BLOFIELD BULLETIN

Blofield Primary School
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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Friday 21 November 2025

PARENT TRAVEL SURVEY RESULTS

A Big Thank You!

We're really pleased to share the results from our recent parent travel survey.
Your feedback has been very helpful and will feed into the school's next steps.

Key Insights

Current Travel Patterns

62% already travel actively - so a strong foundation to build on.
30% drive, but only 11% of those that drive want to - suggesting people would prefer to travel by other means if they could
7% "park and stride" - so worth exploring where families already 'park and stride' and how to formalise this.

Aspirations vs Reality

80% would prefer active travel if it were easier/safer.
8% currently cycle, but 20% would prefer to - clear appetite for better cycling infrastructure.

Barriers Identified

Safety concerns: speeding, poor visibility, illegal parking, lack of crossings, poor path conditions.
Logistical challenges: multiple drop-offs, commuting, age of children.

Infrastructure gaps

No cycle lanes, overgrown paths, lack of safe routes from outside the village.

Parent Suggestions

Fun & Incentives: gamification, walking rewards, equipment loans, weather support.
Infrastructure: new paths, crossings, traffic calming, enforcement.
Creative solutions: walking buses, community walking path maintenance, flexible drop-off systems.

Next steps

AtoBetter are supporting Blofield Primary School with housing developer funding. We will be working with Blofield Primary School to create an action plan that identifies quick wins and medium/long-term actions that help enable more walking, scooting and cycling.
www.atobetter.co.uk

From the AtoBetter team

ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance stands at 96.37%

Y6 TRIP TO GRESSENHALL MUSEUM



On Friday 14th November Y6 travelled to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse to consolidate their learning about WW2. The children brilliantly embraced the idea of 'Keep Calm and Carry On' as the weather was rather abysmal!
Despite the cold and rainy conditions, the children participated in a variety of tasks to enhance their learning. They took part in activities about air-raids, rationing, the role of the Home Guard and the efforts of the land girls during this time.



At the end of the day, the Gressenhall staff commented on how engaged and knowledgeable the children were about WW2! Well done Year 6!

MATHS WEEK!



This week was maths week in school. We started off with an assembly where the week was launched and the children have been solving lots of puzzles throughout the week. There was also a whole school challenge based on the skill of estimating. The children were asked to guess the amount of marbles in the jar. Coen in Year 5 and Milo in Year 6 were joint winners, both were only 14 away from the actual total of 466!

KINDNESS WEEK

Mrs Buxton was thoroughly impressed with the manners and general loveliness of the children she shared hot chocolate with last Friday. We look forward to doing more recognition moments across the year.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks for your kind donations.
We raised £223.00 for Children In Need!



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS



Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN



Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP



Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS



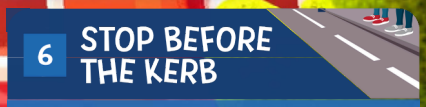
Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN



Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB



Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the r[redacted] ensure they can still see app[redacted]

7 CROSS SAFE[redacted]



Children should always find [redacted] the road, prioritising zebra cr[redacted] crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES



Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES



Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE



When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

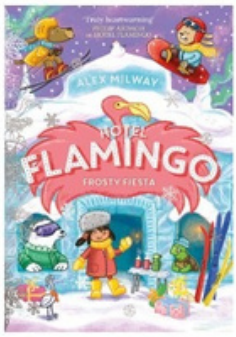
THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/

#WakeUpWednesday

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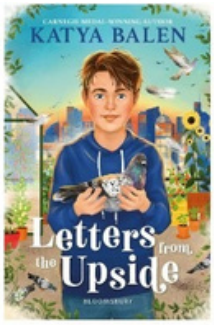
THIS MONTHS BEST READS





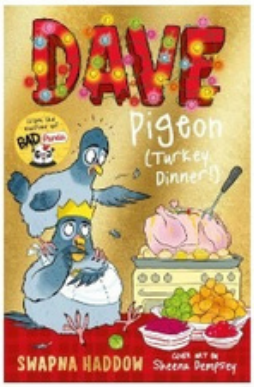
Hotel Flamingo Frosty Fiesta - Alex Milway

This is the fourth book in this early chapter book series and all of the Hotel Flamingo books are wonderful books to read. From KS1 children through to KS2, there is something for everyone in this short chapter book. The workers at the hotel are preparing for a quiet winter, the temperatures are dropping, and Mrs Turpington – the hotel's resident tortoise – needs to hibernate. Then, it snows more than anyone could have imagined, and the hotel becomes overrun with guests. What follows is how the hotel's community comes together to help many of its guests in so many different ways at a time when the hotel is full to the brim.



Letters from the Upside - Katya Balen

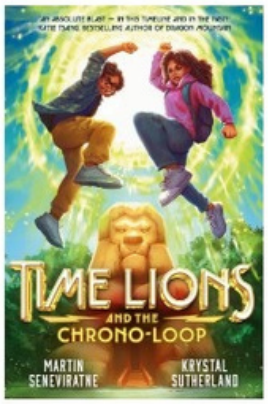
Con's in trouble . . . again. Since his dad left, he doesn't seem to be able to control his temper and this time someone has been hurt. Suspended from school for three days and in danger of losing his best friend, something has to change. After accidentally locking himself out of his flat, Con is invited to the Upside, a rooftop garden he didn't know existed, by old Mr Williams. And there's a further surprise – Mr Williams' pigeons. Con quickly develops a love for these gentle, intelligent birds. So much so that Mr Williams leaves him in charge of them for a few days. But then, disaster strikes . . . Will Con let his anger continue to burn and consume him and everything around him? Or will he find the true Upside to life? Watching the impact of a kind neighbour and his beloved birds on Con is heart-warming, as is seeing the power of positive action on a whole community.



Dave Pigeon Turkey Dinner - Swapna Haddow Pigeon-duo, Dave Pigeon and Skipper, are back in another hilarious adventure. In this book, Dave and Skipper are looking forward to the Big Dinner Day (aka Christmas Day) and even more so to eating the delicious scraps of the main meal… That is, until their neighbour lets them in on what humans eat on Christmas Day – BIRD. You can look forward to another not-so-foolproof plan from Dave and Skipper and their new friend Robbie the Robin. Author, Swapna Haddow, has taken a creature we see every day and turned it into a lovable character in her laugh-out-loud series. With beautiful illustrations from Sheena Dempsey and a well-written, hilarious text by Swapna, this is sure to be a treat for young readers who love animal stories and funny adventures. Swapna is also the author of the fabulous Bad Panda series. This is the seventh book in the series, but Turkey Dinner can be read alone.



Small, Shiny Dung Beetle - Hannah Bailey & Mary Auld The story begins with a small, green dung beetle on a fresh pile of soft elephant poo. From here we see her form a small ball of poo which she seeks a mate to help her roll. Together they roll it to a soft patch of earth where they bury it. She lays an egg in the middle of the soft ball of poo. Then they start again until there are several buried balls of poo, each with an egg inside. The book then follows the life cycle of the dung beetle through all the stages until it hatches and then repeats the cycle itself. This book is jam-packed with facts and information not just about the dung beetle but about the African Savannah and the animals who live there. The illustrations are beautiful with lots of elements for children to spot, aided by an eye-spy on the large, fold-out page at the end. The fold-out page also includes a map showing the distribution of dung beetles around the world and illustrates clearly the life-cycle of the beetle.



Time Lions and the Chrono-Loop - Alastair Chisholm

This is an intriguing twist on the time travel genre. The main protagonists are genius twelve-year-old twins – Pearl and Patrick – who are about as far from being 'normal' children as possible, although they hide their abilities well from their peers. Pearl is an engineering whizz with a host of mind-blowing inventions to her name, and Patrick has an unsurpassed knowledge of the whole of history. They have engaged in a variety of illegal behaviours using Pearl's inventions, such as stealing a diamond from the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London, and are being watched by MI5! Then Pearl invents a time machine which relies upon the acquisition of historical items that are originally from the era to which you wish to travel. Despite believing that they have made a successful jump back to Ancient Egypt, there is a nasty surprise in store from a secret society which shows just how much damage their little jaunt has done. Best suited to upper KS2.

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AUTUMN TERM 2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ....

Week Commencing 24th November 2025 - **Year 5 & 6 Bikeability**

Friday 5th December 2025 - **Donations for PTA Christmas raffle and non-uniform.**

Year 5 visit to Ancient House

Monday 8th December 2025 - **EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal**

Thursday 11th December 2025 - **2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EYFS & KS1 Nativity to Parents & Carers**

Friday 12th December 2025 - **9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. EYFS & KS1 Nativity to Parents & Carers**



Monday 15th December 2025 - **Year 2 Tudor Experience Day Parents invited from 2.45 p.m. to share learning**

Wednesday 17th December 2025 - **Year 3 & 4 Christmas Carols and Mince Pies in the School Hall 2:30 p.m.**







Wednesday 17th December 2025 - **Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carols Blofield Church at 5:00 p.m.**

Thursday 18th December 2025 - **Christmas Dinner & Rudolph Run - Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 19th December 2025 - **Last Day of Term**

CHRISTMAS BREAK - MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2025 TO MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - **Back to School - Spring Term begins**

DESIGN A

Christmas Card COMPETITION

Win a free ticket for Santa's grotto at Blofield King's Head.



Design a Christmas card to share with our community in Blofield.

The winning designs from KS1 and KS2 will be used to make christmas cards and delivered by our Kindness Ambassadors to our neighbours in Blofield.

Hand in entries to your class teacher by Monday 1st December.

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Uniform Expectations



School Uniform

Navy-blue crewneck sweatshirt or navy-blue cardigan either plain or with school logo
Navy-blue or dark grey trousers or navy-blue skirt or navy-blue pinafore dress
White polo shirt either plain or with logo
Black shoes



PE Kit

Navy-blue shorts
Polo shirt in the child's House Team colour (either plain or with the school logo)
Trainers
Tracksuit/jogging suit/fleece jacket in cold weather (no logos)
Drawstring PE bag - spare socks

Please ensure clothing doesn't have brand logos and EVERYTHING is named.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Breaded Chicken in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Spaghetti (v)	Homemade Bean Burger in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip (v)	Plant Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges (v)	Spanish Omelette and Chips (v)
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Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Salad Sticks	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Mousse	Jam Sponge with Custard	Chewy Krispie Bar	Apple Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Cocoa Oatcake with Orange Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Mousse	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Salad Sticks, Jam Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Chewy Krispie Bar	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cocoa Oatcake

Week One: 3 Nov | 24 Nov | 15 Dec | 19 Jan | 9 Feb | 9 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Chicken Burrito Bake with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie with Gravy (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
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Served with	Salad Sticks	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Baked Beans	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Orange Cupcake	Shortbread with Apple Wedges	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Jelly	Iced Sprinkle Cake
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Orange Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Apple Wedges, Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Oaty Cookie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Iced Sprinkle Cake

Week Two: 10 Nov | 1 Dec | 5 Jan | 26 Jan | 23 Feb | 16 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Pork Chilli Loaded Wedges	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Chinese-Style Chicken with Noodles	Breaded Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Salad	Carrots and Peas	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Flapjack and Apple Wedges	Cocoa Sponge with Cocoa Sauce	Peach Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Vanilla Ice Cream	Carrot Cake
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Apple Wedges, Flapjack	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Sultanas, Fruit Portion, Ice Cream	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Carrot Cake

Week Three: 17 Nov | 8 Dec | 12 Jan | 2 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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Makes

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Sausage Pastry Pinwheel

This recipe can be a tasty snack, great on a picnic or as part of a main meal!



Ingredients list

400g Sausage Meat

350g Puff Pastry

1x Egg

1x Small Onion – finely diced

5g Mixed Herbs

Pinch Salt and Pepper

Method

1. Using alittle oil in a pan, gently cook the onion without colouring it.
2. Beat the egg in a mixing bowl and keep to one side.
3. Mix the sausage meat, onion, seasoning and herbs in a bowl.
4. Roll out the pastry into an oblong shape, approx. 30cm x 20cm.
5. Spread the mixture evenly over the pastry leaving a small gap at each end.
6. Roll the pastry from one of the long sides (like a Swiss roll).
7. Brush the egg over the pastry and then cut into 8 pieces. Place the cut side up onto a greased and lined baking tray.
8. Bake for 30 minutes at 180°C or gas mark 4 for 25-30 minutes.

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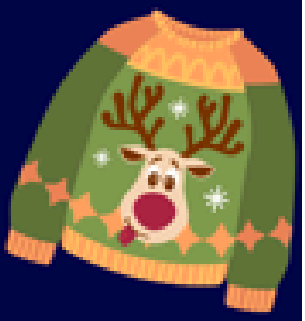
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER



WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE CLOTHES IN EXCHANGE FOR A PRIZE FOR THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



SUGGESTED DONATIONS:



CHOCOLATES



BISCUITS



BOTTLES



TOYS & BOOKS



TOILETRIES

ANYTHING FESTIVE OR FUN THAT WOULD MAKE A GREAT HAMPER PRIZE

EVERY DONATION HELPS MAKE THE RAFFLE A SUCCESS

THANK YOU



BLOFIELD PRIMARY PTA
INVITES YOU TO

SPARKLE & GLOW
Christmas
DISCO



RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2

INCLUDES:
DRINK, DOUGHNUT & SWEETS
£4

BUY HERE

Y3, Y4, Y5 &Y6

INCLUDES:
DRINK, CHIPS & SWEETS
£5

BUY HERE

4TH DEC

YR, Y1 & Y2 - 3:20PM - 4:30PM
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 5PM - 6:30PM

TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
BLOFIELD-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-PTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM/PRODUCTS

RECEPTION & KS1
WILL CHANGE AT SCHOOL
PLEASE SEND PARTY CLOTHES IN THEIR BAG



FunTime Vacancies

We have limited spaces,

Please contact Karen on

office@funtime-club.co.uk

07787402187 or call in anytime to FunTime club after 3.30pm for further information and have a look round

All staff are DBS checked and hold a paediatric First aid certificate

Flexible booking

£20 annual registration per family

£12.50 per session, sibling discount if attend same session

Arts& crafts, construction, role play, outside play socialising even homework.

If you complete registration FunTime club can be used in emergencies or for last minute if space available

Gives you more flexibility to have some me time

We accept most childcare vouchers and the government tax free childcare scheme, Bacs transfer

Children can attend other school activities then can come to FunTime club after

JustGiving Menu



Diane's fundraiser for The Brain Tumour Charity

Hello,
My name is Diane and I will be walking 99 miles in November to raise money for The brain Tumour Charity in Memory of Ali Ling.

My son Dave and his partner Megan will be climbing Kilimanjaro with other friends and family of Ali's in January. All funds raised from my own challenge will go towards their fundraising efforts.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated!



We're positive about Mental Health

BreakForth

SEND Parent and Carer Network

The SEND parent and carer network aims to support anyone navigating life caring for a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.





Date: Monday 1st December 2025
Time: 10am - 12noon
Location: Norwich Forum Library - Vernon Castle Room
Cost: £5

Communicate and connect with other parents and carers

Seek advice and guidance from BreakForth staff

Feel seen, supported and stronger.

BreakForth

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SPECIAL MESSAGE
FROM THE NORTH POLE!

Santa Claus is Coming to The Kings Head, Blofield!



Saturday 29th November 2025 From 4:30 PM

Join Santa as he helps switch on the Enchanted Garden Lights, leading the way to Santa's Grotto!

Ken Brown, former manager of Norwich City Football Club, will be switching on the lights - with a little help from Santa himself!
Enjoy a magical evening filled with: Festive carols - FREE mince pies
Delicious food from our Kings Head Restaurant & Drinks will be available from the bar

Visit Santa in His Enchanted Grotto During December!

Santa will be ready to meet all the good boys and girls, please see website for opening times.
Tickets: £6.50 per child
Every child receives a FREE Christmas present
Parents enter FREE to take photos
Free tickets available!
Visit our website for details on how to claim your free tickets to visit Santa!

Supporting a Wonderful Cause

This event is proudly raising funds for
FAD (Football Against Dementia) & Dementia UK
£5.00 from every ticket (sold or claimed through our restaurant offer)
goes directly to support local people living with dementia.

Enchanted Garden & Grotto Illuminations

Open most nights from 29th November continuing through December 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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