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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of the Christmas term, we would like to say a huge well done to all of our children for their wonderful performances in the Christmas plays. Their confidence, enthusiasm and hard work truly shone through, bringing joy and festive cheer to everyone who watched. The dedication shown by both pupils and staff in preparing these productions has been fantastic, and we are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved this term.

We would also like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support, encouragement and partnership with the school. Your involvement makes such a positive difference to our community. On behalf of everyone at Stamfordham, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful 2026. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Early Years

Over the past couple of weeks, EYFS have enjoyed a range of festive experiences alongside their learning. The children performed confidently in a lovely Christmas performance, showing great bravery on stage in front of a large audience. We also enjoyed a trip to Hexham Theatre to watch a festive pantomime, as well as our Christmas service at the church, where the Reception children shared their hand-made Christingles.

In Reception, the children have been producing some excellent writing, focusing on staying on the line, holding a sentence, counting words, using finger spaces and editing their work to ensure it makes sense when reread. They also learned about the Jewish festival of light, Hanukkah, and created their own menorahs as part of our learning about different celebrations. In Pre-School, the children were excited by a visit from a North Pole elf and enjoyed designing gingerbread men through colouring and sticking. They also explored shape by decorating a Christmas tree, developed fine motor skills by sewing a stocking, and made reindeer dust ready for Christmas Eve.

We ended the term with a fantastic Christmas party, enjoying lots of festive music and dancing together.

Class 2

And just like that, the first term has flown over! We couldn't be prouder of the children in Class 2 and progress they have made this half term. Seeing their confidence grow and further friendships being formed has been fantastic. We have had an enjoyable few weeks with the Christmas performance, Christmas lunch and the Panto, we are certainly enjoying the Christmas spirit!

This half term, we have loved learning about the GFOL, seasonal changes and how to create moving pictures in DT. Next half term we will be continuing with History and learning about WW2. In Science, we will begin the new year looking and Habitats and in maths we will start our unit of addition and subtraction. We hope you all have a magical Christmas with family and friends, we look forward to hearing all about your celebrations. Keep an eye on our Class Dojo for a video message on Christmas Eve from a very special person! 😊

Class 3

What a brilliant way to end the term! Class 3 absolutely shone in their Christmas Nativity – they were fantastic and made us all very proud. We've also wrapped up our DT project, and the children have done a great job finalising their festive photograph frames. They've loved seeing their ideas come together, and the finished results look wonderful - see our school Facebook page for pictures. On top of all that, we've enjoyed some fab festive fun with a party, a Christmas movie morning and we've also had a naughty elf causing mischief in our classroom each morning which has helped to finish the term on a high. Thank you for all your support this term. We wish you and your families a brilliant Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Class 4

We have had a very busy end of term in Class 4. We really enjoyed sharing our performance of 'The Innspectors' with you all and I am sure you will agree, it was a brilliant show! This week, we also visited St Mary's Church for our Christmas service and enjoyed a whole-school Christmas party.

Amongst all the festive celebrations, we still had some time to fit in some lessons. In French, we have been looking at the French names for items around the classroom and we wrote sentences containing the different objects. We have also continued our work on mental arithmetic and we are amazed how quickly we can solve the questions compared to earlier in the half term. It is now time for a well-earned rest but we wish you all a Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Spring Extra-Curricular Clubs

Information regarding clubs for the spring term was sent out yesterday on Arbor. If you would like your child to attend a club, please email admin@stamfordham.northumberland.sch.uk to book a place.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

We had a wonderful time in school last Thursday. Everybody looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers and we really enjoyed the Santa Dash to some of our favourite festive tunes. We raised a total of £59.80 which will be donated to the Save the Children charity. Thank you for your donations.

School Lunches

Week commencing 5th January 2026 – Week 1 new menu

Week commencing 12th January 2026 – Week 2 new menu

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the first 2 weeks back:

Monday 5 th January	School re-opens to all pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 7 th January	PE with Mr Thompson Netball / Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6) (1 of 6)
Thursday 8 th January	
Friday 9 th January	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 12 th January	
Tuesday 13 th January	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 14 th January	PE with Mr Thompson Crafty Club (Year 3) (1 of 4) Netball / Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6) (2 of 6)
Thursday 15 th January	Science Club (Year 5 and 6) (1 of 4)
Friday 16 th January	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Friday 13 th February 2026	School closes for half term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	School closes for Easter
Monday 20 th April 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School closes for half term
Monday 1 st June 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Tuesday 23 rd – Friday 26 th June 2026	London Trip – Year 5 and 6
Friday 17 th July 2026	School closes for the summer break 1.15pm