



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 14

12 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As we head into the final week of term, it has certainly been busy, with so much taking place across the Academy. There is a great deal to look back on and be proud of, from the efforts of our students to the dedication of our staff and the ongoing support from families. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and commitment in making this term such a positive one for our school community.

Christmas Day

Next Friday we will be celebrating our Christmas Day at school. We are looking forward to students enjoying the day and getting into the festive spirit as we prepare to break for the Christmas holidays. This event has been a huge success in recent years, and we are excited to continue this much-loved tradition again this year.

The aim of the day is to create positive school memories that will last a lifetime. It provides a wonderful opportunity for all students to spend time with friends and staff while taking part in festive activities such as sharing lunch together, enjoying table conversations and games, pulling crackers, telling jokes and singing Christmas songs.

A letter was sent earlier today with the details of the day and the uniform/Christmas jumper guidance. Please see our website [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#)

Yours faithfully

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

Tuesday 16 December
Christmas Hamper Day
Christmas Concert

Friday 19 December
Christmas Day at the
Academy

Monday 5 January 2026
Return to the Academy

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and INSET days.
[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Christmas Hampers

It is a tradition of our school every year to prepare Christmas Hampers to be delivered into our community. Over 80 hampers are given out each year. It is a wonderful gesture, and the hampers always gratefully received and appreciated. Tutors are now collecting donations up to and including Monday 15 December. Thank you for your support so far.

House Fundraising

House Carthage continued Wath Academy's annual tradition of supporting Sheffield Children's Hospital by gifting a Snowflake. This contribution will help fund vital research dedicated to the care, prevention and cure of childhood illnesses at the hospital.

Well done to all involved in the fundraising. Contributions can still be made via ParentPay or through cash donations at reception.

Golden Ticket Rewards

Our Golden Ticket rewards programme gives students a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their hard work in a truly memorable way. Students enjoyed a trip to the pantomime to watch *Snow White*, practised their skills during an exciting session at the Waterfront Golf driving range with pizza or got creative with festive Christmas baking. These rewards provide a great chance for students to relax, spend quality time with friends, and create memories to last a lifetime.

Christmas Concert - Limited tickets available!

The Wath Academy Music Department warmly invites you to an evening filled with festive music, sparkling performances, and Christmas cheer! <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/.../1283-wath-music...>



Student Achievement

Well done to Charlie Hickling in Year 7 who has been playing hockey for around four years for Rotherham. He has now been selected to play for his county! Well done, Charlie, your hard work and dedication has certainly paid off!

This week, during Gardening Enrichment, students rescued a small hedgehog too young to survive winter. Well done to Skye, Harriet, Olivia-Lee and Jason for showing great care and compassion — you have earned *Everyone is Valued* achievement points.

We would like to share students' success stories and achievements in this newsletter each week. If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email us via the following address: achievement@wathacademy.com



Community Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us at the Community Christmas Fayre last Saturday! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to share some festive cheer together. The hot chocolates and festive bakes were thoroughly enjoyed, and our pre-loved gift stalls had some fantastic finds. A special thank you to Santa and his very own elf for bringing the Christmas magic — they truly made the morning feel extra special!

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we are delighted to share that **£579.45** was raised in support of the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Your generosity will help make a real difference to families in need this Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the stalls, and to Suzanne at Tesco Wath for their generous donations.