

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:



*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...*

School has certainly started to feel very 'Christmassy' this week following the snow at the weekend and the freezing temperatures that followed. Production preparations from EYFS to UKS2 have been taking place as teachers have been battling to get a session in the hall every day. I attended an ALPT Headteacher meeting on Tuesday and we wished one another a happy Christmas as we departed which felt strange. It has been a long term (we will have completed 15 out of 39 school weeks when we break up on 22 December) but working in a school makes the time pass by so very quickly.

The main highlights from this week include:

- ♦ A very special evening at Yeadon Town Hall on Monday for the Tree of Lights celebration event.
- ♦ A visit from Reverend Canon Paul Cartwright on Wednesday who spoke to LKS2 about important artefacts in Christianity as part of their RE topic.
- ♦ Our 4th and final Open Day for 2024 Reception parents today.

Continuing with the last item and probably most applicable to our Nursery parents / carers, please remember that the deadline to apply for your child's school place for September is 15 January 2024.

Have a lovely weekend.

*We had a wonderful evening at the Tree of Lights at Yeadon Town Hall on Monday.*

*Well done to the children who sang beautifully and thank you to the staff and parents for attending this special event.*



I have been informed that the links below are not working for some of you. This does not appear to be an issue with the hyperlinks and it is not an issue on all mobile devices but I have raised this with Webanywhere. In the meantime, you can view blogs via class pages on the website.

**Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:**

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Y1 Pear](#) [Y1/2 Lime](#) [Y2 Cherry](#)

[Y3 Willow](#) [Y3/4 Cedar](#) [Y4 Beech](#)

[Y5 Oak](#) [Y5/6 Ash](#) [Y6 Maple](#)

In **assembly** this week, Mrs Harris spoke to the children about Advent which began on Sunday 2 December and is observed on the four Sundays before Christmas. I imagine that many families celebrate Advent in one way or another as the preparations for Christmas begin.



**Winter colds and bugs:** We have had an increase in the numbers of pupils absent from school with poorliness in recent weeks. Just a reminder that for diarrhoea and vomiting bugs, children need to be kept off school for 48 hours.

### Online Safety Bulletin: December

[internet matters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

Are you giving your children electronic devices for Christmas? Use this Set up Safe Checklist from Internet Matters to help them stay safe.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 12 Dec: 09:30 EYFS Wiggly Nativity

Wed 13 Dec: 09:30 LKS2 Christmas

Assembly & 14:00 The Inn-Spectors KS1

Thurs 14 Dec: 09:30 The Inn-Spectors KS1

Tues 19 Dec: 09:30 UKS2 Christmas

Assembly & Infant Christmas parties pm

Wed 20 Dec: UKS2 Christmas parties pm

Thurs 21 Dec: LKS2 Christmas parties pm

Fri 22 Dec: Last day of term. Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day.

Mon 8 Jan: School opens for Spring 1

Fri 9 Feb: School closes for February half term

Mon 19 Feb: Training Day - school will be closed to all pupils

Tues 20 Feb: School opens for Spring 2