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**CLOVER HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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Hello everyone – Welcome to December! It's hard to believe we've reached December already! There is a festive buzz in all of the classrooms and the children are bubbling with excitement as we head towards the end of term. We've got lots of fantastic activities planned – seasonal crafts, parties and our much-anticipated nativity performance and carol service. We can't wait to share these with you. Thank you for all the support you've given us—it really makes this time of year extra special for our school community! Mrs Holden

Lego League

Miss Robson is excited to announce that we have enrolled and begun training for our FIRST LEGO League Challenge. FIRST LEGO League Challenge is designed for students aged 9 to 16. Each year, participants work for several weeks as a team tackling a shared project like real engineers. Our team of children will plan, design and program an autonomous LEGO® Education robot, conduct research on a self-chosen topic and create a presentation of their findings. The [FIRST Core Values](#) - such as respectful interaction, shared experiences and critical thinking—are at the heart of the program. After several weeks of preparation, teams compete in regional and national tournaments to present their solutions. We will keep you updated with our progress.



Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a Christmas jumper. Our 'swap shop' proved to be extremely popular so we will make this an annual event.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 11th December. Children may also wear Christmas jumpers to school with normal school uniform trousers/skirt.



KS1 and Reception Nativity

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the performances of our KS1 Nativity – **Ralph the Reindeer**. The shows are scheduled for: 8th & 9th December 2pm and 10th December 9.30am.

KS2 Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place as usual at St Mary's Church, Whickham on Friday 19th December. Children will need to be taken to and collected from this event. Parents are invited to join us both for the carol service and afterwards back in school for a hot festive drink and mince pie. We hope you can make it.

School Newspaper

Our newspaper team have been working tirelessly so that they meet their end of the month deadline for publication. The very first edition of The Clover Courier will be available next week.

Experience Christmas

Our children in Years 2 and 4 participated in the 'Experience Christmas' event at **Fellside Church** last week. The event was run by the Reverend Brigitta Steele and her crew of lovely volunteers, helping the children explore the Holy family's journey to Bethlehem. Thank you for kicking off our festivities!



Christmas Fayre Stalls

- Guess the name of the Christmas elf
- Guess who the baby elves grew up to be photo competition...
- Write a letter to Santa Claus
- Wylam brewery
- Hot drinks
- Sweet treats
- Christmas raffle
- Make your own reindeer dust

- And the best thing... visit Santa in his grotto!!

Tickets to see Santa must be booked via Arbor. Last chance to book is Friday 5th December.

Diary Dates

- 05/12/25 Break the Rules Day (PTA school fundraiser)
- 8/9/12/25 2pm KS1 Nativity
- 10/12/25 9.30am KS1 Nativity
- 10/12/25 3.30pm Christmas Fayre
- 11/12/25 Christmas jumper day (no donations required) and Christmas lunch
- 15/12/25 Y3/4 Christmas party
- 16/12/25 Reception & KS1 Christmas party
- 16/12/25 KS2 walk to St Mary's Church for carol rehearsal
- 17/12/25 Y5/6 Christmas party
- 17/12/25 **3.30pm** School Council present: **CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT**
- 18/12/25 Pantomime in school (paid for by our PTA)
- 19/12/25 KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church

Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas

Monday 5th January – Back to school