

Newsletter

December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up another busy and rewarding term at Oasis Academy Byron, we're delighted to look back on all the wonderful moments that have filled our school with excitement and pride. This term has been packed with energy, curiosity, and countless moments that remind us why our school is such a special place to learn and grow.

Our Christmas festivities have once again brought the whole community together in the most joyful way. From the sparkle of our Christmas Fair to the heart warming performances delivered by every year group, the children have truly outdone themselves. Their confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm have shone through in every song, line, and smile. Whether you joined us in the audience or supported from home, we hope these celebrations brought a little extra magic to your December.

A huge thank you must go to our dedicated staff team, whose passion and commitment continue to shape such rich experiences for our pupils. Behind every performance, every display, and every learning milestone is a team of adults who care deeply about helping each child flourish. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work throughout the term.

We are equally proud of our wonderful children. They have approached their learning with determination and curiosity, embraced new challenges, and supported one another with kindness. Their progress—both academically and personally—has been inspiring to see. They have certainly earned a restful break, and we hope they return in January feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead.

To our parents and carers, thank you for the many ways you support the life of our school. Your encouragement, your presence at events, and your partnership with us make a tremendous difference. We truly value the trust you place in us and the strong relationships we continue to build together.

As we step into the festive season, we wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and a New Year filled with good health and happiness. May the holidays bring time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy special moments with loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to Byron on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**, ready for another term of learning, growth, and new adventures.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a happy holiday season!

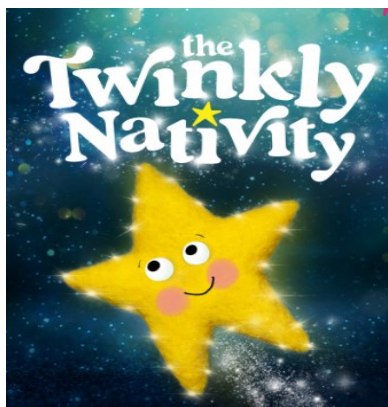
Mrs Poppett (Principal) & Mr Norris (Deputy Principal)



Our First Nativity



Our nursery children put on a truly heart warming performance of **The First Nativity 2**, filling the hall with excitement, confidence and festive cheer as they brought the Christmas story to life. From tiny angels and proud shepherds to enthusiastic animals and star characters, every child shone on stage and gave their very best. Guiding the story so beautifully were our wonderful Year 6 ambassadors, whose calm, clear narration helped the whole production flow seamlessly. It was a joy to see our youngest pupils performing with such enthusiasm and our oldest pupils supporting them with such maturity. The atmosphere was full of smiles, proud families and a lovely sense of togetherness. We are incredibly proud of all the children for creating such a magical start to the festive season.



Reception class delighted families and staff with their charming performance of **Twinkly Nativity**, bringing the Christmas story to life with confidence, sparkle, and plenty of festive cheer. From shining stars to enthusiastic travellers and cheerful angels, every child played their part beautifully, filling the hall with proud smiles and joyful singing. Their hard work and excitement were clear to see, and the performance created a magical moment that perfectly captured the wonder of the season.



Our KS1 children dazzled us all with their fantastic performance of ***No One Wraps Like an Elf***, bringing energy, humour and plenty of festive sparkle to the stage. From the start the children threw themselves into their roles with confidence and enthusiasm, delivering their lines, songs and dances with real joy. Their hard work in rehearsals truly paid off, and it was wonderful to see how proudly they worked together to tell such a fun and lively Christmas story. The hall was filled with laughter, applause and beaming smiles from families and staff alike. We couldn't be prouder of our brilliant KS1 performers for creating such a magical and memorable show to celebrate the season.



The KS2 Christmas Carol Service was an uplifting celebration of music, community, and festive spirit, beautifully led by our confident and expressive Year 6 narrators, who guided everyone through the Christmas story with clarity and charm. All KS2 children joined together in song, performing a selection of traditional and modern carols that filled the hall with joyful harmonies and created a wonderfully festive atmosphere for families, staff, and pupils alike. The event was a true showcase of the children's hard work and enthusiasm, with several super solos that added an extra touch of magic and highlighted the remarkable talent and confidence of our young performers.



The 9 Habit Awards Autumn 1



Reception = Mia (Hopeful)

Year 1 = Kia (Joyful)

Year 2 = Noah (Humble)

Year 3 = Clara (Hopeful)

Year 4 = Ethan (Self-Controlled)

Year 5 = Billie (Self-Controlled)

Year 6 = Toby (Humble)

The 9 Habit Awards Autumn 2

Reception= Carmelo (Self-Controlled) Karis (Joyful)

Year 1 = Teddy (Honest) Lily (Self-Controlled)

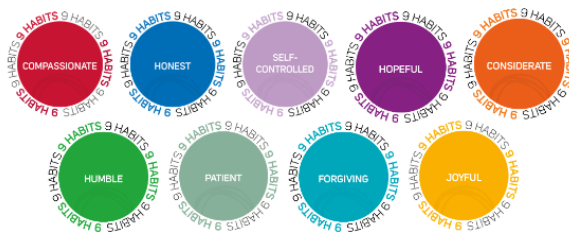
Year 2 = Mia H (Considerate) Sammy (Patient)

Year 3 = Ruben (Compassionate) Zoe (Patient)

Year 4 = Emily (Joyful) Aron J (Hopeful)

Year 5 = Calum (Joyful) Lily (Hopeful)

Year 6 = Gino (Considerate) Simran (Self-Controlled)





This Monday, our children took part in a magical Reindeer Dash along the Daily Mile track, and what a joyful spectacle it turned out to be! Pupils, teachers, and even a few spirited parents transformed into festive reindeer, complete with antlers, jingling bells, and winter jumpers, as they trotted and dashed their way around the course. The atmosphere was buzzing with laughter and cheer, and every lap was met with encouragement and smiles. Whether sprinting or strolling, everyone embraced the fun at their own pace. At the finish line, a refreshing cup of squash and snack awaited, offering a well-deserved treat after the merry miles. A huge thank you goes to Friends of Byron for bringing this festive idea to life, providing the antlers, and ensuring the event was such a success.



This year's Christmas Fair was a fantastic celebration that brought our school community together for an afternoon of festive fun. Both halls were filled with activity as families explored a range of stalls and enjoyed the lively atmosphere created by games, music, and plenty of cheerful conversation. The excitement of the elf treasure hunt and the constant buzz around the halls made the event feel truly special.

The success of the fair was down to the incredible effort of our parent volunteers and staff. Their organisation, enthusiasm, and willingness to help—whether planning, setting up, running stalls, or staying behind to tidy—ensured everything ran smoothly. We are especially grateful to the Friends of Byron for their hard work and dedication in bringing the event to life.

School Christmas Lunch



Children and staff alike enjoyed a very festive Christmas lunch last Tuesday. A big thank you to Thevi and her team who put together a delicious Christmas meal. The hall was filled with cheerful chatter, music, Christmas jumpers, and plenty of smiles as everyone came together to share in the seasonal spirit. Crackers were pulled, jokes were exchanged, and the joyful atmosphere made it a lovely highlight of the week for the whole school community.



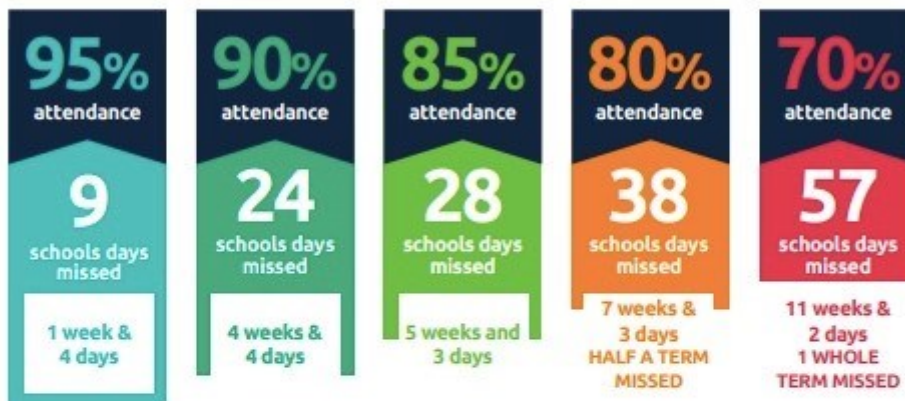
A massive thank you also goes to CBRE, who generously sponsored the crackers for this year's lunch. Their support added an extra touch of festive fun and helped make the occasion even more special for all of our children.



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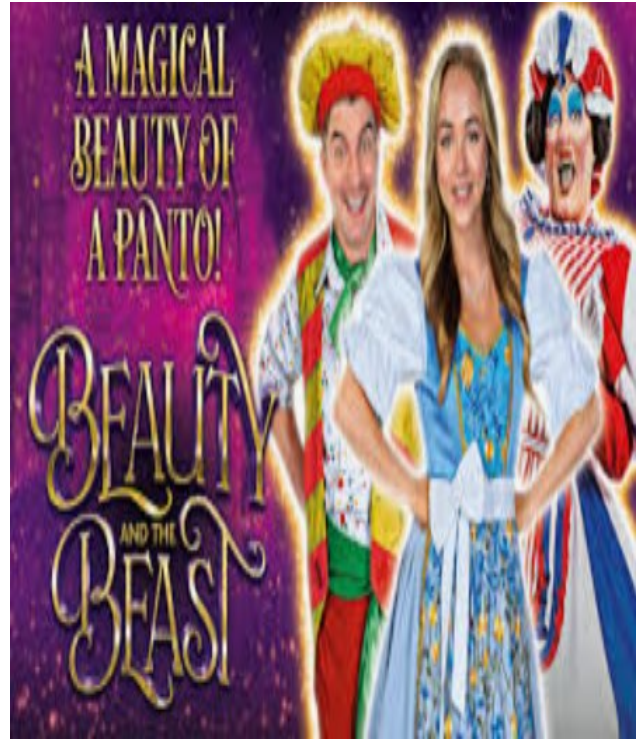
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Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...





Year 2 had a truly magical time at Fairfield Halls this week, where they enjoyed a lively and colourful performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. The children were completely captivated from start to finish, joining in with the songs, laughing at the jokes, and soaking up all the fun and excitement that a traditional panto brings.

Their behaviour throughout the trip was exemplary. They represented the school with maturity, enthusiasm, and kindness, making them a real credit to both the school and their families. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved and a highlight of the festive season for our year 2 pupils.



The whole school was treated to a fantastic performance yesterday as the Head2Head Theatre's travelling panto brought the story of *Rumpelstiltskin* to life. The children were completely absorbed in the lively characters, catchy songs, and playful humour, joining in with great enthusiasm from start to finish. Laughter filled the hall throughout, and it was wonderful to see pupils across all year groups sharing the experience together. It was a brilliant way to bring some festive fun into the school day and a highlight for many of our children.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Byron for generously funding the panto. Their support meant every child could enjoy this magical experience, and we are incredibly grateful for their continued commitment to enriching school life.

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Parent Coffee Morning – 20 January 2026

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for our next Parent Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 20th January 2026**, starting at **9:30am** in the small hall.

We are pleased to be joined by three members of our wider support team:

- **Nicola Tallis**, Educational Psychologist
- **Nicole Psaltis**, Oasis Encounter Therapist
- **Sarah Bourne**, Speech and Language Therapist

Each of our visitors will take a moment to introduce themselves and explain how they support children and families within our school. After this, there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions or share any concerns you may have about your child. Staff will be on hand to offer guidance and outline possible next steps where helpful.

If you have a query that would benefit from a longer or more detailed conversation, you'll be invited to get in touch with our SENCO, who can arrange a follow up meeting at a time that works for everyone.

Two Week October Half Term Trial



Following the recent questionnaire and the positive feedback from both parents and staff, we are pleased to inform you that we will be trialling a two-week October half term next academic year.

This decision reflects our commitment to supporting the wellbeing of pupils and staff, while maintaining high standards of teaching and learning. The extended break will provide an opportunity for rest and recharge during the busy autumn term. Term dates for next academic year can be found on the website using the following link:

[Overview of August 2026 to August 2027](#)

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in shaping the best possible experience for our school community.

Have you labelled your child's uniform?

We always do our best to return all your child's belongings at the end of the day. However, with up to 30 children in each class, this can be difficult if the belongings aren't labelled. All of their uniform looks the same and often the same size. Please help us to look after your child's belongings by clearly labelling everything. This also applies to hats, coats, scarves and gloves.

When we find clothing with names in, we will return it to the child.

