



# Magdalen Academy

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**Newsletter 7 15th December 2023**



Parents as Partners

Dear Families,

The final newsletter of the term. It has been a busy term, but I couldn't be prouder of all of them! The Christmas performances were outstanding this year. The children sang beautifully and spoke clearly - the best yet in my opinion! Along with the staff they worked really hard to help us all get into the Christmas spirit.

As we all get into the celebrations, it can also prove difficult for some families financially. If you are entitled to free school meals, we continue to give out vouchers until March next year. For the month of December these are £45 per child. If you think you may be entitled visit the link [:www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk).

In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service.

Families may [get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website at Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council](#), which includes an online application form, or if they cannot access the internet, they can call [0344 800 8020](tel:03448008020).

Remember we are always here to help!

We hope that you all enjoy the festive season together and look forward to seeing all the children back in January.

Mrs Arrowsmith



Merry Christmas  
Everybody!



# Celebration!

## **HEADTEACHERS AWARD**

RECEPTION – ESMAY

KEY STAGE 1 – HARRY R

LOWER KEY STAGE 2 – RUHE

UPPER KEY STAGE 2 - GEORGE

## **LUNCHTIME AWARD**

IZZY  
&  
LOGAN

## **COMMITMENT TO LEARNING**

ROBIN CLASS - ELLIS

EAGLES CLASS - BLAKE

FALCONS CLASS - LOGAN



The children had lots of fun today, taking part in the Rudolph Run 2023. All the children were given a pair of antlers to wear, which they loved.

As always, the Parents and Children of Magdalen Academy have done amazingly and raised £244.50. Miss Burns will be dropping this off to Tapping House.

An informational graphic for the Rudolph Run fundraiser. It features a cartoon reindeer on the right side, wearing a red and green striped scarf. The text on the left provides details about the event. At the bottom, there is a red banner with the website URL and the charity number.

Rudolph Run is a festive fundraiser where a school or class come together to complete a course of their choosing, whether that is walking, jogging or running.

Each little reindeer will receive

- free antlers to wear on the day
- a certificate of thanks

There is no minimum sponsorship needed to take part but children are expected to collect sponsorship to support The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House.

The Hospice is a charity based in West Norfolk who care for people living with a life-limiting illness as well as the families and friends who have also been affected by that diagnosis.

[norfolkhospice.org.uk/rudolph-run](http://norfolkhospice.org.uk/rudolph-run) Registered Charity No. 1062800

## TOP FUNDRAISERS

KEY STAGE ONE – DAWSON  
LOWER KEY STAGE TWO – JAYDEN  
UPPER KEY STGE TWO – GEORGE



ALL PARENTS TO BE AWARE OF THE CHANGES

If your child attends our Pre-School, then please can you apply for your 30 Hour Funding Codes ready for January 2024, and return the funding forms that have already been sent home.

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

# Welcome to Reception



## Reception Class Admissions 2024

The portal is open for applications for September 2024 Reception Class admissions. If you have a child who will be 5 between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, please apply online:  
[www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk).

**The portal will close on 15th January 2024.**

If you have any issues applying, please see the school office who will be able to assist you. In addition, if you would like to arrange a visit to Magdalen Academy then please phone 01553 810326.



## Important Dates

### DECEMBER 2023

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Childrens and Staff Christmas Dinner  
(no other option is available on this day)  
CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

### JANUARY 2024

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE!!!!**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - The online portal for Reception Class Admissions for September 2024 will close.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Reception & Year 6 Vision and Hearing Checks

### FEBRUARY 2024

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - Young Voices Concert at Wembley OVO Arena

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - NSPCC Number Day - Everyone to dress up with Numbers.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Break up for Half-Term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Back to School

### MARCH 2024

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friends of School EASTER BINGO

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Norfolk Lakes

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Break up for Easter Holidays



LUNCH  
MENU  
CHANGE

#### MONDAY - Hot - Pizza

Veg - Quorn sausage & bean loaded parcel.  
Jacket Potatoes' & Roll options are available.

#### TUESDAY = Hot - Fish Fingers & Chips

Veg - Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll  
Jacket Potatoes' & Roll options are available.

#### WEDNESDAY - No Jackets or Rolls on this day!

