas this year, here is a link to 12 ways to keep your child or young person safer on their new devices.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/12/15/guide-to-gifting-tech/>

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored silence! We raised a grant total of £520 for St Elizabeth's Hospice.

Christmas Performance

What a fantastic job the children did with their production of Baubles.

They should all be very proud of themselves for their acting and singing skills.

A big thank you goes to all the staff involved for their hard work and patience.

Lucky Ticket

Thank you to all those that took part in our lucky ticket competition at this year's Christmas production.

The lucky winners of the Hampers were:-
Mr Potter & Mrs Schulen

Swimming

On Tuesday 13th January Years 3 and 4 will start their curriculum swimming lessons at Stowmarket Leisure Centre. They will need a swimming costume/swimming shorts (not below the knee), a swimming hat and if they wish, goggles.

If your child is wearing goggles, please can you make sure that you have given permission as this will be asked for by the swimming instructors.

Safeguarding Over the Holidays

If you are worried about a child or need support during the holiday period, please contact **Customer First on:**

0808 800 4005

Emails sent to admin@bactonschool.org.uk will be checked periodically over the holidays.

Diary Dates

**22nd December—2nd January
Christmas Holidays**

5th January—PD Day

6th January—Children return to school

13th January—Year 3 and 4 Start Swimming

15th January—Dental Aid in School

12th February—Valentines Disco

Half Term—16th to 20th February 2026

Principal Awards

Robin - Alfie

Finch - Pearl, Greyson

Kestrel - Theon

Owl - Mason

Eagle - Sophia

Weather

Please can you make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for our current unpredictable weather.

Attendance This Week

As we know, good attendance at school supports pupils' attainment and well-being.

Robin: 97.53%

Finch: 97.07%

Kestrel: 93.65%

Owl: 91.67%

Eagle: 90.28%

Congratulations

Robin Class for
the best
attendance this
week

Nuts in School

Can we remind everyone that we are a nut free school.

Please check all items in lunchboxes and any snacks that come into school to make sure they do not contain any form of nuts (including mustard).

We will remove and return home items from lunchboxes that contain nuts.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Dinner Menu

Week Commencing 5th January

Monday	05.01.26 PD Day
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognaise Quorn Spaghetti Bolognaise
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Quorn Fillet
Thursday	Pepperoni Pizza Margherita Pizza
Friday	Fish & Chips



Also Available Daily

**School Packed Lunch: Baguettes/Sandwiches/Wraps with
Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo**

Jacket Potato: Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

**Selection Changed Daily: Pasta, Homemade Bread,
Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar**

DESSERTS

**Fresh Fruit Platter, Fruit Kebabs, Fresh Fruit Salad,
Yoghurt, Jelly**

Wendy's Special Desserts

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday