

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas Variety Performances

We are really excited to tell you about this year's Key Stage 1 and 2 Christmas Variety performances. This year, we are taking the children to perform in the **Johnson Hall at Millfield School!** This will give the children the experience of performing on a proper stage with lights, sound and a more formal audience arrangement. The Johnson Hall is a much bigger venue than our own School Hall and will enable us to hold all Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances on the same day (please find directions overleaf). *Please note that this is a change from last year's venue, which was the Meyer Theatre.*

All children will perform on **Wednesday 17th December**, as follows:

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

Performing children to arrive at 1.30pm – the Academy will organise transport to the Johnson Hall for Year 1 and 2 children. ***Parents must collect children from the Johnson Hall by 3.15pm.***

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

Parents to deliver performing Year 3 and 4 children to the Johnson Hall at 5.30pm. Parents to collect children from the Johnson Hall at the end of the performance, unless they are staying to watch their older sibling(s) in the Year 5/6 performance, when school staff will direct you to where they can sit when you re-enter the hall - school staff will supervise them.

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

Parents to deliver performing Year 5 and 6 children to the Johnson Hall at 6.45pm, unless you are watching their younger sibling perform in the Year 3/4 performance, in which case they may arrive with their younger sibling at 5.30pm and school staff will direct them to where they can watch the performance. School staff will supervise them until they meet for their performance. ***Parents must collect all children from the Johnson Hall at the end of the performance.***

Due to health and safety, and for the safeguarding of children, please do not arrive at the venue before the scheduled time, as we will not be able to let you in. You will have to wait outside the Johnson Hall until the previous performance has cleared and Academy staff direct you in.

We will write to you closer to the time giving final details of the arrangements.

Please read the following booking information very carefully.

As year groups are performing as a 'whole', ***in the first instance***, we are only able to offer limited seats to Parents and Carers who have 'Parental Responsibility' for the child performing. Due to the numbers of children in each year group, initially that is **two** seats for the 3/4 and 5/6 performances and **three** seats for the 1/2 performance. ***Once these bookings have been made and the booking system closes (on Sunday 30th November), to ensure fairness, we will release further seats and write to you again about how to book these.***

Bookings go live at 6.00pm today (21st November). Please book your seats on the **Arbor Parent App**, under the **'School Shop'** tab. Please supply the name(s) of who these seats are for, in the 'Add a note to your order' box, when you make your booking. *There is no charge for this event.* Please contact the Academy Office if you experience any difficulty with this. The booking system will close at midnight on **Sunday 30th November.**

Voluntary donations for the charity **'2 Wish'** can be made on the door. '2Wish' - support for those affected by the sudden death of young people (<https://2wish.org.uk/>).

NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO

Unfortunately, because 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 Johnson Hall (building 'No. 6' on the map below).

