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Christmas Theatre Visits 2026

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about an exciting change to the way we organise our annual Christmas pantomime visit. Conscious of costs to families, and eager to support local theatres, this year Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 children will be visiting the **Grand Theatre** to enjoy **Red Riding Hood** and Years 4, 5 and 6 will be heading to **The Dukes** to see their **Cinderella** performance.

To help keep costs down further, and to reduce our environmental impact, we will be walking to and from the theatres, making the visits a lovely opportunity for the children to enjoy a festive outing together while supporting our local community. **Please note the later return times for Years 4, 2 and 3 below.**

Year Group	Date	Where	Time
5 & 6	Tuesday 1st December	The Dukes	Leaving school at 9.30am and returning by 1.00pm.
4	Tuesday 1st December	The Dukes	Leaving school at 12.45pm and returning to school for 4.15pm. Please collect your child from their normal collection point.
1	Monday 7th December	Grand Theatre	Leaving school at 9.15am and returning by 12.45pm.
2 & 3	Monday 7th December	Grand Theatre	Leaving school at 12.15pm and returning to school for 3.45pm. Please collect your child from their normal collection point.
Reception	Wednesday 9th December	Grand Theatre	Leaving school 9.15am returning by 12.45pm.

Lunch: Due to the timing of the shows, the children will be having a picnic lunch in their classroom on their return if a morning performance, or before they leave if attending an afternoon performance.

Dress Code: Wear a Christmas jumper with school uniform bottoms and a sensible waterproof coat as we are walking there and back.

Optional snack for during the show: one small snack bag (sweets, popcorn, fruit or crisps) and small drink (not fizzy). Please ensure snacks are in a small disposable bag.

The cost of this activity is just **£9.90 per child** to cover the cost of the performance. Please pay via **ParentPay** by **Friday 27th November** – payment provides parental consent for the visit. If your child is either on Free School Meals, an armed forces service child or a looked after child, school will pay for this trip from the PPG budget unless you are happy to make a payment. If you wish school to pay then please indicate this in your child's reading record as this will provide the permission for us to take them.

Thank you for supporting this festive opportunity to experience live theatre and I am sure it will be something our children will talk about for months to come.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Smith - Associate Headteacher