

Christmas Nativity Performances

What a wonderful way to begin our festive celebrations this week! The children's Christmas nativity was truly special—full of joy, teamwork, and creativity. Performing in this way is such a valuable experience for the children, helping them to grow in confidence, develop their speaking and listening skills, and shine in front of an audience. We are so proud of each and every child for their effort and enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone who supported and joined us in making this a memorable start to the season as well as their very first Christmas show at Southridge First School.



Party Day – Monday 15th December 🎄

A pre decorated party bag will be sent home on Thursday 11th December for your child to bring back to school on **Monday 15th December**.

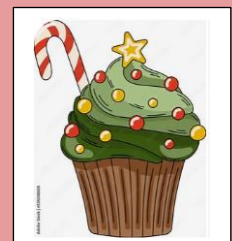
Children can help you to include in their festive picnic.

1 small sandwich



1 small savoury snack (no nut products)

1 small festive cake or biscuit.



A Special Surprise from Father Christmas!

We know that Father Christmas will doubtless be leaving some special surprises which are sure to bring joy and festive cheer as you celebrate this magical time of year together. We also know that sometimes these surprises might need taking care of.

At Southridge, **Responsibility** is one of our key core values, and we have worked with our PTA (The Friends of Southridge) to find a thoughtful gift to help nurture and develop this important ethos in our children. We believe that learning to take responsibility is an essential life skill, and this keepsake will serve as a meaningful reminder of that value. No sneaky peaks though - you will have to wait and see!

1. Caring for a Special Christmas Item

- Give your child a small decoration or ornament and explain that it's their job to keep it safe and put it back in its place after play.
- This teaches ownership and care for belongings.

2. Helping with Simple Holiday Tasks

- Let them help with age-appropriate jobs like:
 - Putting napkins on the table.
 - Collecting wrapping paper after gifts are opened.
- Praise their effort to reinforce the value of contributing.

3. Responsibility Through Kindness

- Create a "Kindness Advent Calendar" where each day they do a small helpful act (e.g., tidy toys, help feed a pet, say thank you).
- This links responsibility to empathy and community.

4. Looking After a Christmas Plant or Decoration

- Give them the role of watering a small plant or checking the lights on the tree.
- This builds routine and accountability.

5. Managing Their Own Christmas Keepsake

- If they receive a special gift (like the Father Christmas keepsake), encourage them to:
 - Find a safe spot for it.
 - Show it to family members responsibly.
- This makes the gift meaningful and teaches care.

6. Responsibility for Tidying Up After Festive Activities

- After baking or crafting, ask them to help clean up their space.
- Make it fun by turning it into a game or singing a tidy-up song.

We are delighted to announce that our school nursery is now offering full-time places for children. Our nursery sessions are thoughtfully structured to support every child's development through a variety of teaching and learning styles.

- **Whole-Class Teaching:** These sessions focus on building core knowledge and introducing new concepts in a shared learning experience.
- **Small Group Work:** Targeted activities help address individual learning needs and close any gaps, ensuring every child receives the support they need.
- **The Learning Environment - The 'Third Teacher':** Our carefully designed nursery space plays a vital role in children's learning. It encourages exploration, independence, and curiosity, supporting children to learn through play and discovery.

We are dedicated to providing a rich, nurturing environment where every child can thrive. For those attending part or full-time, we offer a variety of enrichment opportunities designed to inspire creativity, promote well-being, and support holistic development and whether you access 15 hour provision or 30 hour provision every child will receive the important input they need to develop their age-related expectations and school readiness.

Important diary dates and information

January 2026 Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

- **Morning Session:**
8:45 AM – 11:45 AM
- **Afternoon Session:**
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- **Full Time- 8.45-3.30**
- *End of day flexible pick-up between 3:15-3.30 PM is available. This is designed to support families collecting older siblings elsewhere on the school premises.*

🎉 Party Day - Monday 15th December 🎉

A pre decorated party bag will be sent home on **Thursday 11th December** for your child to bring back to school on **Monday 15th December** containing a small Christmas snack which could include a biscuit, small sandwich and savoury treat. **Please note: do NOT include any food containing nuts.**

Last day of Nursery Thursday, 18th December.

Teacher Training day - Monday, 5th January 2026.

Return to Nursery Tuesday, 6th January 2026.



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