

# Weekly Briefing



## Message from Mr Butler

Good afternoon

As we approach the last week of term season, I would like to congratulate and thank everyone for all the wonderful activities that have taken place at Butlers Court this week. It has been an exciting time for our school community, filled with joy and celebration.

I must start by saying a big well done to our Giraffes and Pandas for their outstanding performance of 'Our First Nativity' on Monday. It was great to see our youngest pupils shine on stage for the first time, and I hope all who attended enjoyed the show. We must also commend Years 1 and 2 for their impressive performances of 'The Inn Crowd' on Tuesday and Wednesday. Their fantastic singing and dance moves truly brought out the festive spirit in us all – well done everyone involved, and my thanks to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children, and to you parents for your support with children's costumes and learning lines.

We must also thank all the parents on our PTA for their enthusiasm and dedication during today's Christmas Extravaganza. Santa's Grotto and Elf School were particularly popular with our younger children, and the Dick Whittington Pantomime and Christmas Fair for Key Stage 2 was equally enjoyable. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Santa, engaging in festive crafts, and participating in various fun activities. Thank you all for your support.

Despite all the festive celebrations, we are still committed to our classroom learning. Year 2 particularly enjoyed the finale of their Great Fire of London project, staging the Great Fire of Butlers Court on the playground yesterday. It was a great sight as the children watched their handmade buildings 'go up in smoke,' all under the careful supervision of Mr Hadaway, who ensured safety with buckets of water at the ready.

Looking ahead, we have more festive fun planned for next week. Our Year 3, 4, and 5 carol concerts will take place on Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening, and we hope many of you will join us. On Tuesday, Year 6 will lead a traditional carol service at St Mary's Church, and we warmly invite Year 6 parents to attend this lovely occasion. Thursday promises to be equally festive, as the children will enjoy their Christmas lunch, complete with music and crackers, followed by classroom parties in the afternoon. There is no need to bring snacks for the parties, but we ask everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers on the day again.

Please can we remind all parents to please be considerate and respectful when driving and parking near the school. We have had a resident call us this week about their drive being blocked by a parent parking. As always, please can I ask you all to drive and park safely near the school.

Please can I also remind you that we promote children's writing at this time by encouraging children to write Christmas cards to their friends and staff. If children would like to send cards, we ask that they put children's first and second names and class on envelopes and post them in the post box in the school library. Please can we ask again though, that children do not put sweets or chocolates in cards. Thank you.

As a gentle reminder, we will finish for the Christmas break at 1:00 pm on Friday, 19th December. Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Butler

## Question of the Week

Each Friday in assembly, we will share a thought-provoking question designed to spark curiosity, encourage deeper thinking, and inspire meaningful conversations. Teachers will revisit the question throughout the week in class, and we warmly invite families to continue these discussions at home. By talking, wondering, and exploring ideas together, we can strengthen children's confidence, communication skills, and love of learning. Thank you for supporting our shared commitment to developing every child's voice.

**This week will be – Would you rather be too hot or too cold?**

## What's New

### First News

The latest edition of [First News](#) is available online. You can access it using our First News Education ID: **TPA9PGC8**

### Musician of the Half Term

This half term, we will be listening to the music by Aretha Franklin.

### Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Please visit the PTA second-hand uniform shop if you wish to purchase additional school uniform: [https://www.pta-events.co.uk/butlers/index.cfm?event=products#.Yd\\_9KSXfUIQ](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/butlers/index.cfm?event=products#.Yd_9KSXfUIQ)

### SchoolComms

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### Reminder – Christmas Lunch Orders

The final day to place this year's Christmas lunch order on SchoolGrid is **Sunday 14th December**.

Unfortunately, orders cannot be accepted after this date, and a packed lunch will need to be provided.

Please note that all children will receive a Christmas cracker, whether they have a school Christmas lunch or bring a packed lunch.

### Parking Reminder – Grove Road

A resident of Grove Road has asked us to remind parents not to park across driveways when dropping off or collecting children. Please ensure all driveways remain clear at all times to and that they keep the area safe for everyone.

## What's happening this week

### Monday

Gymnastics Squad Training, 7:30-8:30am, Hall

Brass Lessons

KS2 Christmas Performance, 2:00pm, Hall - *Please note no parking is available on the school site and entrance to the school will be via the Wattleton Road gate only from 1.45pm*

Y3-Y6 ComputerXplorers, 3:15-4:15pm, 6BW

Year 3 and Year 4 Art Club, 3:15-4:30pm, Art Room

### Tuesday

Y6 Young Voices Rehearsals, 7:45am, Hall

Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church (am)

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KS2 Choir, 1:00pm, 4MS

Y3-Y6 ComputerXplorers, 3:15-4:15pm, 6BW

### Wednesday

KS2 Evening Christmas Performance, 6pm, Hall

### Thursday

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Class Parties

**Friday**

Please remember to send children with a large snack. There will be no school lunch provided today.  
End of term – School closes at 1:00pm