

Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe it is that time of year again! We had such a lovely evening at the Pamper night last month and we will be looking at holding more events in the new year.



It has been lovely returning to what feels like a bit of normality and watching the children practise their Christmas performances. We're so sorry that you have not been able to come in and watch the children perform live, but we hope to see lots of you when we come back in January for the screenings. In the meantime, we have added some festive pictures for you to see.

I am really hoping that this cold spell we are going through will kill off all the nasty bugs which have been going around school and we can all have a lovely Christmas making special memories with those around us. Who knows, maybe we'll even have some more snow?

Have a very happy Christmas and see you in the new year. Pupils are back in school on Thursday, 5th January.



Nikki

Allergy Aware School



NO NUTS! Please check contents of lunch boxes.

SAND
ACADEMIES TRUST

NAME: _____
NAME: _____
NAME: _____

Please label
all clothing
and personal
items sent into school

If your child
is unwell,
don't forget
to call in or
message the team on
Class Dojo **before 9.00**
to report any absences.



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Battledown Friends Group

Thank you to everyone who attended our Pamper Evening, we hope you enjoyed the night. Through the sale of event tickets, Christmas cards & extra raffle tickets, we have raised **£840** for the BFG.



Hello to...

Milo - Hedgehogs Class
Sally Bradley - Family Worker Assistant

Farewell to...

Abdul Hadi, Teacher in Rabbits Class
Gemma Brown, LP in Woodpeckers Class

All the best to...

Tonicha Alli, who is going on maternity leave

TERM DATES 2022-2023

Inset: Wed, 4 Jan 2023

Term 3: Thu 5 Jan - Thu 16 Feb 2023

Inset: Fri, 17 Feb 2023

Term 4: Mon 27 Feb - Fri 31 Mar 2023

Term 5: Mon 17 Apr - Fri 26 May 2023

Bank Holiday: Mon, 1 May 2023

NEW Bank Holiday: Mon, 8 May 2023

Term 6: Mon 5 Jun - Fri 21 Jul 2023

Inset: Mon, 24 & Tue, 25 Jul 2023



Festive thanks to **Greenfields Garden Services Ltd** for their kind donation of a Christmas tree for school. The pupils love it!

THANKS

Your donations raised **£58** for BBC Children in Need.



NEW SCHOOL CAR!

An enormous thank you to the **Pied Piper Appeal** for your very generous donation of a new people carrier for school.



For more details of Gloucestershire County Council's winter holiday activities & food (HAF) programme, please follow this link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/winter-holiday-activities-and-food-programme/>



Meet David Wright

Hi, I'm David, a Learning Partner. I first worked at Battledown between 2008 and 2012, then continued to work with many of our children at Bettridge. Completing the circle, I returned to Battledown in 2020 and it has been absolutely lovely to be so welcomed back. I consider it a privilege to work with special needs children and their families and look forward to doing this for the remainder of my career.

INFOCUS

Wednesday, 18th Jan @ 9.30am

The next INFOCUS session is with Suzanne Rollinson from CAMHS Learning Disability Team. She will be introducing a course they run called **The Sorrow and Joy Group**, which explores many of the feelings often experienced by parent carers of a child with a disability. Please let Sarah Bell know if you would like to attend.



A BIG SHOUT OUT...

to the Hygiene Bank and Lidl in Bishops Cleeve for the very thoughtful donations of food and hygiene products to our Breakfast Club and to our Pupil Premium families.



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Introducing Olaf!

Olaf is our new Pets as Therapy dog. He is a Fox Red Labrador Retriever with a very waggy tail and is proving to be a big hit with the pupils in Woodpeckers Class (and the staff!).



For those of you who have not been into school, we thought you might like to see the incredible mural we now have in reception, expertly created by Brandon Murals.



We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

