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Dear families,

As we come to the end of the autumn term and Christmas starts to feel very close, I am delighted to share my final newsletter of 2025 with you. The last few weeks have been full of busy classrooms, happy moments and lots of seasonal excitement, and this newsletter shares some important updates and reminders.

### **Reading**

At Standhill Infants' School, we believe that reading is a vital skill that lasts a lifetime. We encourage you to read with your child regularly—ideally at least three times a week—and to record each reading session in their reading diary.

When your child reads three times in a week, they will earn a sticker for their bookmark **and** a raffle ticket. The raffle ticket will be placed in our weekly draw, and if your child's name is selected, they will receive a small prize at the end of the week.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey!

### **School behaviour system**

Our new behaviour system was introduced a few weeks ago, and we are delighted with how positively the children have responded. Throughout the day, children are praised using the behaviour system and are rewarded for their efforts, as well as for demonstrating our Standhill values.

### **Long term planning**

Did you know that all our long-term plans are on our school website? These plans outline what we are teaching each term so you can discuss this with your children. Please have a look at the plans on our school website using the following link:

[Long term planning | Carlton Standhill Infants' School](#)

### **Online safety**

As children spend more time online, it is important that they are supported to stay safe. While school has filtering and monitoring systems in place, this protection needs to continue at home too. We encourage parents to ensure appropriate filtering and parental controls are set up on home internet connections and devices, and to monitor what their child is viewing online. Regular conversations about online activity and encouraging children to speak up if something worries them are key to keeping them safe online.

### **Staffing**

Mr Worrall will be away from school on paternity leave from 5th January until 13th February as he spends some special time with his growing family.

During his absence, his class will be covered full time by Mrs. Head, an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher who is very much looking forward to working with the children. We are confident that the class will continue to learn, grow, and have a wonderful half term under her care and guidance.

## **Vacancy – Lunchtime Support Assistant**

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Support Assistant. If you are interested in applying for this post, please visit our school website using the following link. The closing date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## **[Vacancies | Carlton Standhill Infants' School](#)**

### **Cake sale**

As you know, the cake sale raised a fantastic £140 for the school. We have already used some of the money to buy new cushions and rugs for our book areas, as well as a new digital camera to capture all the wonderful things the children do each day. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and supported the sale — your generosity is very much appreciated.

### **Pantomime**

The children had a wonderful time at the pantomime held at St John's Methodist Church. They thoroughly enjoyed meeting Captain Hook, Wendy, Tinker Bell and the Lost Boys, and sat beautifully throughout, taking great delight in the acting, music and dancing. A special thank you goes to St John's Methodist Church for allowing us to have the pantomime in their church hall.

### **Nativities**

All the nativities were absolutely fantastic this year. The children demonstrated great confidence and resilience by singing, acting and dancing on stage. A great big thank you goes to all the staff for creating such wonderful shows for us all to see and enjoy.

### **Front garden**

After many years of looking after our front garden, Mrs Ann Gilbert and her husband have decided to hand over the responsibility to someone else. We thank them for all the work they have done on the front garden and for keeping it looking beautiful for so long. With this in mind, we are looking for someone who would like to take care of the front garden for us. If you would like to, please contact the school office.

### **Our wonderful volunteers**

Thank you to everyone who helps Standhill Infants' School be such a wonderful place to learn and work. We are very lucky to have such amazing volunteers who help with reading, fruit washing, the PTA and the children's learning in the classrooms. Thank you for coming in and devoting your time to the school, we really appreciate you.

### **Holiday activities and food**

There are plenty of fantastic activities happening across the county as part of the Holiday Activities and Food programme.

Please see the link below for more information:



## **[Holiday activities and food | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)**

Finally, all the staff would like to say a big thank you for your continued support this term and we all hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026!**

Kind regards,  
Mr T Fennell, Headteacher

**Important diary dates will follow at the start of the Spring term.**

