



Headteacher's Newsletter



Together for the Festive Season

As we move into December, this newsletter is all about community spirit. Christmas preparations have begun, and whether you celebrate Christmas or not, this is a time for us to come together as a community and engage with others in our town. These traditions are part of British culture, and we are proud to embrace them here at Brownhills. We've started as we mean to go on. With joy, togetherness, and pride in our Brownhills family. Events like this are exactly why we are so proud to be part of the Brownhills community.



Countdown To Christmas: Carols & Beautiful Brass in the Theatre

On Monday, we welcomed Year 5 pupils from Millfield, Watling Street, St. James' and Holy Trinity for a traditional carol service in our theatre. They performed beautifully for their families and friends, accompanied by a live brass quartet of professional musicians.

The children learned nine carols and a selection of festive songs, rehearsing with Mr Pierce throughout this half term before coming together for the big performance.

A huge thank you to the primary school teachers, the children and families, and our Brownhills musicians who supported the event by welcoming guests and singing alongside the students.

Thank you to Mrs Stacey, Mrs Probert, Mrs MacInnes, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Rea-Gardner, for allowing your fabulous students to come and sing with us. They were fantastic and we are so lucky to work with such a vibrant music community in our town.

Prayer Competition: Words of Reflection

Christmas is a time for reflection, whatever your faith or beliefs. This week, we concluded our Prayer Competition, in which students wrote prayers on topics of their choice. We had so many thoughtful entries, and every single one was brilliant.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Place – Kavya**
- 2nd Place – Lillia**
- 3rd Place – Oscar**

Thank you to everyone who entered for your beautiful words and reflections and a special thank to Mr J Morris, Head of RE, for running this competition and providing this wonderful opportunity for our students to shine.



Christmas Fayre: A Day To Remember

On Saturday, we held the first Community Christmas Fayre at the school for many years, and what an incredible day it was! The atmosphere was electric from start to finish, with festive music, laughter, and the smell of delicious food filling the air. We welcomed 30 local businesses and stallholders into Brownhills, showcasing everything from handmade crafts and gifts to seasonal treats. It was a fantastic opportunity to support local entrepreneurs and celebrate the talent within our community.

The event featured something for everyone:

- A bouncy castle and games for our younger visitors.
- Food stalls serving everything from hot chocolate and mince pies to pork baps, hot dogs, samosa and pizza.
- A raffle packed with amazing prizes, generously donated by local businesses and families.
- Student-led stalls, where our own Brownhills students sold creative products they had made themselves; a brilliant example of enterprise and teamwork.



Adding to the magic, Father Christmas himself took time out of his busy schedule to visit Brownhills! Children were thrilled to meet him and share their Christmas wishes. His grotto was a highlight of the day and brought smiles to everyone who stopped by.

A huge thank you to the musicians who performed live throughout the event, singing a range of Christmas songs for us. We had some fantastic performances from some soloists as well as from the choir which were very impressive. Thank you, also, to the students who volunteered their time to help run stalls, greet visitors, and make sure everything ran smoothly. You were outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Behind the scenes, this event was a true team effort. Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to plan, set up, and deliver such a successful day. Your creativity and commitment made the fayre a real showcase of Brownhills pride. And of course, the biggest thank you goes to our community. You turned up in your masses, supported us wholeheartedly, and made this a day to remember.

Finally, a special mention to our brilliant Deputy Headteacher, Mr J McGlynn, who led the event with energy and vision. We can't wait to see what exciting plans he has for next year. If this year is anything to go by, it's going to be even bigger and better!



Looking Ahead: Festivities & Focus

We now move into another week of celebration and hard work. Coming up:

- Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 10th December
- Carols At The Crown - Wednesday 10th December
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December
- Christmas Concert - Tuesday 16th December
- Carols At The Community Centre - Wednesday 17th December
- Winter Sports Festival - Final Week of Term
- Attendance Rewards
- Non-Uniform Day - Friday 19th December

Even though we have so many festive events taking place, I must make clear that we still have two weeks of learning left and remind our whole school community that every day counts. Let's make the most of every lesson and finish this term strong. We are all part of a fantastic community that is coming together to share pride in our town, but also, to make this one chance at your education count. All of this contributes to you gaining the skills, attributes and qualifications you need for a life of choice and opportunity.

With very best wishes,
Mr R T Doodson
 Headteacher

