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Award Winners

As part of Nova Education Trust's mission to create transformational schools, the first ever school awards evening was held, with award categories including *Community*



Impact, Inclusion, Giving Back, Employee Engagement, Pupil Engagement and *Innovation*. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Birklands won the *Parent Engagement Award*. The nomination was initiated by one of our parent governors who recognised all the events and opportunities we offer to encourage our parents and carers into school. We're very proud and shall continue to offer such opportunities.

Christmas Fair

Wow...what an amazing Christmas Fair we hosted on Friday after school. We can't thank our parents and carers enough for their generosity! We are still counting the pennies and will announce a total very soon. A special mention to Miss Cox and Mrs Cox for organising the whole event 'thank you' – what would do without them? Also 'thank you' to all staff who gave up their own time to support our fundraising efforts. The winners of the hampers were:

- Denise Truman
- Reva (Dove)
- River (Woodpecker)

One lucky pupil won two cakes and kindly donated one to the local care home.

A Victorian Christmas

Years 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their authentic Victorian Christmas experience at Newstead Abbey this week. They assumed the roles of the estate children for the day and were invited by Mr Webb, the master of the house, to explore his residence. During the day, they made traditional decorations, played parlour games, enjoyed a lantern show and explored the toys on offer.



Their behaviour was exemplary – we are incredibly proud of them all. Well done Year 5 and 6.

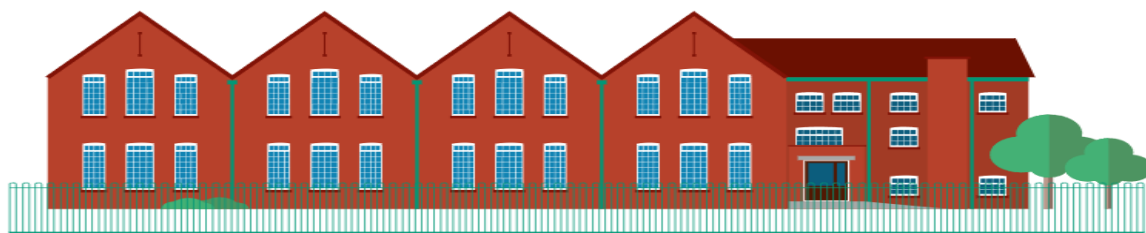
Poppy Appeal

Our poppy appeal this year raised an impressive £201.30, many thanks to all those who purchased the merchandise.

Headlice

Can we ask parents and carers to check their children's hair for headlice as we have some children that are being reinfected as others are not being

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treated. You can get free treatments from the chemist, simply by asking and explaining that it is for a child.

Clipstone Headstocks

Last week, KS1 made history by becoming the first school ever to visit Clipstone Headstocks. The children were taken on a journey back in time to experience life as miners. They learned about the headstocks, the daily routine of a coal miner, the type of food they would eat, and the transportation used to go underground. We are thrilled about being featured in 'The Chad', click the [link](#) to see for yourself!



Parking

This is a polite reminder that the yellow zig-zags are a no-stopping or parking zone. The children's safety is paramount and shouldn't be compromised over parents and carers' convenience. If the reminder isn't heeded then school will have no choice but to take further action.

Breakfast and After School Club

Polite request, if breakfast or after school club places have been booked and are no longer required, please cancel the booking to enable someone else to book that session.

Layla

Layla is such a welcome addition to our Birklands family and the children love their opportunity to read to her – she's a very good listener.



Diary Dates

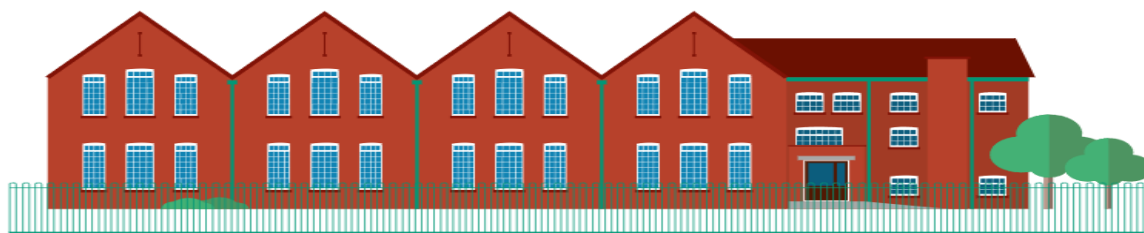
05.12.23	KS1 Nativity	9:30 am
05.12.23	EYFS Nativity	2:15 pm
06.12.23	EYFS Nativity	9:30 am
06.12.23	KS1 Nativity	2:00 pm
07.12.23	Christmas Dinner	
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day	
8.12.23	Jay class library visit	pm

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MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER



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12.12.23	Carol service at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	9:45 – 10:30 am
18.12.23 – 05.01.24	Christmas Holidays	
08.01.24	Return to school	

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