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Dear Parents and Carers

The school closes for Christmas Holidays on Friday 20 December at 12.30pm. Classes resume on Monday 6 January 2025 at 8.55am. There will be no Future Friday Clubs on the last day of term.

Helping others in our local community this Christmas - Last Week of Term

- Food banks – our young people raised £500 for foodbanks in the local area. We delivered the food parcel to Holy Family Parish on Monday 16 December for distribution to local families.
- Christmas gifts to resident of our local sheltered housing – young people and staff delivered a Christmas gift to all of the residents of the sheltered housing complex behind the school on Thursday 19 December. The residents were delighted to see and speak to our young people delivering the gifts.
- Gift vouchers – we distributed £5000 (100 x £50 vouchers) to local families in need.

School Pantomime

This year our school pantomime was *Once Upon a Time in Bellshill*. A huge thank you to Mr Reddick and his cast and crew for a wonderful performance over both nights and three matinees. The show was a massive success. Well done to everyone.

Christmas Ceilidh

S1-3 had their Christmas Ceilidh on Tuesday 17 December. I can report a huge improvement in our Scottish country dancing over the last few years. All of the young people took part really enthusiastically – some of them, we couldn't get off the dance floor.

Christmas Services

Our Christmas Services for all young people took place on Thursday 19 December.

Attendance has held up remarkably well this last week – thank you for continuing to send your child to school until the last day of this session. I appreciate it.

I have thanked our teachers and staff on your behalf for all the hard work and effort they put into supporting our young people to be everything they can be and achieve their full potential – that will be our renewed focus in the New Year 2025.

I wish you , your families and loved ones a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2025.

Every best wish

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Smith
Head Teacher

