

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Final arrangements for the Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas Variety Performances**

We would like to share a few final, but important details about our Christmas performances taking place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, please read the following carefully.

- **Years 1 and 2 – performing 2.15-3.00pm**

Children will perform in their school uniform, there are no costumes or outfits needed.

The Academy has organised coach transport to the Johnson Hall for Year 1 and 2 children. Lunch will be at school as normal. Children should bring as little to school as possible that day – no bookbags please – if your child does not have a hot meal booked for that day please bring their packed lunch in a carrier bag that can be disposed of at school, ***so that children only have their water bottle and coat to manage on the coach.***

***Parents must collect children from the Johnson Hall by 3.15pm.***

Younger/older siblings who are at school that afternoon will be looked after if parents are slightly late getting back to school from Millfield. Siblings may be collected from Gophers Classroom – the classroom at the front left-hand side of the school, next to the Front Pupil Entrance.

- **Years 3 and 4 – performing 5.45-6.30pm**

Children should wear their school uniform and please can they wear some form of Christmas headgear - antlers/Christmas hair ties/tinsel/Christmas hat, etc.

Parents are to deliver performing Year 3 and 4 children to the Johnson Hall at 5.30pm. Please could parents wait in the foyer whilst we take the children into the Theatre to get them settled. **Parents are to collect children from the Johnson Hall at the end of the performance.**

The children **do not need coats or water bottles** as there is a lack of storage backstage. Please keep these items with yourselves for after the performance.

- **Years 5 and 6 – performing 7.00-7.45pm**

Children should wear their school uniform and please can they wear some form of Christmas headgear - antlers/Christmas hair ties/tinsel/Christmas hat, etc.

Parents are to deliver performing Year 5 and 6 children to The Johnson Hall at 6.45pm.

Due to health and safety, parents should not enter the foyer until directed by Academy staff as we need to get the Year 3/4 audience out safely to collect their children.

**Parents must collect all children from the Johnson Hall at the end of the performance.**

The children **do not need coats or water bottles** as there is a lack of storage backstage. Please keep these items with yourselves for after the performance.

**Important health and safety information for years 3/4 and 5/6, please read carefully to ensure the safe arrival and pick up of children and families:**

- Please **do not** arrive at the venue before the scheduled time, as we will not be able to let you in.
- Please wait **outside** the Johnson Hall until the Academy staff direct you in and then follow the signage for your child's year group to be signed in; each year group has their own door to enter the theatre.
- Please collect children from **outside the theatre**; the side doors are signposted for your pickup. This is important to ensure there are **NO FIRE RISKS** in crowded areas between the two evening performances.

There is no charge for this event. However, voluntary donations for **2Wish** - support for those affected by the sudden death of young people - can be made on the door. Information about 2Wish can be found at: <https://2wish.org.uk/> (Registered Charity Number 1168140). This is a charity very close to our hearts.

### **NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO**

Unfortunately, due to the fact that my requests for pictures 'not' being shared on Facebook have been ignored in the past, as well as an increasing need to protect our families, I have no option but to impose a blanket ban on all photography and video during this year's performances or at any other time when visiting the Academy site. This is to safeguard our vulnerable children and families. I would not wish you to inadvertently expose a child to the risk of harm and put pressure on loving families. **Anyone caught taking photos or video will be asked to stop or leave the premises.**

If you have any questions or concerns about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

  
Brian Walton

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### **Directions to the Johnson Hall, Millfield School, Butleigh Road, Street, BA16 0YD**

Please park in the Main Car Park (shown at the top of the map below) and make your way to the Johnson Hall (building 'No. 6' on the map below):

