



Dear RBA Families,

.... and so ends 2025 at RBA!

The calendar year certainly finished with a bang with our whole school assembly this morning and Bloomfield's Got Talent (BGT) this afternoon.

With over a thousand people in the sports hall first thing, our Christmas themed assembly very much built on the value of Independence (being as it was almost entirely student led). We had students sharing what Christmas means to them and their families; how different countries around the world celebrate; performances of original Christmas poems students had written as well as a sing along with our wonderful choir! It set the tone fabulously for a lovely, festive final day.

Then, as if that was not enough talent to witness for one day, we finished today with BGT - which is always a highlight of the year. The whole school came into the sports hall again (apart from those who preferred the quiet of the theatre) and were treated to students singing, playing the piano, dancing and performing gymnastics as well as a few surprise staff performances. Students loved the show and I am delighted to announce that our gymnastics troupe made up of Beth, Limani, Eve, Niamh, Yasmin and Scarlett were the overall winners - well done girls!

All of that Christmas cheer came on the back of a week full of Yuletide fun with the Great Bloomfield Bake off on Tuesday, won by Abrahams House, and our Christmas dinner on Wednesday. I was so pleased with the respect and manners shown by the children when I served up their food - I must have plated up around 250 and every single one of them said thank you - only a small thing but a sign of what lovely students we have at RBA.

Despite all the festive events, students have remained focused on their learning right up until the final day and that is especially true of our wonderful year 6 cohort. After the Christmas assembly, I was delighted to spin the wheel and to choose the winner of our Maximum Effort point prize draw. Well done to Olive who won a Chromebook to take home to help her with her studies at RBA and beyond.

Those year 6 students have also been set a 'Chilli Challenge' by Mr Spence over Christmas. We are hopeful that this will keep them reading and using learning platforms like Century and Spelling Shed so that all the progress they have made in their SATs is not lost over the holidays. If parents/carers can support them in their studies, and to engage with the challenge, we would be very grateful.

At this point, I would like to take a moment to draw your attention to the recently published 'Best of BEST' brochure. We are proud to be part of such a supporting and mindful Multi-Academy Trust and there is lots of great content for you to look over, please click [here](#) to access it.





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As we come to the end of 2025, my mind turns to some of the highlights of the year. We had some massive moments in 2025, including: our Outstanding Ofsted inspection; both KS3 cross-country teams getting to the national final; our magnificent High School Musical production; joining the year 6 students on their Isle of Wight residential trip and the best ever year 8 Diplomas and Leavers' Week.

Although the major events like those listed above stick in my mind, my highlights are also made up of lots of small, fairly innocuous things that happen daily. Watching the students do handstands on the astroturf; being asked how my day is going numerous times a day; seeing students playing chess in the LRC at lunch; being given a handmade Christmas card and the parental email of thanks to a staff member are all little things that combine to make every day at RBA special.

In a similar fashion, as this update and the year draw to a close, I encourage you to notice the little things this Christmas and to embrace those small, positive moments of joy that we sometimes miss (but which really matter the most).

Thank you for all your support over 2025; I hope that you and your families have a restful and joyous Christmas break.

John Linehan
Principal



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