



# Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...

...to be the best 'me' I can be.

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of this term, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It has been a remarkable term filled with hard work, dedication, and unforgettable experiences.

Firstly, I must express my appreciation to all the staff for their tireless efforts over the last term. Their hard work culminated in some truly unbelievable Christmas performances that were a joy to behold. The dedication of the staff has been instrumental in ensuring that our children had a magical experience this festive season.

The Christmas Disco was most definitely a highlight for the children, and I extend a huge thank you to all the staff for staying over. For some of them, this meant working three consecutive Fridays during an already busy Christmas period, which is highly commendable. The children's joy was evident as they showcased their impressive dance moves again at the Christmas Parties held this week, what joy it was to see all the 'old' games being played and children supporting each other in a game situation!

I would also like to thank all the children who contributed decorations for our Christmas tree, making it look truly spectacular. A special congratulations goes to Marnie, our winner, whose decoration was particularly outstanding...a real homemade effort!

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the kitchen staff for preparing a delicious Christmas Dinner that everyone who partook thoroughly enjoyed. It was a delightful culinary experience that added to the festive cheer...one child even commented that they were the 'best pig-in-a-roll I've ever eaten!'

Congratulations are also in order for the children who received special awards in Monday's assembly. Their achievements, both academic and personal, were truly deserving of recognition. It was wonderful to see their growth and accomplishments celebrated. It must be noted that **all** our children have displayed exemplary behaviour, with outstanding manners and kindness this term. This has not gone unnoticed by visiting prospective parents, who consistently remark on the warmth and exceptional nature of Birches School. This positive reflection of our school community is a testament to the partnership between our dedicated staff and incredible children.

Thank you once again for your commitment and support throughout the term. We look forward to welcoming you back in the Spring Term as we embrace new beginnings and hopefully, warmer days ahead.

Wishing you a lovely Christmas filled with joy, cherished moments, and the company of your loved ones. Merry Christmas and see you in 2026!

With warm regards,

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Headteacher