



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th December 2025

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## Weekly Newsletter – 19th December 2025

### *A message from Mrs Farren...*

At this time of year, we should reflect on the things that really matter in life, summarised by our School Christian values: Friendship, Forgiveness, Courage, Thankfulness, Peace and Truthfulness. When we live out these values, we strengthen our school community and our wider community.

It is important to celebrate all that we have achieved together as a school community in 2025 and, in particular, reflect on all those who go the extra mile to make sure our children get the very best. We would like to thank our PTA who have raised money to increase our children's opportunities, including funding violin and clarinet lessons and funding the outside classroom. Thank you to the school governors for their hard work and integrity. Thank you to all of Team Norton for their dedication, skill and commitment. Thank you to all of you for your support and for having the world's very best children! They bring us joy every day.

Embrace 2026 with friendship, forgiveness, courage, thankfulness, peace and truthfulness.



Mrs Farren and Team Norton

## Class News – 19th December 2025

This week in **Little Learners** we have taken part in a communication and interaction activity called; Lemonade Fizz! The children were very excited as we carried out our investigation with Lemonade, food colouring and Salt! We had an explosion of bubbles and conversation! It's a good job this activity took place outside as you can probably imagine! The children were emersed in conversation, sharing their thoughts and ideas with one another. We also had an exciting visitor this week, as Socks our kind class Elf brought his mini Elf friend to visit! We have continued to explore Christmas songs and festive activities. We have had lots of glittery, bubbly, festive fun this week in Little Learners!

We would like to wish all of our little people and grown-up's a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year! From Vicky and Jess.

We look forward to seeing you back in session on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

**Important reminder- Please could all Funding Forms be signed and returned by 7th January 2026. Many thanks in advance.**

And just like that it was the end of the Autumn Term! We are all incredibly proud of all the **Reception** children; they have settled into school life, been the best chorus in the Nativity and made progress with their holistic development.

We are looking forward to the Spring term and seeing them thrive and flourish. Have a lovely Christmas break.

We've had a magical week of Christmas fun in **Year 1**! We've been making salt dough decorations, decorating stockings, baule baules, Christmas cards and the children have loved playing imaginatively this week. We've had at least one wedding ceremony each day!

In **Year 2** this week we have been getting into the Christmas spirit through many art and craft activities. Our favourite was making our Christmas lama which we wove and decorated ready to go on our Christmas trees!

**Year 3** have enjoyed a fun, festive week filled with Christmas activities. We have made Christmas cards, decorations and even a film. We ended the week with a Christmas party alongside Year 4. It has been a joyful week leading up to Christmas and Year 3 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



In **Year 4** this week we wrote instructions on How to Build a Snowman based on the Literacy Shed video 'Lily and the Snowman'. In maths, we have continued learning about factor pairs and in science we wrote a conclusion about our volume experiment last week. In history, we uncovered the mummified tomatoes which were still very much intact! They kept their colour and shape

This week **Year 5** have finished their independent writing - a cliffhanger narrative - based on the Hound of the Baskervilles. They have carefully chosen vocabulary that matches the writing of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

**Year 6** have been practising for our assembly this afternoon, finishing off our diary entries and getting into the festive spirit. Merry Christmas everyone!

**PGL payments are now on parentpay.**

# Important Information Pages

Hi everyone!

Just a quick reminder to keep an eye on our Important Information Pages. These pages include everything you need to know about what's happening in school — from deadlines and updates to details about companies we work with, like School Trends, catering, and music lessons.

Things can change week to week, so it's worth checking back regularly to stay up to date. Thanks for keeping in the loop!



# UNIFORM



New year... new resolutions: NAME YOUR CLOTHIHING!

Please help us start the new year as we mean to go on, please ensure any jumpers/cardigans etc are named ready to come back in January!

Thank you!

ABOUT US

PRODUCT RANGE

CONTACT US

FAQ'S

SCHOOL TRENDS

GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT

## Christmas Delivery Times

**Order Dispatch & Delivery Schedule**  
Our last collection date before Christmas will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

For orders placed from December 24<sup>th</sup> onwards, we aim to dispatch all orders **within 15 business days** from reopening week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Our Christmas & New Year Closure**

- **Last Business Day:** Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- **Closed:** Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Re-open:** Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**Please note** while you can continue to place orders on our website during the closure, our team will not be processing or dispatching them until we re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

## Merry Christmas!

# Pupil Health and Safety Information

## 2026 car safety resolutions:

As we start the new year, we'd like to encourage everyone to turn over a new leaf when it comes to parking and help keep our school community safe:

- Please use one parking space per car and ensure you park fully within the marked bays. Parking outside designated spaces makes it difficult for other drivers to maneuver and can be hazardous for our children. One space is all that's needed for each vehicle.
- Disabled parking bays are reserved for current Blue Badge holders only.
- At no time should vehicles stop on the zig-zag lines outside the school. This poses a serious health and safety risk for pedestrians using the front entrance and for road users travelling to and from the A38, particularly as this is on a bend.
- Please switch off your engine while parked in the car park. Vehicle fumes can be harmful, especially for children with asthma or other respiratory conditions.
- Drive at a sensible speed within the car park and remain mindful of other drivers and pedestrians at all times.
- ALWAYS use seatbelts!

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our children safe and our car park as environmentally friendly as possible.





# What's Happening

## Office Staffing Update

There have been a few changes to our office staffing. Please see below for details of staff availability and contact information.

### Mrs Bluck (School Business Manager)

Monday: 8am–4pm Tuesday: 8am–2pm

### Mrs Higgins (Office Manager)

Tuesday: 8am–1pm Thursday: 8am–1pm (*Mrs Higgins teaches on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons*)

Friday: 8am–3:30pm

Mrs Bluck and Mrs Higgins can be contacted via **admin@norton.gloucs.sch.uk**, by phone on **01452 730731**, via the **school text system (see updated number below)**, or through **Class Dojo**.

### Eloise Smith (Finance Manager)

Daily: 8am–12pm

Eloise can be contacted regarding invoices, payments, and finance queries at **finance@norton.gloucs.sch.uk** or via the main **school phone number**.

### Holly Cass (Admin Assistant)

Monday: 9am–12pm Wednesday: 9am–3:15pm

Holly can be contacted via the **school phone number** or the **text system**.

When the above staff are not in the office, other members of staff will be available during their planning time to answer the phone and monitor the front gate. Please note that the school text system may not be accessed when the office staff are not at their desks.

## Text Messaging System Upgrade



We're pleased to let you know that our text messaging system is now fully upgraded and working smoothly. We're still using the same Teachers to Parents platform—this update was simply an enhancement made on their end.

If you need to contact the school by text, please use the number below.

All text messages from the school will come from: **07860 051628**



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# What's Happening

**Please see below the prices for extended services from 1st January 2026**

## **B&A Club**

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Before School Club             | - £1.84 per session           |
| After School Club until 5pm    | - £5.47 per child per session |
| After School Club until 5:30pm | - £6.80 per child per session |
| Late Fee                       | - £6.93 per 15 minutes        |

## **NLL**

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Full day:       | £40.15 (6 hours)     |
| Session:        | £20.85 (3 hours)     |
| Hourly:         | £7.20                |
| Late fee:       | £4.56 per 15 minutes |
| Snack:          | 39p per day          |
| School dinners: | £2.89 per meal       |

*(provided by an external company and must be ordered by 9am each day)*

|                              |                                                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| After school club:           | £1.74 (3:15pm – 3:30pm when using the After school club) |
| Extra 30 mins (2:45-3:15pm): | £2.97                                                    |

## **Teacher led clubs.**

Teacher led clubs will be decided the first week back in January. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and dojo for the form and starting date!



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# MUSIC

Music lessons:

# WOODWIND LESSONS



**RECORDER**  
FROM RECEPTION  
ONWARDS

**FLUTE  
& CLARINET**  
FROM YEAR 3 ONWARDS

**SAXOPHONE**  
YEAR 6  
ONLY

**PHOEBE WILSON**  
PHOEBEWILSONFLUTE@OUTLOOK.COM  
07568183036

Piano lessons:

ROSIE BLACKWOOD

[www.mymusiclessons.co.uk](http://www.mymusiclessons.co.uk)



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# TRIPS

## Young voices

This trip is for years 4, 5 and 6

This letter is available on your child's class dojo page. All children attending must complete the permission slip for this trip.

Payment is live on parentpay

*We all shine like stars*



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18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Young Voices Concert – An Unforgettable Musical Experience!

We are thrilled to announce that children in years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in the Young Voices concert, one of the largest children's choir events in the world! This exciting event brings together thousands of pupils from across the region to sing in a huge arena, accompanied by a live band, professional musicians, and incredible lighting and sound effects.

The cost is £15.10 per pupil; this includes the event and transport to and from the venue. Please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

This will be a truly unforgettable experience for your child as it is a chance to perform as part of a massed choir, celebrate their love of music, and take pride in all their hard work and rehearsals leading up to the big day. It is a joyful and inspiring event that children talk about for years to come!

#### Key Information:

- **Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- **Venue:** BP Pulse Live, Birmingham
- **Travel:** Children will travel to and from the venue by **coach**, accompanied by school staff.
- **Return Time:** We expect to arrive back at school at approximately **11:00pm**. We will message on the evening with a more accurate time.
- **Collection:** All children must be collected from school — even if parents are attending the concert. For safeguarding reasons, no pupils will be released directly from the venue.

#### For Parents Attending the Concert

Parents who have purchased audience tickets are, of course, welcome to enjoy the show! However, please note that **children must travel with the school both to and from the venue**. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this important safety measure.

We cannot wait to share this wonderful opportunity with our pupils and look forward to an evening of music, excitement, and memories that will last a lifetime!

If you would like your child to take part, please complete and return the permission slip below by **9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Yours sincerely

Mr Craig Bluck  
Music Lead

### Permission Slip for Young Voices 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to take part in the **Young Voices concert** and to travel to and from the venue on the coach with the school.

☐ I enclose cash/cheque payment of £15.10 ☐ I have paid £15.10 via ParentPay

☐ I confirm that the information on the Parent Consent Form for Offsite Visits is up to date.

#### I understand that:

- My child will return to school at approximately **11:00pm**, and I will collect them from school.
- For safeguarding reasons, children **cannot be collected directly from the venue**, even if I am attending the concert.

Emergency Contact Number for the Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical or Additional Information (if any):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Strive Think Act Respect Shine*

Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG



Please complete the booking form for next term's before and after school club!

Due to the high number of children using this service we need to ensure we have the correct number of staff to cover it, so all children attending this club **must** have a form filled out.

**NO FORM = NO CLUB!**

We accept this form by handing in a physical copy or emailing it to [admin@norton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@norton.gloucs.sch.uk)

Many thanks.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM 25/26

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 6th January until 13th February 2026

Please indicate with a tick or with a child's name which before/after school club you would like to book

| Term 3        | Before       | After        |                 |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Times         | 8am - 8:45am | 3:15pm - 5pm | 3:15pm - 5:30pm |
| Mon 5th Jan   | INSET        |              |                 |
| Tue 6th Jan   |              |              | Closed          |
| Wed 7th Jan   |              |              | Closed          |
| Thur 8th Jan  |              |              |                 |
| Fri 9th Jan   |              | Closed       |                 |
| Mon 12th Jan  |              |              |                 |
| Tue 13th Jan  |              |              | Closed          |
| Wed 14th Jan  |              |              | Closed          |
| Thur 15th Jan |              |              |                 |
| Fri 16th Jan  |              | Closed       |                 |
| Mon 19th Jan  |              |              |                 |
| Tue 20th Jan  |              |              | Closed          |
| Wed 21st Jan  |              |              | Closed          |
| Thur 22nd Jan |              |              |                 |
| Fri 23rd Jan  |              | Closed       |                 |

|               | Before       | After        |                 |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Times         | 8am - 8:45am | 3:15pm - 5pm | 3:15pm - 5:30pm |
| Mon 26th Jan  |              |              |                 |
| Tue 27th Jan  |              |              | Closed          |
| Wed 28th Jan  |              |              | Closed          |
| Thur 29th Jan |              |              |                 |
| Fri 30th Jan  |              | Closed       |                 |
| Mon 2nd Feb   |              |              |                 |
| Tue 3rd Feb   |              |              | Closed          |
| Wed 4th Feb   |              |              | Closed          |
| Thur 5th Feb  |              |              |                 |
| Fri 6th Feb   |              | Closed       |                 |
| Mon 9th Feb   |              |              |                 |
| Tue 10th Feb  |              |              | Closed          |
| Wed 11th Feb  |              |              | Closed          |
| Thur 12th Feb |              |              |                 |
| Fri 13th Feb  |              | Closed       |                 |

Name of Child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions on the website for the before and after school club.



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## Dates for your diary for January/February:

Monday 5th January - inset day

Tuesday 6th January - first day back for children

Wednesday 14th January - young voices concert (years 4/5/6) see page 9

Thursday 5th February - Reception class and Year 6 height and weight *Letters will go out first week back after Christmas.*

Friday 13th February - Finish for half term at normal time

**Half term: 16th to 20th February**

All dates for events so far, for the whole school year, are available on our website.,

## First week back - 5th January 2026:

| Day:      | The School Day: | After School clubs:                                  | Lunch Menu (week 2)                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | Inset day       | Brand new teacher led clubs will be released soon... |                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday   | First day back! |                                                      | Sausage and mash with gravy<br>Chefs special lentil curry<br>Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna<br>Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna                          |
| Wednesday |                 |                                                      | Roast chicken with roast potatoes<br>Vegetable wellington with roast potatoes<br>Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna                                    |
| Thursday  |                 |                                                      | Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread<br>Roasted vegetable pizza with new potatoes<br>Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna<br>Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna |
| Friday    | ASSEMBLY???     |                                                      | Fish fingers with chips<br>Red pepper frittata with chips<br>Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna                                                        |



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## Having a party?

Try our reusable party kit, rather than buying disposable.

Help support our school's sustainability efforts and PTA fundraising too!

\*collection from, and return to, Norton  
Contact: [Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com)



£10 per hire\*

30 place settings  
5 Jugs  
6 Serving Platters





# CORNER



A huge well done to Arthur in year 4, who has passed his Initial Piano Grade with distinction (128 marks out of 150).

Wow Arthur, what an incredible achievement!



We'd love to share some festive pictures on our next newsletter—if you take any family pictures over Christmas and are happy to share them please email them to:

[fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk)



# OF THE WEEK

The next couple of pages are full of some Christmas quizzes for those moments where you just need a bit of quiet and calm....

## Christmas Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these words to find the hidden word?

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# CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH



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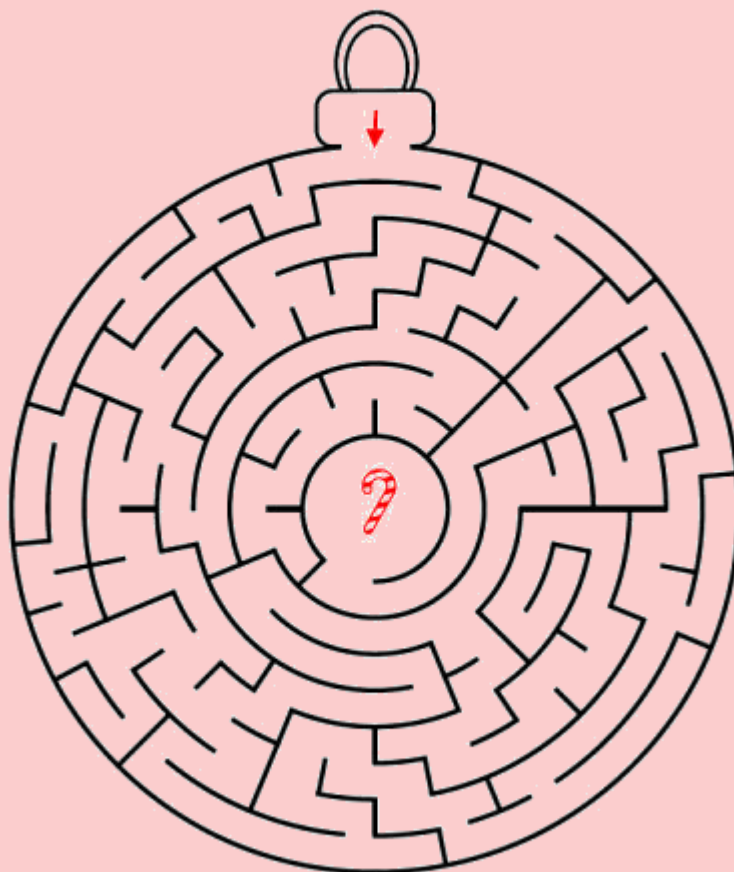
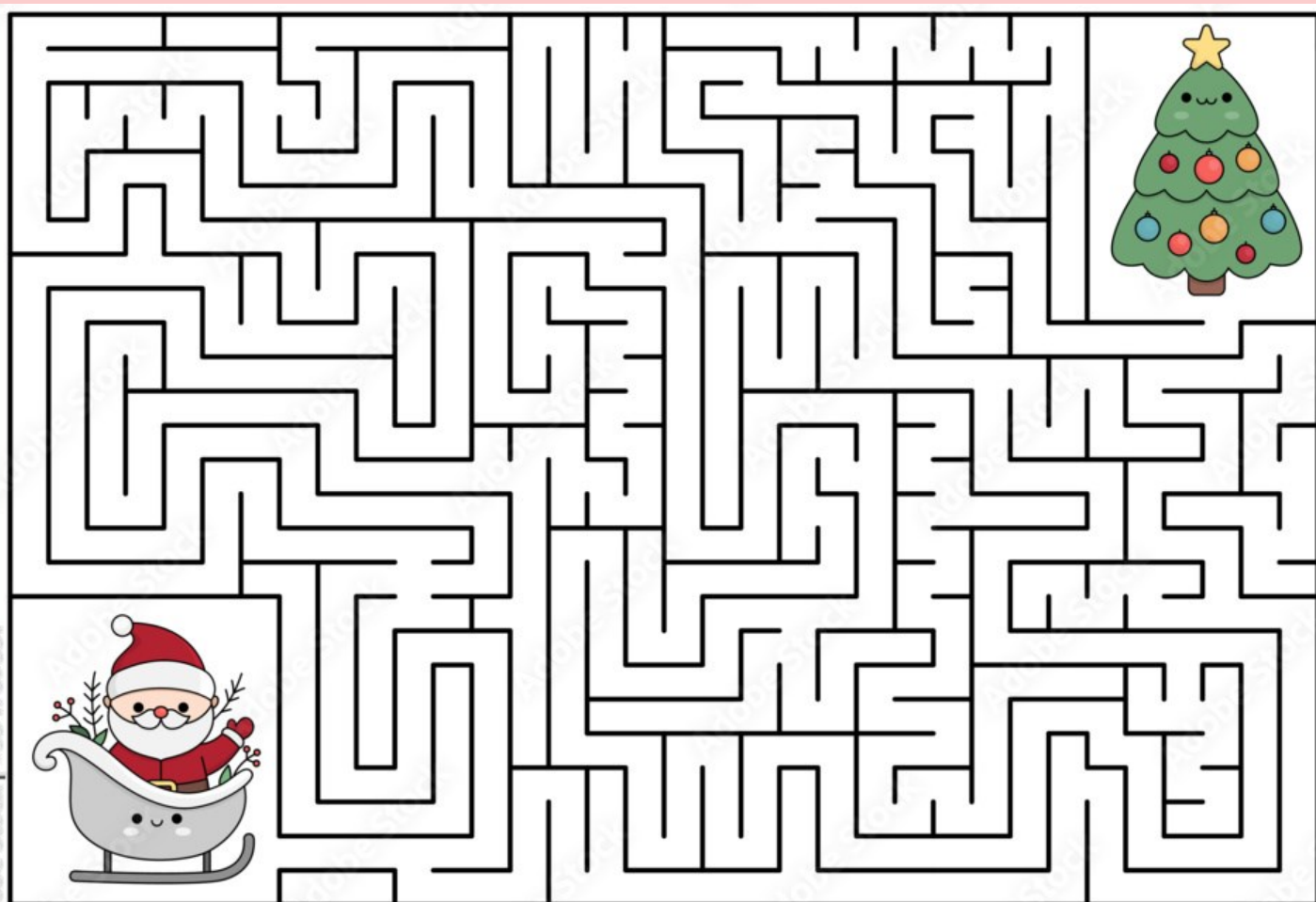


## WORD LIST

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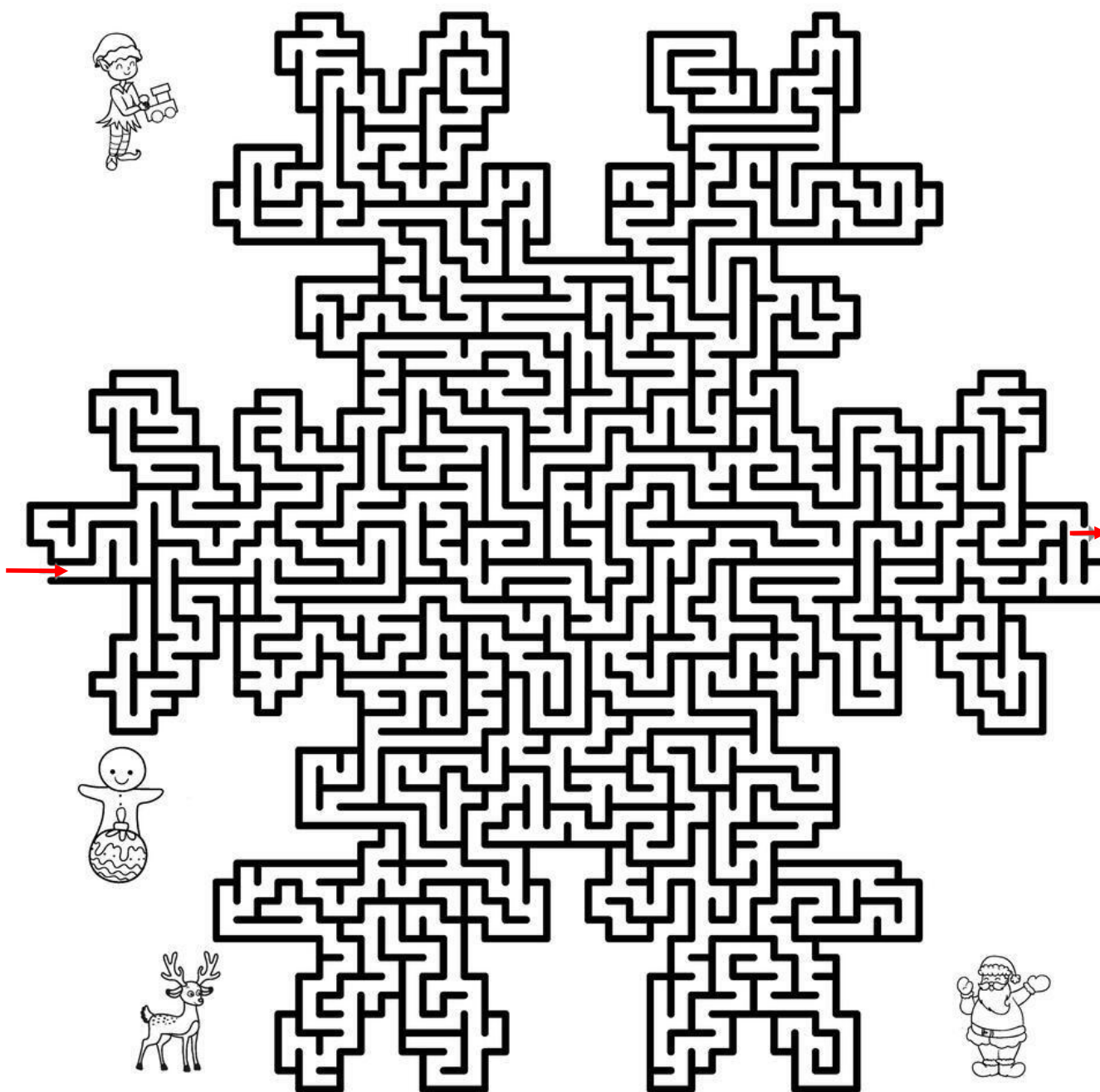






# Snowflake Maze

Draw the way through the maze



# Christmas Math Puzzle

Use your math skills to find the value of each symbol and the "?"

$$\text{Tree} + \text{Tree} + \text{Tree} = 27$$

$$\text{Tree} + \text{Star} + \text{Star} = 29$$

$$\text{Snowman} = \text{Star} - \text{Tree}$$

$$\text{Tree} + \text{Snowman} + \text{Star} = ?$$

Write your answers:

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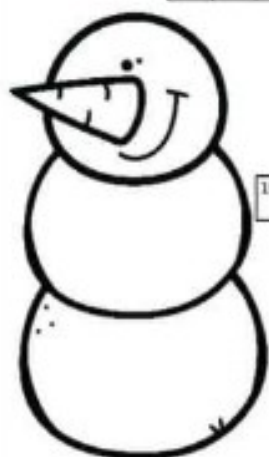
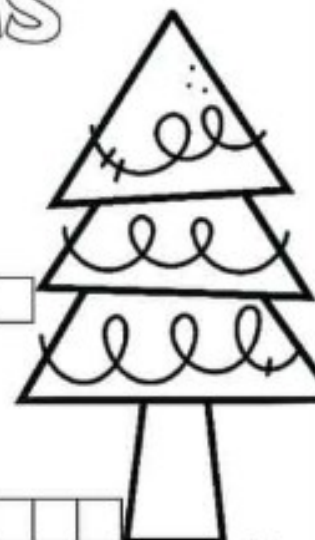
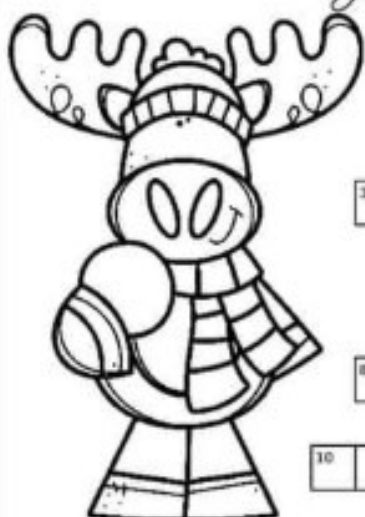
# Christmas

|                |       |                |       |
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| 1. OFYRST      | _____ | 11. LSVEE      | _____ |
| 2. ASATN       | _____ | 12. LGIJEN     | _____ |
| 3. GIELSH      | _____ | 13. ROHWSKOP   | _____ |
| 4. MBERCEED    | _____ | 14. RDNEERIE   | _____ |
| 5. YHLOL       | _____ | 15. NAMNWOS    | _____ |
| 6. BEIRNEGRAGD | _____ | 16. OKSNGTCI   | _____ |
| 7. RMYRE       | _____ | 17. NTRMEAO    | _____ |
| 8. CRHASTIMS   | _____ | 18. HWERAT     | _____ |
| 9. EWRNTI      | _____ | 19. ADNCA ENCY | _____ |
| 10. ESPNRET    | _____ | 20. DHURPOL    | _____ |

## WORD LIST

|            |             |          |          |
|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| CANDY CANE | GINGERBREAD | PRESENT  | SNOWMAN  |
| CHRISTMAS  | HOLLY       | REINDEER | STOCKING |
| DECEMBER   | JINGLE      | RUDOLPH  | WINTER   |
| ELVES      | MERRY       | SANTA    | WORKSHOP |
| FROSTY     | ORNAMENT    | SLEIGH   | WREATH   |

# Merry Christmas



## Down:

1. The plant hung in doorways, often used for kissing
2. Ice crystals that form on roof overhangs and fall during winter
4. Colorful decorations used to illuminate homes and trees
5. Iconic figure who brings gifts on Christmas Eve
9. Decorated evergreen that symbolizes the holiday season
11. A sock or bag hung for Santa to fill with gifts
12. Decorative items hung on a Christmas tree
13. Dense cake made with candied fruits and nuts
16. Frosty figure made of packed snow and decorated with accessories

## Across:

3. Santa's helpers who make toys
6. Used by Santa to deliver presents
7. Plant with red berries and sharp leaves
8. Circular arrangement of flowers or leaves
9. joyful songs sung during the Christmas season
10. Lights used to create a warm holiday atmosphere
14. Santa's flying animals that pull his sleigh
15. Presents exchanged during the holiday season
17. The night before Christmas Day
19. Decorative paper used to cover gifts



# FIND 10 DIFFERENCES



## FIND 7 DIFFERENCES





# Healthy recipe of the week!

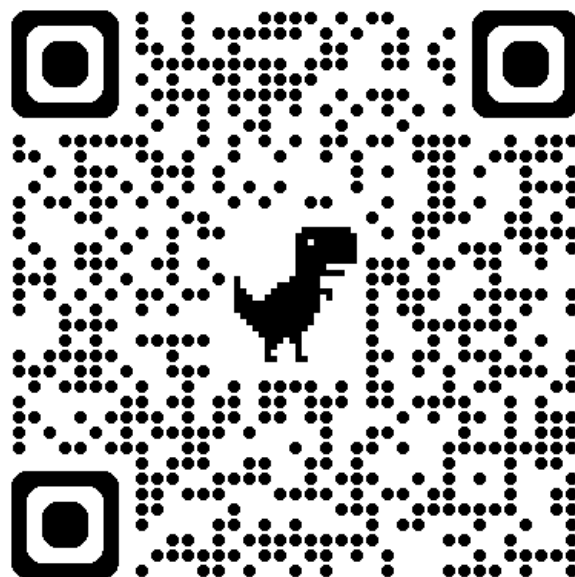


## More Christmas snack ideas!



Follow the link or QR code below to find some fun and festive snack ideas to keep you all going during the Christmas holidays!

<https://www.healthylittlefoodies.com/18-healthy-christmas-snacks/>



# EXTERNAL AGENCIES ADVERTISING PAGES

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of any item contained on the red pages.**

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# JUNIOR TRAIL NEWS

## GOT A TRAIL MAD YOUNGSTER?

GET **20% OFF GENERAL ADMISSION** AT FLYUP 417 BIKE PARK, WITCOMBE USING '417SCHOOL2025' UNTIL 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025.

If you want to up your downhill game while they're at school, or keep them busy on inset days, we're also offering **Buy One, Get One Half Price on uplift passes** on week days from 24th November 2025 until 19th December 2025. Just use the code '417BOGOHP'. If shredding trails isn't your thing, we've got a café serving hot drinks and food onsite.



## GOT BIKEABILITY COMING UP?

BOOK A **FREE BIKE SAFETY CHECK** AT FLYUP BIKES WORKSHOP AT FLYUP 417 BIKE PARK, WITCOMBE.

Ahead of courses, Bikeability recommend you conduct a safety check of your child's bike, to include:

- Air – Have the tyres got enough air?
- Brakes – Do the front and back brakes work properly?
- Chain – Have you oiled it recently?
- Direction – Are the handlebars fixed on tight? Is the seat on tight and pointing forward?

If you need a hand checking the basics, we're happy to help. Give the workshop a call on 01452 864036 and select option 3. This free safety check is open to all, Bikeability participant or not.



## MINI MANIA ON THE PUMP TRACK

Mini Shredders Pump Track sessions are back on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30, offering the perfect opportunity for pre-schoolers to burn some mid-week energy while sheltered from the rain. Just £6.99 gets your little one onto the hour-long session, or for £9.99 they can use one of our Strider balance bikes.

We are closed 24th, 25th and 26th December 2025 and 1st January 2026.

Downhill trails ♦ Pump Track ♦ Uplift service  
**[www.417bikepark.co.uk](http://www.417bikepark.co.uk)**



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What's on?

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At GHCT we are working on some new initiatives to support our local churches with the Nationally felt decline in church attendance. With this we are looking to encourage families and young people to get back into churches, to enjoy the heritage and beauty these buildings have to offer. I have attached a copy of our free printable Festive Scavenger Hunt, which is a completely free resource, that gives people the option of a free festive activity to do in their own time.

Link to Downloadable Resource: <https://ghct.org.uk/free-festive-church-scavenger-hunt>



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