



**THE BULWELL
ACADEMY**
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Countdown to Christmas & End of Term Arrangements

As we reach the end of a busy and successful term, I am delighted to reflect on the many positive developments that have taken place.

A Fantastic Half Term!

This term has been filled with exciting opportunities and memorable experiences for our pupils. We have hosted **2 Parent Tours** and **2 Parent Forums**, alongside the **Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening**. Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of activities, including the [Legally Blonde Jr. performance](#), the **Year 9 trip to the Natural History Museum**, the **Year 10 trip to DRAX Power Station**, and the **Year 7 residential to Walesby**.

We have also strengthened our community connections by visiting the local care home, building closer links with our primary schools, and taking subject ambassadors each half term to our feeder primary schools. In addition, we proudly launched the **Bulwell Pledge** and opened our **Community Hub**, further embedding our commitment to supporting families and enriching pupil experiences.

End-of-Term Arrangements, including Early Finish!

Please note that school will close at the earlier time of **12:20 PM on Friday 19 December**. Students will be able to collect a grab-and-go lunch from the canteen before leaving the

Lessons will continue as normal until the end of term, but students can look forward to festive activities, starting with **Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner** on **Friday 12 December**.

Students are welcome to wear a **festive accessory**, such as a Santa hat, tinsel in their hair, or a **festive jumper in place of their shirt and blazer**. Please note that **all other uniform items must still be worn as usual**.

To take part, we ask that students **donate an item for the Foodbank or the Christmas Fair** (long-life food items; chocolate; good quality teddies and dolls; good quality games and books; unused toiletries; unwanted gifts).

Christmas Dinner includes a main meal and pudding for **£2.61**—please ensure your child's account is topped up in Arbor (no payment needed for those in receipt of Free School Meals).





Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto, Thursday 18 December

We would love to see as many of you as possible at our **Christmas Fair on Thursday 18 December**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, and we are hoping to raise as much money as possible to support the local food bank—giving back to our community during this festive season.

This year we are also hosting a Santas' Grotto in our Community Hub – book your slot here: ticketsource.co.uk/the-bulwell-academy. There are still quite a few slots left in the daytime but the after-school slots during the Christmas Fair are almost fully booked!



Start of Next Term

We look forward to welcoming students back to the Academy on **Tuesday 6 January at 08:20 AM**. This will be **Week A** on the timetable.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of all staff at The Bulwell Academy, I would like to wish you and your families a **very merry Christmas and a safe, happy holiday season**. Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to an exciting new year ahead.

Please follow us on social media ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) for reminders of what's going on throughout each term.

Kind Regards

Emma Worker-Simpson

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Support during the Holidays



Urgent Help:

- If you or someone else is in danger, call 999 or go to A&E.
- If you need help urgently for mental health, but it's not an emergency, get help from NHS 111 and select the mental health option.
- If you or someone you know is having a mental health crisis, phone the Crisis Team on 0808 196 3779 to speak to a mental health professional 24/7.

Click the links below for a wide variety of online and telephone / text support.

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