

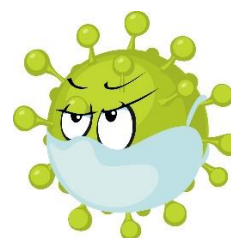


## West End Primary School Christmas 2021 News

# 15 December 2021

### Covid Measures

As things are changing so rapidly with the new variant we are keeping our Covid measures under constant review. If there are any changes we will inform you as soon as possible. Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support as we work our way through these difficult times.



### Robinwood

We were so proud of the Year 5 children who finally got to go to Robinwood two weeks ago (fourth time lucky!). The staff inform me that their behaviour was exemplary and that they approached everything with enthusiasm and resilience.

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who gave up their own time with their families (for no pay) to ensure that the children got this valuable experience and thank you to the parents for their patience and understanding when we were waiting to hear if the trip could go ahead at all after storm Arwen.

### Christmas Performances

We have been delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for our Christmas performances. We are very grateful for your support with our Covid safety measures, which we put in place after completing risk assessments based on the current local situation, our own circumstances and up to date government guidance. I am also grateful to the staff who have been so committed to allowing these events to go ahead so that the children and parents can enjoy this special time together.





### More Thank Yous

Huge thank yous go to the PTFA for using their contacts with the man in red to arrange for him to make an early visit to school last week. We would also like to thank West Bedlington Town Council for providing wooden trees for the children to decorate again this year; if they haven't brought one home yet they will be doing so soon.

### Early Finish on Friday

As usual we will be finishing early on Friday 17th. School will close for the Christmas holidays at 2:00pm. Please make sure you have arrangements in place for your child.



### Congratulations

I am sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs. Milne on the birth of her son, Theodore, last week. Mother and baby are doing well.

### Reception Places September 2022

There is still time to apply for a Reception place for your child for September 2022. The portal for applications for Reception class places is open at:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>



You must apply for your place through this link, even if your child already attends our nursery. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please make sure you complete your application before the deadline to have the best chance of being allocated your first choice of school. If you would like to visit the main school before completing your application please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

### Term Dates

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Spring term A starts
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring term B starts
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Break up for Easter holidays
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Summer term A starts
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Closed for May day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer term B starts
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for summer holidays



Tuesday 4th January and Monday 25th April are staff training days.

Schools have been granted an additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2022. We will inform you of the date as soon as we know it ourselves.

**And finally...**

On behalf of the children, staff and governors of West End Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. We'll see you again in 2022!

Yours sincerely

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**Mrs Jane Bushell**  
Headteacher

