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*A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us all at Options Barton School. We have had a busy term. We welcomed new pupils and staff to the team. We are thrilled with the progress all pupils have made. We have had our first set of exams taken this term. Pupils have completed volunteering for their DofE Award. We had our first Christmas Concert and we had a fantastic turn out – thank you to all the friends and family who attended.*



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### **Key Stage 1**

*We started this year with 2 new classes of pupils in our new Key Stage 1 unit. The pupils have settled in very well. They are enjoying a play-based curriculum with lots of sensory play. They are exploring Numicon in Maths and basic mark making, reading and motor skills. They are really enjoying the daily sensory circuits, immersive room sessions and small group and 1:1 work throughout the day. They are enjoying exploring the outside areas and love being in the adventure playground, on the swings and trampoline.*

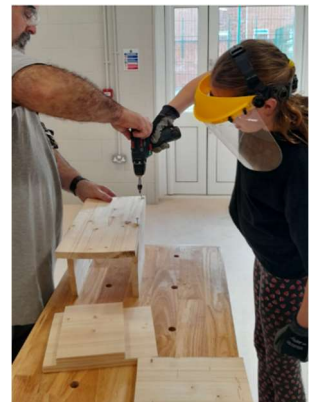


*We have had new pupils in all key stages and we have loved getting to know all the new pupils across the site.*

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### **Construction Week**

*Pupils took part in a range of activities to learn about a range of careers in the construction industry. Pupils made Bird Boxes and Christmas Tree's in the construction area. Some pupils attended a construction event at the Lincolnshire Showground to explore a range of jobs and participate in some on the job experiences.*



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### **Community Visits**

*Pupils in Elm and Oak Group continue to enjoy weekly work experience with the Humber Llamas. Cleaning, brushing, feeding and walking the Llamas. Pupils from KS3, KS4 & KS5 continue to enjoy weekly swimming lessons at the Local Pool. Sycamore & Birch class are visiting local shops to keep the pupil kitchen stocked for food tech lessons. There has also been trips out to the local community for travel training and orienteering.*

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## Christmas Events

We had a really busy December. We had our annual Christmas dinner with crackers and a delicious dinner prepared by our cooks. Our annual Christmas Market raised over £600! Pupils made a wide variety of items to sell, showcasing the fantastic skills they have learnt in their vocational experiences. We also had our Christmas assembly and singalong. We welcomed Santa and his Elf to our Grotto. Santa enjoyed talking to pupils and their families. All of our pupils were on the good list.

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## Christmas Concert

This year we held our first Christmas Concert. All classes took part and we had an amazing turn out of families and friends. We had singing, dancing and a pair of jokers telling the best Christmas Cracker Jokes. Some classes used the new Green Screen to create festive performances. I was so impressed with the pupils creativity and confidence to perform to a large audience. I cannot wait for the next one 😊

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## Staff Panto

Barton School Staff created and performed a panto for the pupils. They adapted the fairytale 'The Elf and the Shoe Maker'. The pupils loved watching the staff performing and there were so many funny sections that the pupils loved. Well done and thank you to the staff who performed, we all had a great time!

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## Clinical Coffee Morning / Afternoons

Our clinical team are hosting termly clinical coffee mornings. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and talk to the clinical team. They are able to offer advice and support for a range of issues pupils can face in school and at home. If there is a specific workshop/theme you would like the clinical team to focus on, please let us know. We want these sessions to be helpful and purposeful for you. We look forward to seeing you all at the next session next term/.

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### Term Dates

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – staff training day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – school opens

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – school closes

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – school opens

