



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
<b>Monday 2nd December – Friday 20th</b>	All Pupils	Sweets in a jar competition, 50p per guess. Please see Mrs Boorman during breaktimes. (Cash Only)
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Ukulele Pupils & Families	Wells Cathedral Somerset Music Christmas Celebration Service, 6:30-9pm
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Pupils	PTA Cake Sale, 50p each, at breaktime, please hand cake donations to reception (Cash Only)
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	All Pupils/Families	Fairlands Christmas Mission – Hamper donations and gifts welcomed
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Pupils/Families	Cheddar Foodbank, non-perishable donations welcomed
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Pupils	PTA Christmas Disco Years 5 & 6 5:30-6:30pm Years 7 & 8 6:45-7:45pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Everyone	PTA Christmas Raffle draw
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Pupils	Christmas Lunch in School PTA Christmas Mufti Day

### Fairlands Christmas Mission

#### Bring Christmas Joy to Local Families in Need

This Christmas, we're coming together to support families in our school community who are facing tough times. Christmas time should be filled with joy, warmth, and love, but for some, it's a time of stress and worry about making ends meet.

Our goal is to spread some Christmas magic by providing food, gifts, and essentials to families who need a helping hand. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a real difference.

Alongside donations, we have created a small Christmas wish list on Amazon. Please use this for inspiration, or for purchases, [Amazon Christmas Wishlist](#).

Whether it's helping to put a festive meal on the table or placing a gift under the tree, your generosity will bring smiles and hope to those who need it most.

Please bring your donations to school by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Let's show our community that no one is alone, especially during this special time of year. Together, we can make Christmas a little brighter for everyone.

Thank you for your kindness and support!



Its now come to that time of year  
When Fairlands would love to share  
their Christmas cheer  
Donations big or small is what we need  
To help make our Christmas vision  
succeed  
Hampers of kindness, new memories  
made  
Creating a very special Christmas Day  
Christmas is for giving and creating a  
smile  
So, come on everyone, lets go the extra  
mile

### Christmas Lunch



We will be serving a Christmas lunch on Friday 20th December to all pupils and staff. Attached to this announcement is our menu for the day.

Please can I ask you follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/FkpWrZhS0Q> and make your choice for your child.

**The deadline for submitting your choice is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will still need to complete the form. Christmas lunch will be the only available hot food on this day.

Please ensure your Parent Pay account has sufficient funds for this meal. The cost of Christmas lunch is £2.70.

## Our Vision and Values 'Ambition, Belonging, Challenge'

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

[safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
Paul Stephens

### Wellbeing

If your child needs any help, advice or someone to talk to, please contact the school office. We have trained mental health first aiders that are here to help. 'You are human and it's ok to struggle.'

'It is important to look after yourself and mind.'

### Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please report their absence using one of the following.

By phone 01934 743186,

On Class Charts, or email

[absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

### School Calendar

Fairlands Middle School  
Masons Way, Cheddar

Somerset, BS27 3PG

**Main Office:** 01934 743186

**Email:**

[office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

### Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: [www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](http://www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

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## FPTA Fundraising

Thank you for the clothing donations. The Bag2School collection has raised £94 for the PTA. Please see below the various PTA events in December.

- **Cake Sale, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, at breaktime** - donations of baked goods are warmly welcomed. Please bring them in in the morning and pass to tutors.
- **Christmas Disco, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30 – 6.30 (Ks2) and 6.45 – 7.45 (Ks3)**. Please complete the form below to reserve a ticket, payment via parent pay. <https://forms.office.com/e/2P7DKKrzDq>. The cost for a ticket is £3, this includes a snack and a drink. Please complete the consent form and payment on Parent Pay by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Christmas Raffle Draw, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - tickets have been sent home today.
- **Christmas Mufti Day, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - let's add some colour to the school day! Pupils are encouraged to wear their favourite Christmas jumper in exchange for a small donation on Parent Pay.
- **Guess the Number of Sweets** – 50p per guess, winner announced **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.



## Year 7 Rugby vs Sidcot School



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Sidcot School were the visitors for a Year 7 game of rugby at Fairlands. The first half saw Sidcot dominating territory, with most of the play taking place in the Fairlands half. Sidcot scored first to take an early lead. Then Will scored a great breakaway try to level the scores. Sidcot scored the next two tries to take a 3-1 lead. Another solo try from Will brought Fairlands back onto the game and minutes later he scored another long range effort to level the scores. Then just before half time Sidcot scored again to lead 4-3 at the interval.

At half time, the team were asked to tighten up in defence and attack out wide when possible. The second half was a very different affair, with most of the game now in the Sidcot half. The Fairlands defence was outstanding and did not allow the opposition to score any tries in the second half. Some

good team play also lead to tries for Tim and Jonah.

The final score being 5-4 to Fairlands. A fantastic defensive performance in the second half sealed the victory. Well done to all 15 boys who represented the school.

*Paul Stephens – Deputy Headteacher*

## Cheddar Valley Foodbank

As we approach the season of giving, we are reminded of the importance of supporting others our community. This year, Fairlands is partnering with Cheddar Valley Foodbank to collect essential food items for families facing food insecurity.

We are reaching out to ask for your help in contributing to this cause. Any non-perishable food items you can donate will make a significant difference.

**Donation drop-off will be available at tutor times from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Your generosity, no matter the size of the donation, will directly benefit families within our community. Alternatively, please use the link below for other ways to support The Cheddar Valley Foodbank.

<https://cheddarvalley.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

We thank you in advance for your kindness and support. Together, we can make a meaningful difference.

## Free courses for separated parents

Sharing a direct link to some Free Parenting courses for separated parents to attend in January and February. This may be helpful for some of our families who are struggling with co-parenting.

### 1. A separated parents' guide to successful co-parenting communications -

Wednesday 15 January 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Wednesday 29 January 7 PM-8 PM

### 2. Managing handovers and transitions for separated parents

Wednesday 15 January 2 PM-3 PM

Thursday 23 January 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

### 3. Helping your children navigate separation and divorce

Tuesday 21 January 2 PM-3 PM

Tuesday 4 February 7 PM-8 PM

Here is the link for access to the courses. I believe it is on a first come first serve basis.

[Somerset children & young people: Health & Wellbeing: Events Parenting Cafes and Parenting When Separated Courses](#)

*Hayley Durrant – Parent and Family Support Advisor*

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