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Dear Parents/Carers,

Those of you who were lucky enough to attend the KS1 Nativity will agree that the children were fantastic at performing on stage. Their singing was absolutely delightful and it truly brought the festive spirit to our school.

Thank you

A huge thank-you to the Goody family who have donated the Christmas tree in our hall. It was an extremely kind gesture. The tree has now been decorated beautifully with festive decorations made by the children.

You can join in the festive fun at Courtlands Christmas Tree Farm on December 13th and 14th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. There will be a Santa's Grotto along with craft stalls, hot food and festive drinks.

Christmas Fair

Ana, the chair of the PTA has worked incredibly hard to organise today's Christmas Fair. We hope you will be able to join us later. It starts at 3:15pm until 4:45pm.

Elfridges

On Monday, we have Elfridges so your child will be able to choose a present for a family member and get it wrapped up for £2. Children should bring any new unwanted gifts/items suitable for a present and £2 so that they can buy a gift. Children love this experience of choosing a gift. The PTA elves will be on hand to lay out the gift shop (Elfridges) and wrap up the gifts.

St Nicholas Day Service at Canterbury Cathedral

This Sunday, 7th December, Year 6 will be performing alongside other schools in the Canterbury district as part of the St Nicholas Day Celebration Service at Canterbury Cathedral.

If any of our families would like to attend, the service will begin at 5:30pm. The service will be live streamed on the Cathedral's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyCathedralOfficial>.

Pantomime

If possible, could all payments and trip consents be made by the end of today. This can be done on Arbor, or hard copies of the consent form are available from the School office. If there are any difficulties with paying, please do come and speak to us in confidence.



Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat as well as a snack (no chocolate), water bottle and packed lunch. **The snack must not contain any nut products.** Children will need to carry their snack and water bottle to the Marlowe. Packed lunch boxes will be left in school for when we return. If your child has ear defenders at home and would usually wear them at an event like this, can they please bring them on the day. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

From next week, the Barham school post box will be by the entrance to the school hall. Children can post their cards (name and class required on the envelope) and the Y6 elves will sort and deliver the cards to the appropriate class.

Clubs and Kingfishers

All clubs have now finished for the term. A new clubs list will be sent out at the beginning of next term. Kingfishers is still on, which children can be booked into via Arbor. There will be no Kingfishers After School Club on the last day of term (Friday 19th December) as school finishes early at 2:15pm. Please make arrangements to collect your child/ren promptly.

Have Your Say on the Future of Our Local Playgrounds!

Barham Parish Council is excited to begin a new community consultation focused on refurbishing and redesigning our local playground spaces — and we need your input to help shape the plans for what will be a lengthy and costly project.

Whether you're a parent, carer, grandparent, or simply a neighbour who values vibrant and safe outdoor spaces, this is your chance to share your thoughts on what our playgrounds should look like in the future. What equipment would your children love? What improvements would make the area more welcoming? Is the current play provision in the best location? Every voice counts, and your feedback will directly influence the design process.

Completing the survey is quick and easy. You can fill it out online at: <https://forms.gle/ZYuHqD7XgpM9eyY28>.

Prefer pen and paper? No problem. Paper copies are available at the village shop and can be returned via the letterbox at the village hall.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Al Higgins' and the second, on the right, is 'Jo Duhig'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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