Season's Greetings

Step into Christmas at Hursthead Infants!

Whether it's enjoying a special visit to Santa at the **Christmas Fair**, winning an incredible prize in our annual **raffle**, enjoying a hot chocolate after our magical **Christmas lights trail**, or waiting excitedly to see what thoughtful **gift** your own little elf has chosen for you, the festive season is full of joy and surprises at Hursthead!

DATE TO REMEMBER	EVENT	NOTES
From 2 November	Bring in Crackers, Treasure Jars, and soft toys for the Teddy Tombola	Sold/won for **£1** each at the fair
Friday 13 November	Final day to book panto tickets	**Adults £24 / Children £17** https://forms.gle/VjdkSD8Ywe9xHVjo8
Friday 27 November	Bring in nut-free chocolate/sweets in original packaging for tombola	Non-uniform day! Consider vegan and freefrom items for your donation too
Monday 30 November	Final day to order Secret Santa gifts	**£5** per gift https://forms.gle/P8FygaGyzGNq9bqH7
Tuesday 1 December	Final day to book in to visit Santa at the fair	**£3** per child https://forms.gle/HR5NceMcrkenw7Eu7
Friday 4 December	Bring in bottles for tombola (alcoholic/non-alcoholic both fine)	Non-uniform day! Please ensure bottles are unopened and in date
Friday 4 December	**The Christmas Fair!**	Friends and family are welcome! Entrance at the school office **5-7pm**
Sunday 6 December	Raffle ticket sales close at **6pm**	**£5** per five tickets https://forms.gle/T7eCfzmQQNUqXgKH9
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Lights Trail	**£2 per map,** outside school **4-6:30pm** https://forms.gle/a7HnpbE3ouETCygD8

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SANTA'S little HELPERS

How you can help to make it a fantastic festive season:

- **Help at the fair:** Our Christmas Fair is after school on **Friday 4 December**. Your class rep will let you know which stall your class will be responsible for. *Please* do volunteer for a shift if you possibly can, lest we have to close stalls early - and many hands make light work when it comes to setting up and clearing down!

- **Help over the season:** Please join the **PSA Volunteer Pool** group in the Whatsapp community if you would like to see the list of jobs we need people to pitch in with. We will need help wrapping a lot of gifts, and volunteers to help during the day on **Friday 11 December** and after school on **Wednesday 16 December**. The fair's pocket money stall wouldn't be complete without the Christmas crackers and treasure jars (see final page for more info), and we are also running a Teddy Tombola this year; if you have any clean and undamaged soft toys to declutter, you can drop these at the school office.

- **Raffle donations:** We are always proud of our excellent raffles! If you, your workplace, or someone you know would like to donate a raffle prize, get in touch with us at hurstheadinfantpsa@gmail.com

- **Tombola donations:** Please be as generous as you can! These are very popular stalls and often sell out early.

Remember, every panto or raffle ticket bought, every Secret Santa gift ordered, every game played at the fair, it all goes to supporting your PSA and your school. So don't worry if you can't commit any further than that - **we appreciate every single person who gets involved!**

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Panto Tickets

You will have already seen our flyer announcing this fun out-of-school activity! **New for 2026**, the PSA is delighted to offer Hursthead families discounted tickets to a pantomime performance of *Sleeping Beauty*. Adults will have their funny bones tickled by the award-winning The Big Tiny theatre company, and the children will be delighted to be surrounded by their friends! Whether you decide to arrange a full family day out in the area or just join us for the show, we'd love to see you there.

When is it?	3pm Sunday 13 December
Where is it?	Contact Theatre, Oxford Road, Manchester M15 6JA
How much is it?	Adults **£24** / Under 16s **£17**
How do I sign up?	https://forms.gle/VjdkSD8Ywe9xHVjo8
How do I pay you?	Bank transfer with reference: **PO[class number][child's surname]**
Final day to book	Friday 13 November





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Secret Santa

One of the best events of the year! This gives the kids the power to choose the presents for once. You won't believe how thoughtful they can be with their choices, it is so touching! The children will pick their Secret Santa gifts during the school day, and there will be a good mix of adult and children's gifts available for all the special people in their lives. All presents will be sent home already wrapped and ready to pop under the tree.

How much is it?	**£5** per gift
How do I sign up?	https://forms.gle/P8FygaGyzGNq9bqH7
How do I pay you?	Bank transfer with reference: **SS[class number][child's surname]**
Final day to book	Monday 30 November

This event will take place in school on Friday 11 December and is a lovely one to volunteer for! Please send your child in with a plastic or reusable bag to bring home their gifts, so they do not get lost in the classroom.

Visit Santa



On the night of the fair, the children will be magically transported to the North Pole to meet St Nick himself, and he is thrilled to have the chance to see them before the big day! Space in Santa's grotto is limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

How much is it?	**£3** per child to meet Santa and receive a gift
How do I sign up?	https://forms.gle/HR5NceMcrkenw7Eu7
How do I pay you?	Payment details will be sent to you once your time slot is confirmed
Final day to book	Tuesday 1 December

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Christmas Raffle

It's going to be our best Christmas raffle yet! The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win. And it's open to the public, so make sure your **friends and family** get their tickets too!

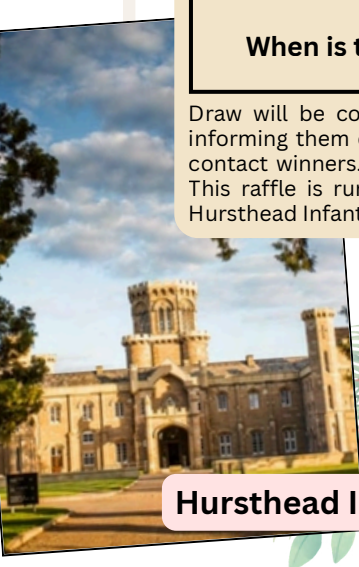
Current prizes include:

- Solitaire diamond ear studs from Slack & Andrews Bespoke Jeweller - worth **£1000**!
- 4 night break in Gold-level accommodation for up to six people at Park Holidays UK - worth over **£200**!
- **£200** voucher for Jewsons Builders Merchants
- **£150** voucher for M&S
- £50 Gift voucher for any Warner Hotel
- A meal for two at Cosmo World Buffet restaurant in Manchester - worth £50
- Gift voucher for one free day of holiday camp (age 5+) from Stockport School of Gymnastics - worth £30
- 2x Gift voucher for 120 free Stikins name labels - worth £20
- £20 gift voucher for any Almond Family pub
- and more to come!

We have lots more prizes in the works, so watch out for updates!

How much is it?	£5 for a "book" of 5 virtual tickets
How do I sign up?	https://forms.gle/T7eCfzmQQNUqXgKH9
How do I pay you?	Bank transfer with reference: **RT[class number][child's surname]**
When do sales close?	6pm on Sunday 6 December
When is the draw?	Friday 11 December

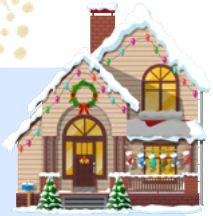
Draw will be conducted using a random number generator. Winners will then be contacted by email or phone informing them of how to collect their prizes. You **must** fill in the Google form so that we may track payments and contact winners. You will receive an email with your virtual raffle ticket numbers once payment has been received. This raffle is run by Hursthead Infant School PSA, who hold a small lottery licence with Stockport Council (c/o Hursthead Infant School PSA, Kirkstead Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7PZ).





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Christmas Light Trail



New for 2026, we would like to invite you to wrap up warm and join us on a lovely winter walk! Whilst you are enjoying the beautiful sights with your family, keep your eyes peeled for the letters our sneaky elves have hidden. Write them all down on your map, and then turn in your completed word to win a prize at the end of your frosty journey!

Each walk will be self-guided, using your map to follow the correct trail, so siblings, dogs, and other family and friends are all welcome! We expect it to take about **one hour** to complete. Your journey begins outside the school, where we will also have some magic wands for sale to help light you on your way!

We will be doing a staggered start by year group so that everybody has time to discover the trail for themselves:

Reception: 4:00-5:00pm
Year 1: 4:30-5:30pm
Year 2: 5:00-6:30pm

If your child is in Reception or Year 1 and you miss your slot, you may still start the trail any time before 6:30pm. If you have more than one child in school, you may pick the slot that is most convenient for your family.

How much is it?	**£2** per map (one completed map can be swapped for one prize)
How do I sign up?	https://forms.gle/a7HnpbE3ouETCygD8
How do I pay you?	Bank transfer with reference: **LT[class number][child's surname]**
Final day to prebook	Monday 14 December
Where does the trail start and finish?	School playground gates / Brook Lane Coffee 2.0, 92 Grove Lane SK8 7ND

Please note that the prize will only be available before 8:30pm on 16 December

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Crackers & Treasure Jars

You clever lot always do a superb job making these at home! This is not a competition, just a way for the kids to discover new treasures whilst raising funds for the school. Feel free to make as many as you like!

Please bring your creations to the school office on or before the morning of Friday 4 December. We will be selling them all at **£1** each, so bear this in mind when you are selecting your contents.

If including edible items, please ensure no products containing nuts are used.

To make a Christmas Cracker



A cardboard tube (eg toilet roll inner)
Decorative paper (eg wrapping paper)
Ribbon and/or tape
A cracker prize (eg a toy, sticker, hair clip, whistle, crayons, sweets, or use your imagination!)
The all important cracker joke!

- Firstly, fill the cardboard tube with the prize, joke, and any other goodies you like
- Roll the tube in paper, leaving about 10cm on either end, and secure
- Twist the extra length of paper at the end of the tube so you are left with some 'handles' to pull the cracker
- Use ribbon or tape to secure the ends
- Finally please label the cracker to show if it is best suited to a B (boy), G (girl) or E (either)

To make a Treasure Jar



- Thoroughly clean both the jar and lid, and remove the label
- Fill the jar with any treats or goodies that you think a child would enjoy - let the size and shape of your jar inspire you!
- Decorate the jar, ensuring the contents are not obscured

An old jar
Paint, permanent marker, glitter glue or other decoration
Treasure!