



# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Unwanted Christmas Gifts

For the PTAs next fundraising event they need donations of any unwanted Christmas gifts. In the first week back, if there are any gifts your family has received that are unwanted and you want to de-clutter, please bring them into school by 16th January. Hopefully, we can raise funds and get unwanted gifts into the hands of those who really want them.

## Christmas Holiday Activity Clubs

Should you need your child to attend a holiday club over the next couple of weeks and you meet eligibility criteria, use this QR code.



## Festive Funded\* Holiday Activity

22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th December

- 📍 Life Leisure Avondale
- 📍 Life Leisure Houldsworth Village
- 📍 St Philips Catholic Primary School
- 📍 Brinnington Park Leisure Complex

Book here from  
24<sup>th</sup> November:



\*We are proud to participate in the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) that enables us to offer free holiday camp places for children aged 5 – 12 on **income based** free school meals (FSM) and **vulnerable families**.

## Sports Clubs in Stockport

This QR code and [this link](#) take you to a directory of all of the sports clubs operating in Stockport. See if there is one that would interest your children.



Stockport  
Clubs

## Lates

Since changing the start of the day to **8.45am**, the vast majority of children have been in on time and learning straight away. Thank you for all your support with this. However, many of the same families are regularly late. Office staff had to take over 30 children in to classes late on Wednesday. Being late means missed learning time, a socially awkward start, inconvenience for our staff and gives the children the impression that school is not important. Please ensure you are on time every day and ask us for support if there is anything we can do to help.



### Times Tables

We teach times tables in school through songs and games. Please see the [maths page](#) of our website for videos of a teddy bear singing the songs so you can help with learning them at home.



### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Etchells Community

It has been a long half term with lots going on and quite a lot of change but we have made it to the end and a well-earned break for all. Thank you again for all of your support, friendliness and kindness through this half term of dark mornings and evenings and too much rain!

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, a restful break and a fabulous new year.



### Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 5L for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
5L	97%
1P	94.9%
2J	94.4%

Please look at the School Hall window to see a full list of classes attendance this week.

### Attendance

It is vitally important that children attend school every day that they possibly can. Attendance levels for many children are a real concern at the moment. If your child is struggling to go to school because of worries, please talk to us as we can help. If you just keep them off, the danger in most cases is that you will validate their worries when there is nothing for them to be worried about and help is available.

90% attendance is equivalent to a day off every fortnight

80% attendance is equivalent to a day a week.

Talk to us and seek help if attendance is becoming an issue.

Kind regards,

**Stuart Kelly**  
and the Etchells staff

