



2 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Christmas Arrangements 2025

I am glad to be writing at this time of year to outline the numerous activities and arrangements we have at Newstead Wood School in the lead up to the end of term and Christmas.

### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Jumper Day and school Christmas Lunch will both take place on **Wednesday 10 December**. This year we will again be supporting the charity [Crisis at Christmas](#). Students and staff who wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory are asked to donate **£2.00 to the charity**. Staff and the Head Student Team will be playing carols at the gate as they collect donations to kick start our festive day.

The Christmas Lunch (and vegetarian alternative) will be the only cooked meal available on this day. As this is such a popular occasion, with the vast majority of staff and students purchasing a Christmas Lunch, we will allow Year 7 and 8 students to have lunch early and will shorten afternoon registration. Students not wishing to have Christmas Lunch will need to bring a packed lunch or purchase a sandwich at break time to have for lunch. The cost of Christmas Lunch this year is **£4.75** and must be paid for in advance by WisePay. Students who receive free school meals will receive their Christmas Lunch for free, as usual. Carols will be played and I'm looking forward to the Year 11 sing-a-long at the end of lunch!

### Christmas Concert

Please join us for the Music Department's Christmas Concert on **Thursday 11 December at 6.30pm**. It will feature performances from our Junior and Senior Orchestras, Jazz Collective, Folk Club, Rock Bands, Chamber Choir, and various other ensembles. Tickets are available on WisePay.

### Christmas Fayre

Our School Christmas Fayre will be held at lunchtime on **Friday 12 December**. There will be a wide variety of student-run stalls available selling food, sweets, crafts and other products.

### Christmas Carol Service

Our Carol Service will take place on **Wednesday 17 December at 7.00pm** at **St Paul's Church**, Crofton Road, BR6 8JE. It promises to be a joyful and festive occasion, with beautiful carols sung by our vocal

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ensembles. There will be congregational carols and biblical and traditional readings. The service is open to all and free to attend. We warmly welcome people of all faiths to join us in celebrating the season of goodwill.

### **Christmas Carol Competition**

Our annual KS3 Christmas Carol Competition will take place on **Friday 19 December** and will provide a fitting end to the term.

### **Christmas Closure**

School will close at **12.05pm** on **Friday 19 December**. Lewis Coaches will be available to collect students at **1.15pm** from the triangle where Ruskin Drive meets Newstead Avenue. Students taking the coach can wait in the Main Hall until they need to leave to get to the pick-up point.

School reopens on **Tuesday 6 January 2025** for all students, and we take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over this past year and to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year period.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AB' followed by a long, wavy line.

**Alan Blount**  
**Headteacher**