

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS2 Carol Service

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas jumper day

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas dinner day

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of term

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Non pupil day

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – First day of term

From Mr Dyer...

## Congratulations

to all of our children who have performed in the nativity plays this week...they were brilliant! They worked hard with their teachers to pull everything together in time and they absolutely loved being able to show off their acting and singing to so many parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who came along.

We can't wait for the KS2 carol concert next week...do let us know if you're able to help us with the walking to/from (front row seats reserved for helpers!!).

## Respect Assembly

Today was our first Respect assembly. This is one of our termly awards and is the most prestigious prize pupils can win. Each term, we present a special award for one of our values, to one child from each class. Today, we celebrated those who have behaved brilliantly all term, showing respect to staff, pupils and property.

## Staffing update

After the holidays, we have several staffing changes.

**Mrs Skinner** is moving on to an exciting new role working alongside older pupils at the Community College. Mrs Skinner has been working at Brixington for quite some time and has made an enormous contribution to our community over the years. She has shown huge dedication to the academic and personal development of our children, working across all year groups and alongside a whole host of teachers and teaching assistants. She has helped to develop her colleagues, acting as a role model of teachers' professional standards, and has always shown huge ambition for our community. Though we are sad to be losing such a big part of Brixington, we are excited for Mrs Skinner as she embarks on this next step for her career. Good luck, Mrs Skinner!

**Ms Laura Arkle** has been appointed to teach two days a week in 5/6WS after Christmas. She is an experienced teacher who has got to know the children well in a supply role in recent weeks. She is excited to be joining the Brixington team.

**Mrs Holly Hayman Curtis** will be teaching 5/6B on a Friday in the new year, as **Olivia Hamilton** has taken the decision to take a break from teaching for the time being and focus on her family.

**Mrs Pia Keilty** will be moving to 5 days per week in 3/4K.

**Mr Hubbard** is due to take paternity leave in the new year and his class will be taken by **Laura Arkle** for three days per week and another supply teacher on the other days. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.

**Mr Pattison** will be taking medical leave for the first few weeks of the new year – his class have been sent a message about their teacher for this period.



## Christmas 2025 Collection

This Christmas we would appreciate donations of staple foods that will enable us to support those in need during the festive period and beyond. Items with a long shelf life are really helpful.

In particular we would welcome:

- Tins of soup
- Tins of tomatoes
- Tins of baked beans and spaghetti
- Meat meals (e.g. tinned stews, curry, meatballs)
- Tinned cold meats (e.g. corned beef, ham)
- Tins of tuna
- Packets of spaghetti and rice
- Tinned fruits
- Tins of custard and rice pudding.

Thank you for your help – we couldn't do this without you!





# Brixington DECEMBER EVENTS SCHEDULE

**1  
DEC**

## **NON UNIFORM DAY**

In return for bringing a donation in for our Christmas Grotto for the PTFA

**9  
DEC**

## **EYFS & KS1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES**

EYFS 10am KS1 2pm

**10  
DEC**

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## **KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

12pm til 3pm

**17  
DEC**

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY**

For a suggested donation of £1  
for Save the Children via this link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yudajbjm>

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**HUBS**

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CHRISTMAS 2025

Activate Camps

at Exmouth Community College

Sports & Games

Challenges

Creative Arts

Free Healthy Lunch

Fun Activities

### Activate Camps are running our multi activity camp near you this holiday!

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides local authority funding for funded holiday places at our multi activity camp, including a healthy lunch, for eligible benefits related free school meal (FSM) children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**



#### Venue

Gipsy Lane, Exmouth EX8 3AF

#### Funded Places

Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children



#### Cost

£30 per day including lunch



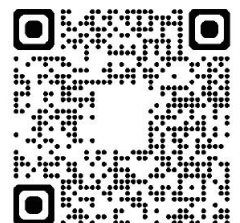
#### Times

10am-2pm

#### Dates

22nd-23rd Dec

#### Learn More



5-14 year olds

All camp places must be booked in advance

Limited places



activatecamps.co.uk/haf



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