



Great Binfields Primary School Newsletter

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20th December '24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well we said this half-term would fly past and it certainly has! It's amazing to watch the festive build-up through the eyes of the children, as they experience it with such awe and wonder! This can be easily lost after childhood as we get caught up in all of the Christmas admin, so thank you children for re-capturing the magic of Christmas!

The children have been amazing in their various performances and have done you, staff and themselves extremely proud. They were a joy to watch! We also thoroughly enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner and of course the Christmas Treehouse production which was Treasure Island. I know the staff particularly love the audience participation!

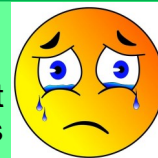
We always ensure we recognise and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas here at GBP and our RE day enabled us to do just that. Our children are acutely aware that Christmas is as much about giving as it is about receiving and the donations to the Food bank for their Hamper Appeal.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and you're able to enjoy some 'slow' days in amongst all the busyness that Christmas brings!

Kindest regards
Miss Lyddon

Goodbyes

At the end of another term at Great Binfields, we are saying some goodbyes to some of our current staff members.



Firstly goodbye to Mrs Ellis who is leaving primary education and taking that jump into secondary, and a new role. She is going into a SENDCo role at a local secondary school.

Ms Abbey is leaving us also to start a new role out of education and will be an Intensive Care Worker for Children and Family Services.

Ms Lopez, one of our lunchtime supervisors, is leaving to have some time for herself and concentrate on her family.

Finally, Mrs Aggozino has been off poorly for some time and has now stepped back from her role to concentrate on her health too.

We wish everyone who is leaving us good luck in their new roles. Please keep and do pop in to see us.



Merry Christmas to you all from all of us!

Avon Tyrell

The year 6 children had amazing time away this half term. They spent 4 days away at Avon Tyrell in the New Forest. I wonder which was their favourite activity?? Follow their week on Latest News on the Website.



RE day:

We started our day with an assembly from Gary the Vicar from the Hope Community Church. We learnt /recapped our understanding of the Christmas Story and sang some Christmas songs. A great way to start the week!



We even wrapped up some children!!!

INSET DAY REMINDER:

31st January 2025—SCL 8am —4 pm

23rd May 2025—No SCL on Site

3rd July 2025



Christmas Rocky Road



100g butter cut into cubes, plus extra for the tin
250g Christmas biscuits such as shortbread or chocolate biscuits
75g shelled nuts
100g mixed dried fruit
(such as raisins, cherries or glacé ginger)
75g Christmas sweets
(candy canes, marshmallows or jelly sweets)
400g milk or plain chocolate (or a mixture of both), chopped
140g golden syrup
(weigh this straight into the pan you will use for melting)
2 tbsp sprinkles or more sweets, to decorate

step 1

Butter and line a 20cm square tin, or use a 20cm square silicone mould. Break the biscuits into pieces – they need to be no smaller than a pea, but not too chunky or your rocky road won't hold together.

step 2

Halve any larger nuts either by snapping them or carefully cutting with a knife, then combine them with the biscuits. Halve any large pieces of dried fruit and chop or snap sweets into smaller pieces, then add these to the bowl.

step 3

Melt 300g of the chocolate, the butter and the golden syrup carefully in a pan set over a low heat, stirring occasionally, then pour this over the biscuit and nut mixture and mix together so the chocolate covers everything.

step 4

Tip the mixture into the tin, then level the top – it doesn't need to be completely smooth. Melt the remaining chocolate in the microwave in short blasts, or in a heat-proof bowl over a small pan of simmering water, then drizzle this over the top and sprinkle with the decorations. Chill for at least 3 hrs or overnight before cutting into squares. Will keep in the fridge for three to four days.

Hamper donations and Christmas Jumper day!

Thanks so much for your support with FoodBank hamper donations We donated 178.88kg which is equivalent to 416 meals!

Each of our food parcels contains three days worth of food so you have fed 46 people!



The adventures of Paddington Bear:

The children in year 2 shared their Paddington learning to their families and played Silent night on the bells. I think the children really enjoyed learning about London and Paddington.



Panto—It's behind you!!!! Thank you Treehouse Theatre for a great morning !!



Nativity in EYFS. Well done to our youngest children for their lovely Nativity Story. It was lovely watching and remembering the true meaning of Christmas.



Year 3 music concert. Year 3 have learnt to play the ukulele this term and it was amazing to see all of the skills they have learnt. Being able to sing and play an instrument at the same time...WOW!!!



Year 5 and 6 Artist workshop:

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 had an exciting opportunity to attend an artist Zoom with 3D artist Darrell Wakelam. He uses everyday recycled materials such as cardboard tubes, paper plates, milk bottles and cardboard boxes to make his creations.

Check out his website:
www.darrellwakelam.com



Competition Winner!!

When the children created their Christmas cards in September, we were asked by Hampshire County Council to send through some designs, to be part of a competition. The winning entry would be the Hampshire Primary School Card that will be sent to all primary schools in December.

Well done to Amiarah in Year 3, who won a selection of Art Goodies. Big congratulations to you.

Here is the winning design.



Bake some sweet treats

Go to the library

Take a walk

Write in a journal

Do some mindfulness colouring

Watch a movie

Snuggle up with a book

Visit friends

No-spend activities for the weekend

A blue poster with various icons and text suggesting no-spend activities for the weekend. The activities listed are: Bake some sweet treats, Go to the library, Take a walk, Write in a journal, Do some mindfulness colouring, Watch a movie, Snuggle up with a book, and Visit friends. The central text reads "No-spend activities for the weekend". There is a small Facebook icon in the bottom right corner.

Christmas dinner:

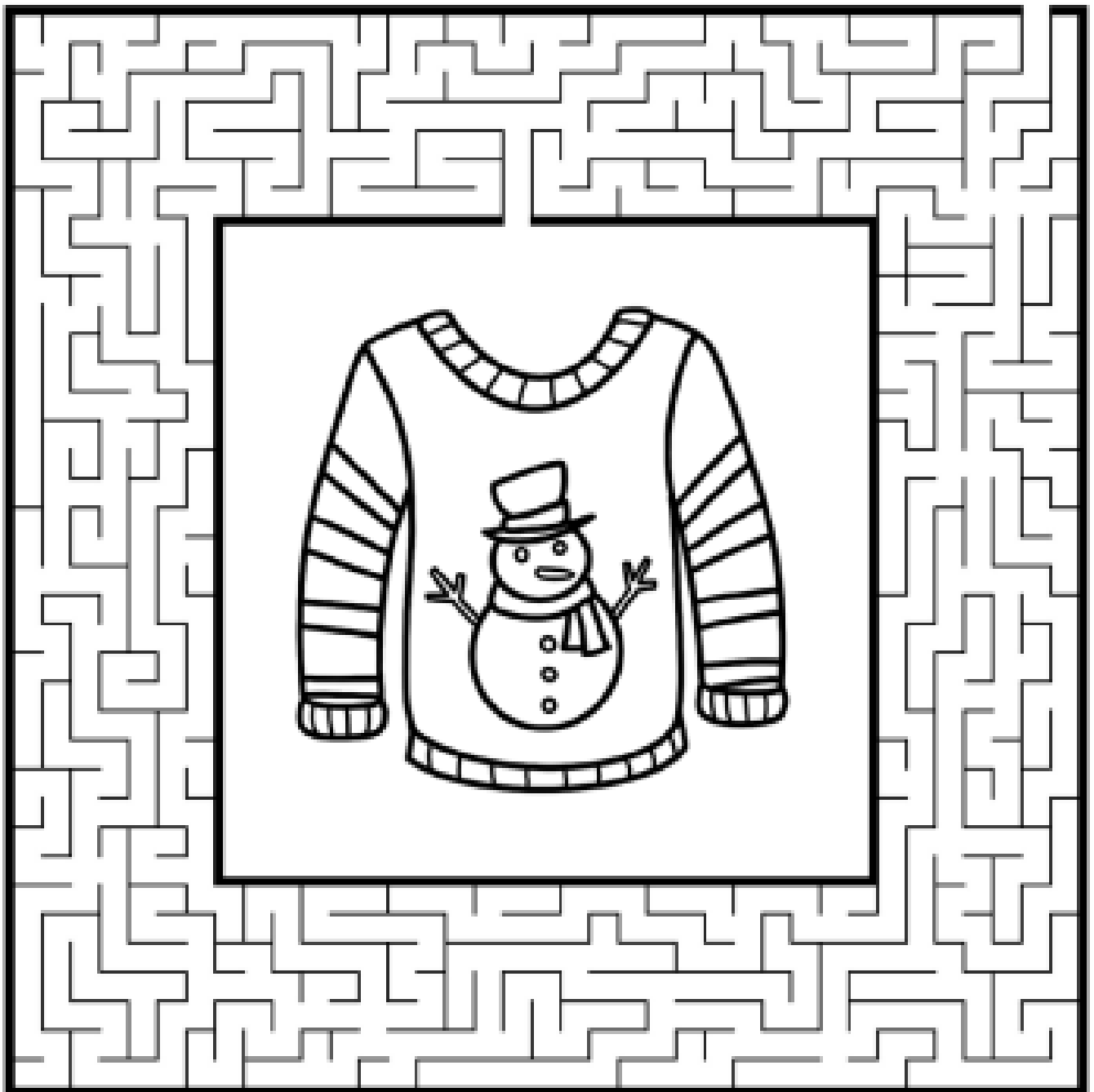
Yummy, yummy, Christmas dinner! We had a great time with our friends enjoying our Christmas dinner in our Christmas jumpers.

Thank you to our kitchen team for all their time and effort every day. and Merry Christmas!



Christmas Sweater Maze

Your Christmas sweater is lost in the laundry, can you find your way through the maze of clothes to find it ready for the Christmas party?



Christmas Word Scramble

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LENGA

NAŞAT

HYOLL

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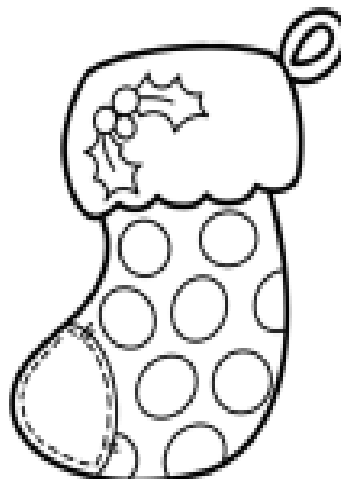
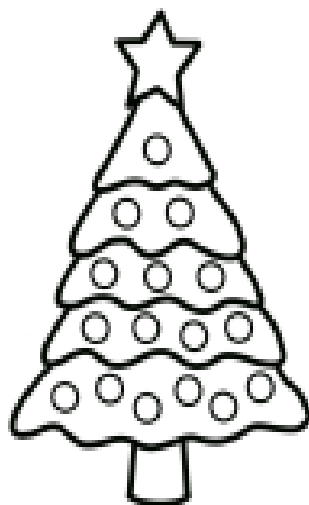
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Christmas Word Search

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Decorations

Celebrate

Lights

Giving

Candy Canes

Ornament

Presents

Dinner

Christmas

Reindeer

Family

Wreath

Mistletoe

Cookies

Elves

Santa

