



# Brant Broughton

Church of England Methodist

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Whole School 'Nativity'



iSingPop is a new one to me; it's not something I'm familiar with or seen before. I've been popping into the rehearsals to watch how it's going... and ended up joining in with some of the actions myself. My enthusiasm certainly outweighs my talent and I knew to stop before twisting an ankle (much to the gratitude to the children no-doubt!) I hope many of you will be able to come to either the afternoon or evening performances. It'd be our pleasure to welcome you into school.

I understand that the iSingPop Christmas Concert was introduced instead of a nativity. As mentioned in my newsletter last week, I have seen many-many nativities (as a teacher, father, uncle, godfather...) and I can't bear for there to be no re-telling of the Christmas Story in school for Brant Broughton.

One of my hobbies is writing. I was fortunate enough to have one of my scripts used by actors Joseph

Gordon-Levitt & Jessica Alba for a short film... although I'm sure Mr Spielberg hasn't anything to worry about! I have written a script for the children of Brant Broughton to deliver on the **last day of term (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December)**. Each class has been preparing their own segment to the story. I appreciate it's not a lot of notice; but I can't see the school not unity to share the Christmas Story together. If you're free, able & willing, I'd love it if you were able to join the staff & children at the end of term (we're aiming for a 8:50 start – after drop-off). Thank you.

Best wishes,

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### Key Dates

When?	What's Happening?
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	iSingPop Christmas Concert (2pm & 6pm)
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Craft
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner; Christingle Service (1:30pm in church)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas 'Nativity' (8:50ish start); End of Term!
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Welcome Back!

### Christingle Service

We will be in church for our Christingle Service on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (**1:30pm start**). Families are warmly invited to join us for our service together.

## Football Match vs Claypole



I was delighted to be able to host Team Brant Broughton at Claypole this week for a football match. We were joined by many parents (and Ms Nicholson) to cheer on & support fantastic football being played from both teams. It was wonderful to watch the two teams closely battle it out with narrow chances and great clearances on both sides. Despite losing 2-0, Team BB gave a stoic performance! I've promised that Claypole will come to Brant Broughton in the New Year for a re-match.

Thank you to those who were able to help with transport and stay and support the team.

## Volunteers

Thank you to those parents who have already reached out to offer your help/support/time in school. If any parents (or grandparents) have any time that they can give to school during the working week, we'd love to hear from you. There's lots to achieve and always opportunities for children to read to an adult: they do love it... and so do we. The love of reading is so important.

If you are able to share any spare time, please could you reach out to us.

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iSingPOP are coming to Brant Broughton C of E Methodist Primary this week where the children will be involved in a singing and performing project.

The children will be learning and performing a number of special songs with actions.

For more information about the iSingPOP experience visit: <https://www.isingpop.org>

### The Performance

**On Thursday 12th Dec 2024**, there will be 2 concerts in school, where we can join together as a community to celebrate the children's achievements. The first concert will begin at **2pm**. The second concert will begin at **6pm**. Please ensure you arrive no later than 15 minutes before to ensure a prompt start. Each concert will last under an hour. For families dropping off in the evening, please return to collect your child by 7pm. We'll know an exact time after the first performance on Thursday afternoon.

As we've had to change the venue from church into the school hall because of the temperature, it means space is limited. We think we can squeeze 64 chairs in the hall! We ask for parents/carers to come to either the afternoon or evening performance. If you can make the afternoon performance, please do come to this one so that we can accommodate everyone wanting to enjoy & support the children's performance.

Children are to wear school uniform for the first concert and are welcome to come to school for the evening performance in festive attire!

### Tickets

If you're able to attend, please complete the slip coming home - offering two tickets per family - and indicate which performance & return it to school please.

### The Keep-Sakes

iSingPOP clothing and CDs can be purchased in advance of concert day by visiting [www.isingpop.org/shop](http://www.isingpop.org/shop) and following the instructions on screen. A CD or digital download is available to purchase on the website which includes the songs the children will be learning. Use code BRANTBROUGHTON24 to receive free delivery on your order, sent direct to the school.

## Sense of Unity

I've been talking around three distinct words with the team this week: FAITH, UNITY and EXCELLENCE. A small step to continue to strength unity, belonging and that sense of togetherness was bringing all the children together at lunchtime. This is the beauty of a small village school: that 'family-feel' and that can't be achieved if we're not actually together... and what a joy it has been to have everyone together to eat & play. I've very much enjoyed watching our older children with our younger children and see them look out & look after each other this week. Unity in action!

The children have been sitting nicely and talking with each other in the hall. It only sounds loud because of the acoustics - some much-needed fabrics and soft furnishings in the hall would help absorb the sound.

I hope that we can continue to build on the sense of unity: something that I feel is special about your school.

## E-Safety: Consoles



When talking about games your child wants to play, you can take a moment to discuss age ratings and what different content is available on different games. This can be a good opportunity to discuss your expectations around the games that your child can and can't play.

For advice & tips, visit:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles>



## School Development Priorities

Leadership & Management	Quality of Education
Leaders at all levels have a solid understanding of and commitment to our vision for outstanding practise.	To deliver a coherent and rich curriculum that ensures that all children have the knowledge & understanding [and the cultural capital] needed to succeed in life beyond our school.
Personal Development	Behaviour and Attitudes
To enhance pupil roles & responsibilities – increase opportunities for pupils to take responsibility.	Develop emotional literacy skills so that children are able to self-regulate and make informed choices regarding their learning behaviour.

I have written the School Development Priorities for 2024-25 and used the following specific headings, identifying 4 strategic areas to focus on. I have then broken these down into three main strands:

Strand One: curriculum excellence (*strengthening quality first teaching; high-quality curriculum; and using assessments to work out what precisely & specifically each child needs to do next to get even better*)

Strand Two: engagement (*parental & community*)

Strand Three: intentional awareness (*pupil roles/responsibilities and developing emotional literacy/intelligence*)

I will write soon to share what progress we have made so far against our priorities. I'm pleased so far what we've been able to achieve in a short period of time together.

## Christmas Jumper Day

This Friday, children are invited to swap their tops for something festive! Please don't feel like you need to go out and buy tops for this: if you have a Christmas jumper: great, if not, please be assured that something festive and/or sparkle will equally be great.

## Keeping The Family Healthy

While it's not uncommon for viruses to spread at this time of year, there are simple steps you can take to reduce your chance of being ill.

- Boost your immunity this winter. It is not too late for you and your children to receive a vaccination against COVID-19 and flu this year. It is one of the best ways to protect you, your friends and family. To find out how to book, speak to your GP practice or local pharmacy, or visit the NHS website.
- Pharmacy first. If you or your child start to feel unwell with a winter illness, your local pharmacy can be a good source of support and can advise you on what steps to take to relieve symptoms.
- Wash your hands often. Please remember it is important to encourage your child to regularly wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to help prevent the spread of winter illnesses.

Most respiratory illnesses are mild and clear up within 2 to 3 weeks without the need for treatment. If in doubt, please refer to NHS 111 online.