



Christmas at Calder Primary 2024



Thursday 28th December	<p><u>Non-Uniform Day</u> Please bring a chocolate or sweet donation (or £1 towards the chocolate shopping) for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair</p>
Friday 29th December	<p><u>INSET Day</u> The Calder Learning Trust is closed for all pupils and students in both Calder Primary and Calder High.</p>
Friday 6th December	<p><u>9.00am Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly</u> Join us for a special assembly where we decorate our Christmas tree and turn the lights on together as well as sharing some Christmas tree trivia and some favourite Christmas songs to start the festivities!</p>
Friday 6th December	<p><u>3.15-5.30pm Calder Primary PTA Christmas Fair</u> in our Calder Primary building. There will be stalls, crafts, games, cakes, hot dogs, mulled wine and more! Please can we ask for donations of small toys/prizes for games, clean teddies and bottles (e.g. wine, soft drinks, ketchup, shampoo) for the tombolas, outgrown/unwanted Christmas jumpers, food/drink items for the luxury hamper raffle or pledges of cakes/baked goods for the café.</p>
Wednesday 11th December	<p><u>2pm 'Christmas Counts' Nativity</u> in The Calder Learning Trust Theatre. Please see the letter for how to book tickets. Please use either Midgley Road or Brier Hey Lane gates to enter the site from 1.50pm (it is not possible to use Appleyard Road gate entrance to arrive at this time). Pupils will return to their classrooms afterwards, please collect them from Calder Primary as usual. There is no cost for tickets, but we will hold a charity collection at the end if you are able to donate.</p> <p><u>Costumes</u> For Reception and Class 1: any extra costume information will be sent home by Miss Moran this week – this would only be things to wear under the main costumes which we already have in school. For Classes 2 and 3: pupils will need to wear a pair of pyjamas. These need to be 2-piece, long-legged pyjamas. Christmas ones are ideal, but any will be fine. No onesies, dressing gowns or oodles please as it can get hot under the stage lights! No slippers needed.</p>
Wednesday 11th December	<p><u>6pm 'Christmas Counts' Nativity</u> in the Calder High Theatre. Please come to the theatre for 5.40pm for pupils to arrive and change as appropriate whilst you take your seats. All gates will be open at this time. All pupils are needed to attend. If your child is unable to, please let us know as soon as possible it affects roles and rehearsals. If you are not watching, please collect your child from the theatre main entrance at 6.45pm.</p>
Thursday 12th December	<p><u>Whole School Pantomime Visit</u> This year we are trying Laurence Batley Theatre! We will be leaving after an early lunchtime and pupils will need to bring a water bottle. Please pay via Parent pay. We aim to be back for 5pm, traffic depending. Please be mindful of blocking the entrance to the site for the coaches, there should be more capacity in the car park at this time of day if needed.</p>
Friday 13th December	<p><u>9.00am End of Term Assembly</u> - Families are welcome to join us to sing some Christmas carols together and listen to some festive performances from some of our musicians as well as our end of term award presentations. If your child was awarded the Star Award at the end of the Summer Term, please return these to school by Wednesday 11th December.</p>
Friday 13th December	<p><u>Christmas Lunch</u> All pupils are invited to join us for our Primary Christmas Lunch. If your child usually has packed lunches and would like to take part, please email Mrs Pickup. Please get any outstanding Christmas Lunch orders back to Mrs Pickup as soon as possible.</p>
Monday 16th December	<p><u>9.00am Reindeer Run</u> We are once again taking part in Overgate Hospice's Reindeer Run. Pupils are sponsored to take part in this fun, active challenge to support our local hospice. Sponsorship forms will be coming home with pupils -antlers to wear are provide by Overgate! Pupils will wear their PE trainers which should be in school anyway. Please bring any sponsorship money back by Wednesday 18th December.</p>

<p>Monday 16th December</p>	<p><u>4.30-6.00pm Calder Learning Trust Christmas Concert</u> Our choir will be singing, along with other acts from pupils, students and staff from The Calder Learning Trust. Tickets for parents/carers are £5 on Ticket Source which include refreshments.. Children will be staying after school to rehearse, so if you are watching please come straight to the theatre for 4.30pm. Or if you are not staying, please collect your child at 6.00pm from the theatre.</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th December</p>	<p><u>9.30-11am PTA Shop and Wrap</u> Pupils can buy presents for their families for £1 per item – they may bring up to £4 to spend on up to 4 items (if we have enough). Parent and staff volunteers will help them wrap and label the presents too. Donations of items to buy (for mums/dads/siblings etc), wrapping paper and bows/ribbons are welcomed please to help make it possible. The perfect chance for a pre-Christmas sort out of unwanted gift items or good quality items or if you’re able to donate any simple gift items from stores such as Home Bargains for children to choose and shop for! If you would like to come along and help wrap please let us know, we would be very grateful!</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th December</p>	<p><u>Afternoon: End of Term Fun Games</u> We will have some fun games and activities to enjoy for the end of term. No special clothes/items needed.</p>
<p>Friday 20th December</p>	<p><u>Christmas Jumper Day</u> Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas outfits if preferred (Santas, elves etc) if they would like to. Pupils may wear non-uniform items with their Christmas jumper or outfit or if they don’t celebrate Christmas. £1 donation for Overgate Hospice: please either donate in cash or by ParentPay. <u>Toys and Games</u> Pupils may bring a toy or game in to share with friends, no electronics such as consoles or phones please. <u>12.15-1.00pm Break Up for Christmas</u> Due to the buses, Calder High School will now finish at 12.15pm. We have advertised 1pm for Calder Primary for some time and know that parents will have made arrangements for this. Similarly, if you have children in Calder High who you are collecting as well or if older siblings collect younger ones, you may wish to collect at 12.15pm. Therefore, parents can collect Calder Primary pupils from 12.15-1pm as is convenient for you. Pupils will all get a morning snack from our kitchen to keep them going. Please note that you will not be able to drive up Appleyard Road due to the buses so please park off site and walk in to collect from any CLT entrance. In the summer we still had cars driving onto site and getting into difficulties with buses including cars getting clipped and people getting stuck for a considerable amount of time! After-school providers have been told of our finishing time but please liaise with them about your child’s arrangements to confirm.</p>
<p><i>We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th January 2025!</i></p>	