

## Headteacher's newsletter

### 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The countdown to Christmas is on, and we are all very excited here at Babraham! We have lots of lovely activities happening over the next two weeks, in addition to finishing off all the wonderful learning that's been happening this term.

#### **Building work on the Babraham School Site – Community Room project**

Some families have been asking for more information about the project and I am happy to share what is involved. The community room project will involve the building of an extension to the end of the hall nearest the pocket park. This extension will house a new kitchen, toilets and a large room that can be used by school during the day, and let out to community groups in the evening. It is going to be a very valuable community resource. Unfortunately, I am still waiting on a date for the start of the extension, however, it looks like it will be later in January. As soon as I receive any updates, I will send out an email to all families with the details of the build, including the architect's plans.

#### **My Child at School (MCAS) update**

We are aware that families are experiencing difficulties with the MCAS app. Our fantastic new Office Administrator, Mrs Thomalainen, has been looking into improving the functionality of the app. In order to capture parent views, we plan to send out a survey next week, in the hope we can make MCAS a more streamlined and user-friendly platform. In the mean-time, Mrs Thomalainen will be trying out different ways of sending information for example, as an announcement or straight to email, so please do look out for these, as we will be asking about the different methods in the survey!

#### **KS2c cross-country event at Netherhall**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, some pupils in KS2 took part in a cross-country event at Netherhall school. There were eight races in total; a boys and girls race each for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The children did an amazing job – they all finished what was a very challenging course, and did the school proud! Thank you to the parents who came to help and cheer on the children, it is much appreciated! Some notable results were:

Year 5 girls – Emily, 5<sup>th</sup> place

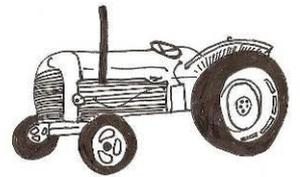
Year 5 boys – Sammy, 9<sup>th</sup> place

Year 3 girls – Anna, 9<sup>th</sup> place

Year 3 girls – 4<sup>th</sup> overall

Year 5 girls – 7<sup>th</sup> overall





### Ely Cathedral Carol Concert

On Monday, Year 6 visited Ely Cathedral for the annual DEMAT Carol Concert. Babraham were one of thirty-eight schools in attendance and it really was such a special occasion. The children behaved beautifully and sang all of the hymns with confidence. Elin read the first reading; she had learned her part off by heart and spoke with such amazing confidence – well done Elin! All of our Year 6 pupils were extremely respectful and great ambassadors for the school, so a huge thank you to all of them for making my first Carol Concert such a memorable experience!



### Diary dates

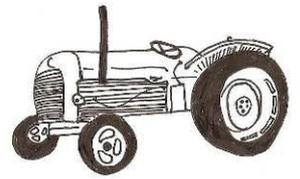
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December – YR and KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal, 2pm (for extended family members)  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – YR and KS1 Nativity performance, 2pm (parents/carers)  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Pantomime ‘Sleeping Beauty’, 10:30, Arts Theatre, Cambridge  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2:45 – 3:20 – Parents in school for Children’s Christmas decorations, tea and mince pies, plus raffle  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol service in St Peter’s Church, 9:30-10:30am  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch – only turkey/Quorn roast dinner will be available  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term.

### Babraham news/reminders

- Don’t forget to send your child in with welly boots so they can continue to use the school field at lunch time
- KS2 Young Voices, please remember to pay for the trip on MCAS
- Please sign up to Gift Aid for any financial donations to school, by following this link:  
[Friends of Babraham School \(FoBS\) Gift Aid Declaration Form](#)

### Contact Details for Extra Curricular Activities.

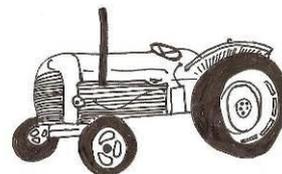
Art Club: [lyndsaylees@thecreationstation.co.uk](mailto:lyndsaylees@thecreationstation.co.uk) – Mondays after school starting 15<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Drum lessons: Fridays after school - Martin Everett Email: [martinjeverett@googlemail.com](mailto:martinjeverett@googlemail.com)  
Victoria Meads: Piano/Violin Lessons during school time. Email: [Victoria\\_meads@outlook.com](mailto:Victoria_meads@outlook.com)  
Janine Parker: Woodwind Lessons during school time Email: [jumblied@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jumblied@hotmail.co.uk)  
Lizzie Allars: After School club every day. Email: [lizzie.allars@babraham.ac.uk](mailto:lizzie.allars@babraham.ac.uk)  
Breakfast Club every day: Premier Sports. **Premier Education Group PLC phone:** 07725550830



# Christingle Service

Sunday, 7th December  
3pm





<b>Babraham Term dates 2025 - 2026</b>	
Autumn Term begins	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Staff training day	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Half-term	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Autumn term ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring term begins	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Staff training day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring term ends	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer term begins	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Staff training day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Term ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Staff Training Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026