

Slaley First School



Friday 19th December 2025



Dear Parents,

Well that's a wrap! Another busy term has finished and Christmas is upon us. We have had an exciting week with a visit from Santa, our Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day and our Christmas Fair!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th January 2026 - Spring Term Starts again.

Next Half Terms clubs will be as follows ...

Monday - Multi skills with Mr Ure Yr1-4 - From Monday 5th January

Tuesday - Tennis with Mr Geary Yr1-4 - From Tuesday 13th January

Thursday - Lego Club with Mrs Hayward Rec - Year 4 - From Thursday 8th January

Afterschool Wraparound

Will be available Monday - Friday 3.20pm - 5.30pm as always

Our behaviour for learning superstars for this half term ...



Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our Christmas raffle. A total of £315 was raised and we are so grateful! The money will go towards our outdoor log cabin and together with money raised at the Christmas Fair and cakes made by Mrs English, we have raised £872.30! Also, during this festive season, we raised £41.40 during our Reading Café at the beginning of December, £23.49 in donations for drinks before our Christmas Play and £172.50 from the sale of Mrs Seymour's cupcakes. All in all, that is a grand total of £1424.69!

Christmas Fayre – Thursday 18th December 2025

List of Raffle Prizes

- A Food Hamper Kindly Donated by staff @ Slaley First School - [Boyd](#)
- A Meal for 2 – Sunday Lunch @ The Lord Crewe Arms Hotel, Blanchland – [Hutchinson](#)
- Tropics Skincare – [Henderson](#)
- A Meal for 2 – Sunday Lunch @The George Hotel, Chollerford - [Emerson](#)
- Afternoon Tea for 2 @ Travellers Rest, Slaley – [Lumley](#)
- Afternoon Tea for 2 @ Travellers Rest, Slaley – [Boyd](#)
- A Knitted Christmas Santa –[Bayly](#)
- A Voucher to the value of £50.00 @ The Rose & Crown, Slaley – [S Ogle](#)
- A £20 Voucher from Wheelbirks Ice Cream Parlour, Stocksfield – [Hart](#)
- Afternoon Tea for 2 @ Slaley Hall Hotel Golf & Spa Resort – [Hammersley](#)
- 7 Day Leisure Membership / Pass for 2 @ Slaley Hall Hotel Golf & Spa Resort –[Davidson](#)
- A Bottle of Prosecco – [Hunter](#)
- A Bottle of Prosecco – [Osborne](#)
- A Bottle of Pimms – [Brain](#)
- A Bottle of Gin – [Key](#)

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone, we shall see you all on January 5th 2026!
Mrs Hayward 😊

Staffing Update

Early Years

Miss Taylor has now been with us for a little while on supply and we are delighted to let you know that she will continue to stay with us after Christmas. At the end of January, she will become a full time member of staff employed directly by school. We are super excited about this, as is Miss Taylor! Miss Tait will continue to be our full time Early Years Teacher,

Class 2

Miss Parsonage has let school and is no longer working with us. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

At the end of next half term, Mr Midgley will be leaving us as Miss Parr and Mrs Ainslie will be returning from maternity leave. They will be sharing the role of teaching in Pine class (more information to follow in February.)