



BANANA ISLAND SCHOOL



Mr. Brad

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to confirm that we have completed this first term of the new academic year most successfully. The Christmas concert was an inspirational success and I am so proud of all the hard work the teachers and students did to make it so good.

As you get used to having your children home during the weekdays again, I am sure you will adjust and adapt to enjoy sharing more time with them. Please ensure that any holiday work assigned is completed properly and returned to the respective teachers once the new term begins.

As we draw the curtain on the Michaelmas Term and prepare to step into a well-deserved holiday, I am filled with pride as I reflect on the wonderful learning experiences, joyful moments and steady growth witnessed across our school community. The past term has been a truly exciting journey for both our pupils and our dedicated staff, marked by creativity and festive cheer.

I look forward to seeing you all resuming fit and well for the new term on Monday, January 12th, 2026.

Best wishes and have a very Merry Christmas!

From our family to yours

We hope your holidays are filled with laughter & love.



As we wrapped up this exciting term, there was a joyful feeling in the air across the school. From the tiniest toddlers to our confident Year 4s, the halls of our school was alive with laughter, learning and a festive spirit that left us all beaming. Every class celebrated the magic of Christmas, from Secret Santa surprises to festive parties that brought everyone together and through it all, the children grew—not just in their academics but also in confidence and kindness.

Our younger learners engaged enthusiastically in activities that supported physical development, communication and early numeracy. From egg-and-spoon races that tested balance and coordination, to imaginative role play inspired by The Three Billy Goats Gruff, the children developed confidence, teamwork and resilience. Through stories such as “The Elves and the Shoemaker,” they expanded their language skills while learning about everyday objects like shoes and their parts. Practical experiences, including visits from local cobblers, brought learning to life as pupils explored different shoe materials and textures, deepening their understanding of the world around them. Mathematical learning was thoughtfully woven into hands-on activities, with children matching shoes, comparing sizes and confidently identifying “big” and “small.”

The festive spirit was especially alive in **Playgroup** and **Nursery**, where children embraced Christmas through songs, stories, crafts and meaningful conversations about kindness, giving and sharing. A highlight of the term was the Nursery excursion to the BIPORAL community area, where pupils visited the ATM gallery, ambulance service and fire station. Meeting community helpers and engaging in role play enriched their understanding of real-world roles and responsibilities, while boosting confidence and communication skills. Back in the classroom, pupils continued to strengthen key foundations through phonics, letter and number formation, turn-taking and oral blending. Across all classes, learning remained active and joyful, supported by outdoor games, parachute play, ring games and creative art sessions involving painting, snowman crafts and festive designs.

The term concluded on a truly magical note with the children exchanging Secret Santa gifts and performing beautifully at the Christmas concert. The music, laughter, excitement and shared celebrations created memories that will last long beyond the holidays!

The **Prep school** were just as busy, combining learning with festive cheer. The **Reception** class made lovely Christmas crafts, wrote sentences on what they would love to do during the holidays. Having been brilliant all term and exceptionally good this week, Secret Santa came calling and dropped some early gifts. It was so exciting watching the children’s faces light up as they spotted their name tags on their Secret Santa gifts. We have had so much fun learning to read, write, spell, listen, share, take turns, use our kind words, cut, stick, draw, colour and express our ideas clearly. **Years 1 & 2** explored bigger reading words and creative crafts. The highlight? Their enchanting Christmas concert and class parties filled with heartfelt laughter.

Upper prep’s creativity sparkled this term, where their Christmas concert stole the show with heartfelt carols and instrumental performances.

LENT TERM 2026 KEY DATES

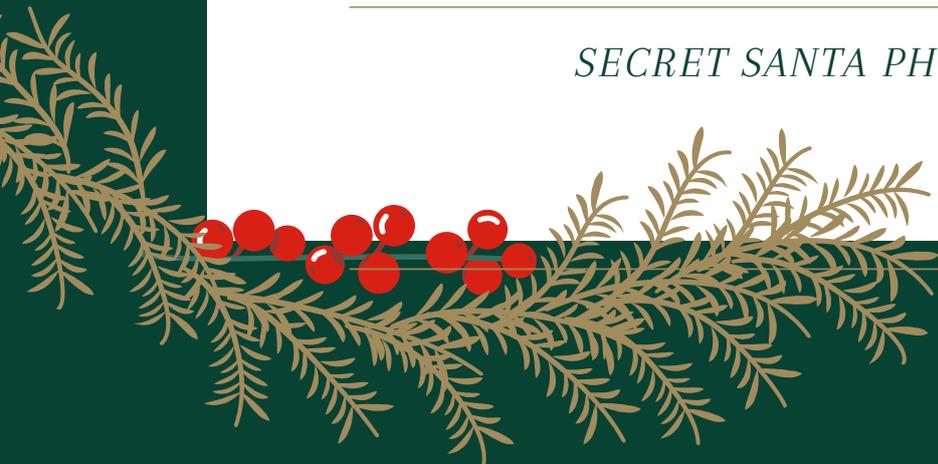
Resumption for Lent term	- 12th January
Sports Day	- 13th February
Half term Break	- 16th - 20th Feb.
Second half of term begins	- 23rd February
End of term/Easter Egg Hunt	- 27th March

As we close this chapter, we look forward to the new adventures next term will bring. For now, we wish all our students, teachers and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy, rest and laughter! 🎄 ✨





SECRET SANTA PHOTOS





*Looking forward to seeing you
in the New Year,*

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