

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few weeks, the children have been enjoying a variety of off-site visits and visitors into school to enrich their learning experiences. Many children have had the opportunity to travel on our new minibus and we were delighted to hear from a number of parents and visitors that we had been 'spotted' out and about! We are always so pleased to receive such positive feedback about the children's excellent behaviour and learning attitudes when representing the school in a different environment. A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time to support these visits, we really appreciate it.

As we head into the festive season, we have included a **Christmas at QI 2025** section below, which includes the key dates and details for the weeks ahead. We look forward to sharing the children's excitement and welcoming you to our end-of-term Christmas performances!

Mrs Allen

For Information



Poppy Appeal Royal British Legion – Thank you to everyone that donated and purchased poppies and merchandise. On Tuesday 11th November, all children across the school observed a minute's silence with great self-control and respect.



School Council - Children In Need – Thank you to everyone that donated to our Children in Need fundraiser. We raised **£193** altogether.

The School Council are looking forward to raising money for another charity next term.



EdActive Christmas Holiday Club – Keep your children active and full of festive cheer this Christmas Break! From crafts and games to dress-up opportunities, EdActive Christmas Holiday Club is packed with fun. 📖 **Book now:** edactive.co.uk/holidays



Staffing Update – Mr Browning, a much loved Learning Support Assistant, has moved on to a new role outside of school. After many years of dedicated support to the learners at QI, we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.



Running Late... - As the weather gets colder, we kindly ask families to allow extra time for their journey to school. **Lateness has increased recently** due to road works, traffic and/or the need to defrost vehicles. Arriving on time helps the day start smoothly for all children.

PTA Update



Doughnut Sale - A big **thank you** to everyone who supported our **doughnut sale** before half term! We're excited to announce that we raised **£210**, which will go towards equipment to further enrich lunchtimes for the children.



Xmas4Schools Orders – your children's wonderful designs have been made up and delivered to school. These will be sent home with your child.



Curriculum & Support Resources

Children's Curriculum Enrichment Events – Curious to see what the children have been up to?

If you're interested in reading about the exciting activities and experiences our pupils have taken part in, please follow the link: [🔗 Curricular Enrichment Info](#)

November includes Badminton, Football, Ball Skills, Aqua Splash and Table Tennis Events!

Child and Family Support Worker – Christmas memories don't have to come from expensive gifts or outings. Some of the most meaningful moments happen through simple traditions and shared time together. Follow the link for some low-cost ideas that families can enjoy

[🔗 Support Resources](#)

Christmas at QI 2025

As we approach one of our favourite times of the year, we would like to share some of the annual Christmas events and activities we have planned.

Christmas Cards – Monday 8th to 19th December



Children within the same year group are welcome to exchange Christmas cards between them, but not across the wider school. Please understand that we cannot give the names of children out to parents. Once again, we will provide an alternative to sending out cards, so each class will have a designated message board for the children to write their own Christmas message to their peers, rather than send individual cards.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

All children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Present Buying Day. Although the official UK Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is the day before, we prefer to align ours with Present Buying Day. If you wish to donate, please do so directly to [Save The Children](#).



Present Buying Day – Friday 12th December

Our wonderful PTA are hosting our annual Present Buying Day in the hall. This event offers children the chance to spend time thinking about others and choosing small Christmas gifts for their family and pets (though not for themselves). All gifts will range between 50p and £2.50. On the day, please provide for your child:

- A strong carrier bag with your child's name on it.
- Money in a named purse – enough for the number of presents that they are buying.
- 3m roll of wrapping paper
- Sellotape
- Labels (pre-written for the younger children please).



We endeavour to ensure that all presents are wrapped in school, so they remain a surprise until Christmas Day! A shopping list of who to buy for will be included in the Present Buying Day letter which will be given to each child to take home on **Monday 8th December**. 😊



Years 1 and 2 'Knock Knock' The Nativity – Tuesday 16th December



There will be two performances: 9:15am (doors open at 9:05am) and 2:40pm (doors open at 2:30pm). Each family will receive two tickets, which will be given to the children to bring home on **Friday 12th December**. **Tickets must be presented at the hall door for entry.** Please be aware that we are expecting up to 120 adults at each performance, so no extra tickets will be available, and small children will need to sit on adult laps please.

Years 3 to 6 Christmas Service - Wednesday 17th December

Our annual Christmas Service of readings and songs will be held at Waterloooville Baptist Church (**368 London Rd, Waterloooville PO7 7SY**). The **doors will open at 10:00am for a 10:15am start** - the service will last approximately 30 minutes. We would be most grateful if, wherever possible, parents could walk to the church as there is only limited parking available. Seats are limited to 2 per family as we may only have the use of the ground floor this year. Please be aware that photography and recordings are not permitted in this place of worship.

Year F 'Twinkly Nativity' Story and songs - Thursday 18th December



The performance will start at 9:00am (doors open at 8:50am). Each family will receive 2 tickets, which will be given to the children to bring home on **Friday 12th December – tickets must be presented at the hall door for entry**. Please be aware that we are expecting up to 120 adults so there will be no extra tickets available and small children will need to sit on adult laps please.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18th December

QI will cover the cost of a Christmas Lunch for all children.

**Turkey, Stuffing & Chipolata or Puff Pastry Christmas Cracker - VG,
Roast Potatoes, Seasonable Vegetables and Gravy (optional)
Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard, Reindeer Shortbread Biscuit or a Piece of Fruit**



**Action required:
Pre-book your child's lunch on SchoolGrid by 5th December 2025**

All lunches must be ordered via **SchoolGrid**. If you are unable to access your account, please contact the School Office and we can place your child's meal order on your behalf. No one will be charged for the Christmas Lunch — **QI covers the cost for all children**.

Gifts to Staff



Our families are very thoughtful and generous when it comes to buying presents but we would like to express our wish that families do not buy staff gifts. So many people are feeling the financial pinch from the cost-of-living pressures and we wish for everyone to prioritise their own families instead. Well wishes are free ♥.

Donations

At the end of each of our Christmas performances, we will be asking our audience to make a small donation towards our school's nominated charity **Village Africa**. We will also make a donation to Waterloooville Baptist Church as a 'Thank You' for hosting us. If you would like to donate, we will be collecting cash donations following all performances.

Each year, we receive enquiries by a number of parents, who very generously wish to support a family in need at Christmas. If you're thinking about donating food or gifts this festive season, we would like to recommend the following local charities;



Waterlooville Food Bank - make hampers for singles, couples and families of up to four. For further information please view their website <https://www.waterloovillefoodbank.co.uk/>



Stop Domestic Abuse – <https://stopdomesticabuse.uk/>



Summary of Future Dates for the Diary

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| 4 December | NEW PTA Preloved Christmas Jumper Sale at 3:10pm |
| 5 December | NEW Deadline to pre-book a Christmas Lunch via SchoolGrid (gifted by QI) |
| 8 December | NEW Present Buying Day Letter incl Shopping List to be sent home |
| 12 December | NEW PTA Present Buying and Christmas Jumper Day |
| 16 December | Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2 tickets per family) - there will be a morning and afternoon performance at 9:15am (doors open at 9:05) & 2:40pm (doors open at 2:30pm). |
| 17 December | KS2 Church Service at Waterloooville Baptist Church – doors open at 10am and will be limited to 2 adults per family. |
| 18 December | Foundation Nativity (2 tickets per family) morning performance at 9:00am – doors open at 8:50am. |
| 18 December | NEW Christmas Lunch for the Whole School |
| 19 December | Finish at 3:20pm for the Christmas Break |
| 5 January | NEW School closed for INSET (staff training) |
| 6 January | Welcome back to school 😊 |
| 12 January | NEW After School Clubs start this week |



Feedback - as you know, we welcome feedback all year round so please continue to share your comments, suggestions or questions with us via our website

🔗 [Feedback Form](#)