



Fir Vale Academy

NEWSLETTER

December 2025



Mr Bullock, Principal

As we come to the end of term and my first term as Principal of Fir Vale, I want to thank families for the support you continue to show our academy. It is vital that we work together to ensure all our children have the best possible experience here at Fir Vale, and grow as fantastic young people within our community.

This term has been a busy one, with a strong focus on standards, routines and our learning environments. To provide families a full end of term update you can find our **'End of Term Round Up' video [here](#)**.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on giving every child the best possible opportunities to succeed. Following the break, staff will be building on the progress already made and continue to strengthen our culture of learning, high expectations and support for all.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We wish you and your families a safe, restful break and look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Danny Bullock
Principal

Christmassy Fun!

This week we had elves, hot chocolate, karaoke, penalties against staff and some wonderful dancing!



Live Act!



Mrs Koch and Mrs Swift took 20 students to perform at Mary St Live in Sheffield.

Audience quote "I really loved the Fir Vale choir and band, they had an amazing energy and sang really beautifully and with fantastic stage presence."

Winter Showcase



A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who attended and supported our Annual Winter Show. Your encouragement made the evening feel really special. The event was a fantastic success, with a brilliant atmosphere and confident, high-quality performances that truly showcased our students' creativity and teamwork. We're incredibly proud of everyone involved—thank you for helping us celebrate their hard work and talent.



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Jingle Bells!



Y9 students in a finance session run by the **Better Learners Better Workers** programme. They learnt about National Insurance, Income Tax, Credit and Debit Cards along with developing skills such as how to budget. The morning was rounded off with a Christmas quiz, from which Fir Vale emerged victorious over Firth Park, Oasis Academy and Hinde House, before jingle bell rockin' our way back to school!

Aladdin!



Y10 Drama Ambassadors accompanied a group of Y8 and Y9 students to see the annual Lyceum pantomime. Much fun was had by all!

Fantastic Afternoon!



Y11 students went to see the Crucible Theatre's new production of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. It was a fantastic afternoon, and the students represented Fir Vale Academy superbly. Their attitude and behaviour was exemplary and several members of the public commented on how well behaved and respectful they were. Well done Y11! A very proud Mrs Wood!

Regeneration!



Y11 Geography students went to Sheffield City centre to collect some data for their geography fieldwork. Looking at the impact that regeneration has had on the environment in the Fargate and the Moor and despite the horrible wet weather they did amazing!

First Class Teamwork



Y9 Spanish students paid a visit to Owler Brook Primary School to teach them Spanish. The students were exemplary, taking on the role of teacher seamlessly and adopting a clear, direct tone when delivering instructions that left no doubt that they meant business. Ay caramba!

Back to School



We're looking forward to welcoming all students back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

8:40am for a 8:45am start.

Please remember that students should return in full school uniform and with their equipment packs, ready for learning.

We can't wait to see everyone back and start the new term together!

