



# Balksbury Federation

## *Across the Playground*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

### **What a Jingle**

Thank you to all our families for your support with our Jingle this year. Your incredible generosity on our dress down day, and on the day itself last Friday means it was a huge success in raising an amazing £5,030. Thank you to the children and the team here for all their hard work in making things to sell; you made it a wonderful Christmas event.

We can also now announce that the children's Christmas Cards this year made a huge £1,000. Well done to the children for their designs; I know they will be ones to treasure.

Thank you to the PTA for their support and dedication. They spend an enormous amount of time supporting the federation, and the Jingle takes a lot of man hours. We couldn't ask for more and the team here are extremely grateful for what they do.

**Total: £6,030.00**

These funds will be used for future projects at the Federation. Discussions with the Smart School Council sessions will inform our decisions around the equipment, resources and projects.

Thank you once again.  
Miss Thompson

### **PTA**

The PTA would like to say a great big thank you to all our families who attended the Jingle again this year. We had the best time working alongside the Federation and would like to thank Miss Thompson and her incredible team for all their support. We are so pleased to announce that the PTA raised a wonderful £1,704.39!! We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.

Many thanks  
Stacey

**Grand Total Raised: £7,734.39**



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## Christmas Jingle 2024



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# Still to come this Christmas...



## Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

A big thank you to Dolce for providing us with such a wonderful menu for our school Christmas lunch this year.

Children will have the choice of freshly cooked:

Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage and Stuffing

or

Plant Based Puff Pastry Christmas Cracker

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school on this day.



## Clubs

Polite reminder that this week is the last week of after school clubs until after Christmas.



## Christmas Discos

Christmas Discos will be taking place in school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to wear their party clothes into school on this day.



## Open Box Christmas Production

The children will be treated to a magical Christmas performance from Open Box Theatre Company on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, as a special Christmas treat.



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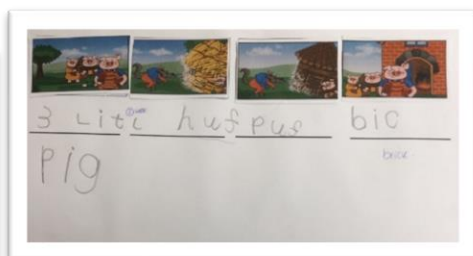
# Classroom News



## Across the Playground

### Year R

This term, the children have embarked on an exciting learning journey exploring traditional tales. We began with the classic story of **The Three Little Pigs**, where the children investigated different types of homes and discovered which materials make the strongest houses. We've also just started exploring **The Gingerbread Man**, and the children are already enthusiastically reciting the story's repeating phrases.



### Year 3

This week in Year 3, we started our new **English Learning** Journey on 'The Grinch'. We went out to the tepee and had a **sing-song and boogie** to lots of different Christmas songs as a hook in our new learning! Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed themselves- even our class teachers were joining in on the dancing!

We then dived deep into our Tier Two vocabulary- these included words like isolated, plead and miserable. This will help us to write our final outcomes to writing a **letter to the Grinch**.



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### Year 6

This half term, Year 6 have been practising their **Netball** skills in **PE**. We have been learning about ways to evade a defender and how to keep possession of the ball when we are the attacking team. By learning these skills, we have been able to start playing small sided games and learning about the positions on the Netball court.

We also continue to enjoy **Free Reading Friday** where we are able to read a range of genres for pleasure. So far this term we have read: First News, where we enjoyed finding out about what is going on across the world; fiction from some of our favourite authors; and extracts of text written during **World War Two**.



## House Points and Tokens



### House Points

The House with the most points across the Federation to date is: Walbury.



Walbury



### Tokens

The class with the most tokens in the Infant School to date is: Skipper Class.



The class with the most tokens in the Junior School to date is: Oak Class.



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# Diary Dates

## December 2024

<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	After School Clubs Paused for Christmas Break
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	Year R Nativity 1:30pm – 2:30pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	Year R Nativity 1:30pm – 2:30pm
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children attend Carol Service at St Michael's Church
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	Open Box Christmas Production
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	Children's Favourite Day Dolce Lunch
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	Christmas Discos (During school time)
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	Christmas Holiday

## January 2025

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	After School Clubs Resume
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	Year R 2025 Starters School Applications Close
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	Junior School Applications Close
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>	NSPCC Workshops (Year 5 and 6)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025</b>	NSPCC Workshops (Year 2)

## February 2025

<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	Anti-Bullying & One Kind Word Day
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	Year 6 Fairthorne Manor Residential
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	After School Clubs Block 1 Finish
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>	Half Term

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## March 2025

<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Year 1 Trip - Army Air Museum
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm

## April 2025

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	Year 1 Production 2:00pm
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	Year 1 Production 2:00pm
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	Open Box Year 4 – Vikings

## May 2025

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>	Year 2 Trip - Titanic Museum
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	Year 4 Upton Court Residential
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	Year 6 SATS Week
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</b>	Year 6 - Bikeability
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	Half Term

## June 2025

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Butterflies Transition Evening 4:30pm – 5:30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Open Box Year R – Dinosaurs
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	New Year R Children - Butterflies Session 1
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Open Box Year 1 – Moon Landing
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Year 2 – Year 3 Parents Transition Meeting 3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Sports Day with Family Picnic 9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	New Year R Children - Butterflies Session 2

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<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Swim Gala Week
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Open Box Year 1 – Moon Landing
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Year 2 – Year 3 Parents Transition Meeting 3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Sports Day with Family Picnic 9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	New Year R Children - Butterflies Session 2
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Swim Gala Week
<i>July 2025</i>	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>	Change Up Morning 9:30am – 12:00pm New Year R Children – Butterflies Session 3
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 2 Production 1:30pm – 2:30pm
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 2 Production 1:30pm – 2:30pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 2 Country Dancing Festival
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Arts Week (Arts' Festival on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Balksbury's Got Talent
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Production 6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Production 6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 2 Fun Day 9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 2 Graduation 2:00pm – 3:00pm (School Based)
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Fun Day 9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Disco Day 9:00am – 2:30pm
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 Graduation 9:15am – 10:15am (School Based)
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025</b>	INSET Day
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>	Summer Holidays

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