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Welcome to our December Issue!

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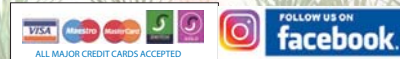
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Theatre Royal announced the cast of Cinderella, for this festive season at Theatre Royal. Leading the cast is Craig Revel Horwood as the wicked stepmother. Not to be missed - oh no it isn't! Cinderella promises to be fun for all the family.

Leading the cast of this year's family panto is Craig Revel Horwood as the Wicked Stepmother. Craig will be joined by panto comic Neil Hurst as Buttons, singer, actor, and impressionist Christina Bianco as the Fairy Godmother, Stephenson Ardern-Sodje as Prince Charming, Daniel Norford as Dandini, Abigail Morris as Cinderella and Britt Lenting and May Tether as the Wicked Sisters.

Craig Revel Horwood is a household name having appeared as a judge on all 22 series of the hit BBC One entertainment show *Strictly Come Dancing*. He also directs and appears in the annual *Strictly Come Dancing Live Arena Tour*, created the touring show *Strictly Confidential* and was Head Judge on *Dancing with the Stars Australia* and *New Zealand*.

Craig has also appeared in many West End musicals including *Miss Saigon*, *Crazy for You* and, after many years, returned to play Miss Hannigan in *Annie*, which he successfully toured around the UK twice, including the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham. He has also starred in a variety of pantomimes for Crossroads Pantomimes with other roles including the Wicked Queen in *Snow White* and Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*.

Neil Hurst returns to the Theatre Royal after

performing as Edna Turnblad in *Hairspray!* In November 2024. Best known for his TV roles in *The Syndicate* and *Fresh Meat*, Neil also co-hosted ITV's *All-Star Family Fortunes*, *The ABC Murders* for the BBC and has appeared in family favourites such as *Coronation Street*, *All Creatures Great and Small* and *Casualty*. Neil has performed as the resident panto comic at Hull New Theatre for the past 5 years, as well as touring the UK in musicals such as *The Full Monty* and *Hairspray!*



Following her standout performance as the Narrator in *Joseph* and the *Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* back in February, **Christina Bianco** returns to the Theatre Royal to play The Fairy Godmother in this year's pantomime. A two-time Drama Desk Award nominee, Christina Bianco is an internationally acclaimed performer, best known for her vocal versatility and captivating stage presence. Her West End credits include *Forbidden Broadway* at the Vaudeville Theatre, *Glinda in The Wizard of Oz* at The London Palladium, and *Ado Annie in Oklahoma!* at Theatre Royal Drury Lane. In New York, she earned Drama Desk nominations for *Application Pending* and *Forbidden Broadway*, and played leading roles in *Rent*, *Hello, Dolly!* and *Funny Girl in Paris*. A viral sensation with over 25 million views of her 'diva' impressions, Christina has appeared

on *The Paul O'Grady Show*, *This Morning*, and *RuPaul's Drag Race*, and has performed her solo concerts to sold-out audiences across the globe.



The lineup is completed by a talented cast including **Stephenson Ardern-Sodje** (Prince Charming) who has just finished a run of *The Lion King* in the West End, Daniel Norford (Dandini) who has starred in pantomimes for Crossroads Pantomimes for several seasons, recent graduate Abigail Morris (Cinderella) and the fabulous Wicked Sisters are played by Britt Lenting and May Tether.

The production is staged by Crossroads Pantomimes, the world's biggest pantomime producer. Join Cinders as she goes from rags to riches, outwits her very wicked sisters and meets her Prince Charming.

Packed with all the traditional pantomime ingredients Nottingham audiences expect, *Cinderella* features laugh-out-loud comedy, stunning scenery, beautiful costumes and plenty of boos and hisses.

Cinderella runs until Sunday 4th January 2026 at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham.

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Beeston was buzzing with music, festival goers and community spirit as Oxfam Beeston Music Festival 2025 celebrated its 15th anniversary in spectacular style - and smashed fundraising records by raising an incredible £37,005 for charity (which is £5k more than last year's record!).

The festival, held on Saturday 4th October, saw thousands of music lovers descend on the town centre for 12 hours of live music across 21 venues. With over 150 artists and bands performing everything from indie and jazz to folk, punk, and choirs, the day captured the very best of Beeston's creative and community spirit.

Funds raised will support Oxfam, alongside local charities Middle Street Resource Centre and Broxtowe Youth Homelessness, continuing Oxfam Beeston's proud tradition of using music to make a difference both locally and globally.

Heather Greenan, Oxfam Beeston Manager, said: "What an incredible day! Beeston once again came together to celebrate music, kindness, and community – and to raise such an amazing amount. We're beyond grateful to everyone who performed, volunteered, sponsored, and danced their way through the day. This was our biggest and best yet – what a way to mark 15 years of Oxfam Beeston!"

Katie Edmondson, Oxfam Community Engagement Manager, added: "Oxfam Beeston shows the power of people coming together for good. £37,005 will make a real impact – helping Oxfam fight poverty and inequality, while supporting vital local charities. Huge thanks to the Beeston community for their generosity and joy."

Highlights from this year's festival included the impromptu stage at Beeston Social (due to Storm Amy!) featuring performers from Poland as part of the C-City cultural exchange – and the legendary Silent Disco, complete with a family-friendly afternoon session that had parents and kids dancing side by side.

The town's pubs, cafés, churches and community spaces were packed from midday until late, as local favourites like Goose McCoy, Jeanie Barton, Milky Joe, The Outriders, and Harpa delivered unforgettable performances.

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Meet Trevor Langley as he dines in style at local restaurant Haveli Fine Dining Indian in Chilwell...

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For main I selected King Prawn Karahi (King prawns, onions, bell peppers, rich spicy sauce, garlic, herbs, chillies). This dish arrived in style, perfectly cooked and presented and with complementing flavours of ingredients all through. Tenderness and succulence were hugely noticeable and, with sides of Lemon Rice, plus Tandoori Roti, made a true delight. Compliments to Head Chef, Dimpal and the brigade were sent.

Other dishes included Haveli Special Thali - 'Feast on a Platter' which has meats, fish, seafood, vegetables, rice, naan, poppadoms, pickles, salad and a dessert. This Thali delectation is available on Sundays, but can be arranged for other dining times also.

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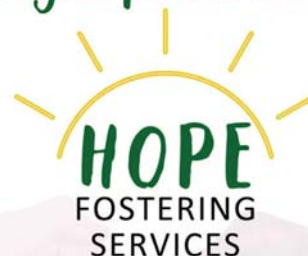
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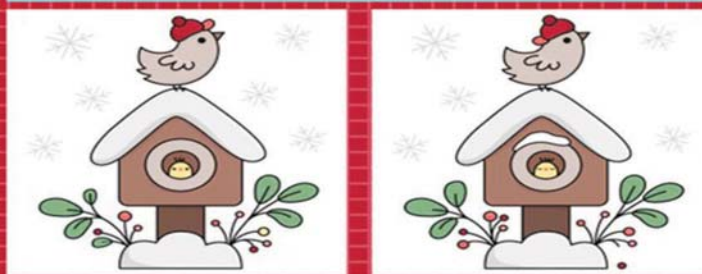
Can you find all the Christmassy words hidden in the grid?

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gifts
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turkey



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As temperatures drop, homeowners are being told of the steps they can take to ensure their garden stays protected over the winter.

Outdoor living experts at LightingLegends.com are sharing their top tips for looking after the garden throughout colder months.

They advise giving everything a thorough clean, washing down furniture, removing dirt and debris, and clearing away fallen leaves to help prevent rot and mildew from forming when it's damp.

Once everything is clean, it's important to either cover your outdoor furniture or move it into a sheltered area – particularly wooden furniture.

Outdoor lighting may also need to be tended to throughout winter. Whilst most good quality lighting can usually withstand the harsh weather, checking bulbs and wiping them with a clean cloth can help keep them intact.

Taking a few simple steps now can make all the difference when it comes to preserving your outdoor space.

Adam Wilkins, managing director at Lighting Legends, commented: "Carrying out the right winter maintenance in your garden can prevent damp weather and harsh winds from ruining your outdoor living space.

"Harsh winds can see garden items blowing away, which is not only annoying but also dangerous. Taking the time to secure or store loose items now can save you from costly damage or potential accidents later in the season.

"Making sure that items are stored correctly so that they don't spoil throughout winter is also important. Some materials are less durable than others and will require a little attention to ensure they stay intact for the following year."

Tips for protecting your garden this winter:

Deep clean and dry - Giving your garden a thorough clean by removing any existing dirt and debris with water is an important step before putting outdoor furniture away for the winter. Cleaning your furniture helps to prevent stains and rot that can cause long-term damage.

Use covers for furniture - Covering furniture with a waterproof yet breathable material, such as PVC sheets with vents or a waxed tarpaulin, will prevent moisture from getting on your furniture and will provide airflow to prevent mould forming.

Move furniture into sheltered spots - Some furniture made from durable materials, such as metal, can be left outside. Move more vulnerable materials indoors or into a sheltered area to help prevent wind damage and stop damp and grime building up over winter. Plastic can often crack in freezing temperatures, so ensure any plastic furniture is either covered securely or stored somewhere protected from the cold.

Check outdoor lighting bulbs - Good quality outdoor lighting is usually safe for all seasons, but they may need some additional care in the harsh winter weather. Wiping them down and checking that the bulbs haven't been affected by rainfall or debris passed through the air can help maintain them so that they don't become damaged.

Check patios - Cracks in patios can worsen during winter, particularly in icy conditions. Fill any gaps using suitable materials for your patio type ahead of the cold weather and consider cleaning patios regularly throughout winter to remove debris and reduce wear.

Secure lightweight items - Lightweight items can blow away in strong winds, so securing anything that could move and potentially cause damage is an important step to protect your belongings, as well as nearby people and property.

Treat wooden furniture - Wooden furniture can easily rot if left untreated. When it's dry, clean the furniture and apply a quality preservative such as wood wax or beeswax. Move wooden pieces onto a hard surface and away from grass and soil as wet weather can cause the base of furniture to rot.



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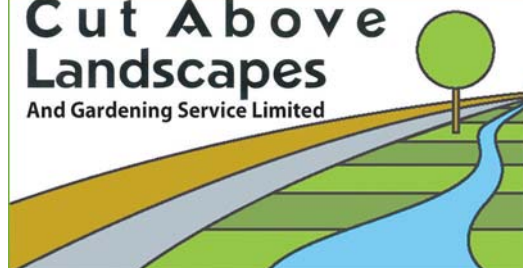
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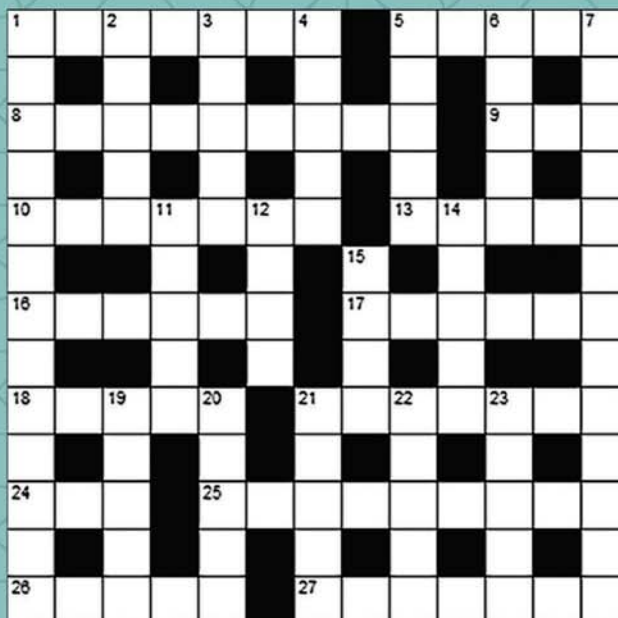
Across

1. Top prize (7)
5. All the animals (5)
8. Man made lake (9)
9. Bulgarian currency (3)
10. Doubtful, dubious (7)
13. Organic compound (5)
16. Narrow-bladed sword (6)
17. Elegant sight hound (6)
18. Hemispherical top (5)
21. Directive, communication (7)
24. Forty winks (3)
25. Counterfeit, unoriginal (9)
26. Vacant (5)
27. The most high in stature (7)

Down

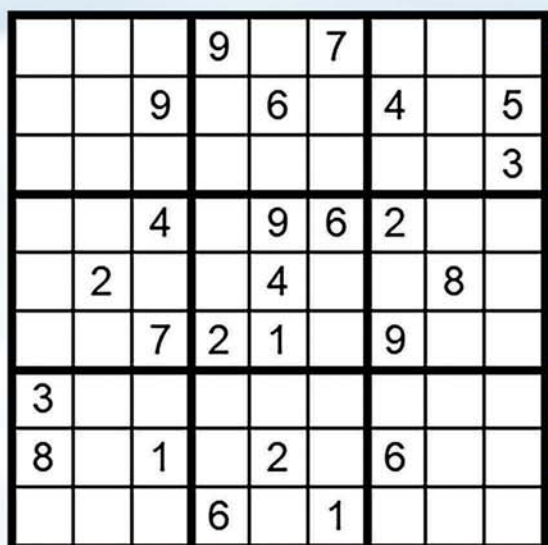
1. Knowledge of law (13)
2. Prices (5)
3. Money bag (5)
4. Rainbow or brown (5)
5. Blacksmith's workshop (5)
6. Dark (5)
7. Persuasive promotion or notice (13)
11. Heyday (5)
12. Keep in check (4)
14. Goes off in a huff (5)
15. Small area of land surround by sea (4)
19. Clean a liquid spillage (3,2)
20. Flower or girl's name (5)
21. Damp (5)
22. Woollen wrap (5)
23. Not dead (5)

Crossword



Merry
CHRISTMAS

Happy New Year



Word Search

Can you find all of the festive foods hidden in the grid?



brandy butter
bread sauce
Brussel sprouts
chipolatas
chocolates
custard
gingerbread
gravy
mince pies
mints
parsnips
peas
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potatoes
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trifle
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Are you short on space but big on ideas and determined to create a winter wonderland in your home this Christmas? With these low-cost, high impact craft projects you can bring festive cheer to any setting, even with limited space. Dr Susanne Lux, Christmas styling expert at Stars for Europe UK, has her glue guns blazing this season!

Susanne explains how to create upcycled table decorations that double up as gifts, coat hanger Christmas trees, DIY centrepieces, personalised table settings and sensational wall hangings.

Upcycled table decorations/gifts

Bright red poinsettias give a cheerful festive feel to decorated glass jars, either as table decorations or a thoughtful gift idea. They are simple to make and only require a few materials.

To ensure the poinsettia looks its best in the glass jar, first place the pot in a plastic bag to catch any excess water. Then wrap the pot in felt. Tip: Water carefully and remove excess water after no more than 15 minutes to prevent waterlogging.

Use a waterproof marker to transform your plain glass jars into decorative planters. Place a printed template of your design inside the jar and trace the lines from the outside. Make your own stencils or find them online. Personalise with the name of your loved one or a heartwarming Christmas sentiment.

Coat hanger Christmas Tree

Unique decor: With this upcycling idea, a simple steel coat hanger, moss, craft wire, a cut poinsettia and a small flower tube can be turned into a hanging Christmas tree-shaped decoration in just a few simple steps. Unique decor: With this upcycling idea, a simple steel coat hanger, moss, craft wire, a cut poinsettia and a small flower tube can be turned into a hanging Christmas tree-shaped decoration in just a few simple steps.



To make your own hanging Christmas tree-shaped decoration, you will need pliers, a simple steel coat hanger, moss, reel wire, a test tube and a cut poinsettia. Wrap the Christmas tree with moss and use fine reel wire to hold it in place. Finally, use the wire to attach the test tube to the bottom of the tree trunk or hang it from the top.

Table settings pegged! This craft idea using wooden pegs, gold cardboard stars and cut poinsettias in test tubes is a festive alternative to classic place cards. Handwritten names or messages on the pegs add a personal touch to each card, whilst the combination of natural materials and festive colours creates a warm, inviting atmosphere.

Using the template and pencil, draw four stars onto the gold card, then cut them out with the scissors. Glue the stars onto the wooden kebab sticks using the hot glue gun and allow to cool. Write a message or name on the wooden pegs with the red felt tip pen.

Fill the test tube with some moss and press it down (e.g. with a thin wooden stick). This will act as a natural water reservoir and look attractive. Fill the test tubes with water using the bottle. Clamp the test tubes in the pegs and place a cut poinsettia in each. Right after cutting, dip the cut ends into hot water (about 60°C) for a few seconds and then immediately into cold water. In fresh water, the cut poinsettias will keep for about two weeks.

Twine Wall Hangings These homemade wall hangings are given a festive twist with mini poinsettias, creating a colourful festive environment without taking up valuable surface space. They can also be kept long after Christmas and refreshed with the miniature plants of your choice. To create the decorations you will need four mini poinsettias in different colours, four small terracotta pots, four large wooden rings, four small, corrugated metal rings, a reel of craft wire, wire cutters, different coloured twines and paper-covered/vine wire.

Step 1: Connect the wooden ring and the corrugated metal ring with four lengths of craft wire. Tighten the wires to different lengths to create an asymmetrical base. Repeat with the other three sets of rings.

Step 2: Wrap twine of different colours around the wooden ring and the corrugated wire ring until both are completely covered. The change of colour creates a patterned ring with a textile-like texture. Repeat with the other three sets of rings.

Step 3: Attach the terracotta pot to the twine-wrapped ring using the paper-covered or vine wire. Make sure the pot is secure and straight. Repeat with the other three pots.

For more festive decorations and other Christmas inspiration, visit:
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**What's On
in December,
Olivia has listed
local events
and must-attend
experiences.**

Heritage talk: The Christmas Radio Times

At Beeston Library on 10th of December at 2pm. Join the festive heritage talk with local historian Robert Mee, looking at the changing nature of the magazine and exploring the programmes offered on Christmas Day by the BBC. Book ahead for £3.



Pop-up Art Exhibition by Martin Wright

At Attenborough Nature reserve on 12th of December - 13th of December 9am-4pm. Martin is best known for his oil paintings often focused on his local surrounding scenes. A proportion of all sales made at the Exhibition will be donated to the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.



Christmas Wreath making workshop

Head to The Community room at Attenborough Nature Centre on 13th of December 10am - 12:30pm for a crafty morning. Create a festive wreath for your home ready for the festive period. Led by an experienced facilitator, you will be guided through a weaving technique and foliage arrangement. Booking is £74.54.

Christmas Carols at the Hall

At Wollaton Hall on the 20th of December 1:30-3pm. You will find the pop up carols concert playing favorite festive tunes to be heard and enjoyed whilst enjoying Christmas at the Hall. Donation is required on entry.

Join St John the Baptist Church, Church St, Beeston, for their Christmas Events

Sunday 21st December

8:00am Said Eucharist 10:00am
Sung Eucharist

6:30pm Christmas Carol Service
(with Beeston Methodist Church)

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

4:30pm Christingle
9:15pm The First Mass of Christmas

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

10am Parish Family Celebration

<https://beestonparishchurch.com>

Carols by Candlelight. Sunday 21st December 4pm at Toton Methodist Church 6pm at St Peter's.

The annual carol services are a tradition not to be missed! At Toton Methodist Church the service will be all-age, while the service at St Peter's will be more traditional, with Bible readings and space for reflection.

The Wollaton Winter Light Trail represents a fresh and innovative approach to festive programming in Nottingham. Developed by a new creative operator, the trail will feature never-before-seen installations, interactive elements, and immersive soundscapes designed to delight visitors of all ages.

Attendees can expect a dynamic and engaging trail filled with large-scale illuminated displays, atmospheric environments, and festive surprises throughout. The event is designed to provide a memorable evening experience for families, couples, and groups seeking a seasonal celebration unlike any other.

Running until Wednesday 31st December 2025.
Visit www.wollatonhall.org.uk for more details.



Beeston Wildlife Group - A group of enthusiasts affiliated to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust who aim to engage others in the whole wildlife experience by providing access to a range of walks and talks.

December talk: Lincolnshire - A Naturalist's Paradise with Steve Lovell. Monday December 15th 2025 at 7.30pm.

Take a trip across the border into our neighbouring county Lincolnshire, to see deer, seals, birds of prey, insects and amphibians. It boasts a surprising diversity of wildlife throughout the year. £4 Adults. Children free. Trent Vale Infant School, Trent Road, Beeston Rylands, NG9 1LP.

If you would like to find out more information or speak to someone about the group please contact **Nigel Slater** on 0115 916 6518 or visit www.beestonwildlifegroup.org



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The Renaissance Big Band is a local not for profit organisation which regularly performs at dances and concerts in the local area. Here's some dates for your diary...

Valentine's Ball - Saturday 14th February 2026 7:00pm - 10:30pm
Rolls-Royce Pavilion, DE24 9HY Tickets: £17
www.renaissancebigband.co.uk

Kids' Music Workshop - Saturday 7th March 2026 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Bonington Theatre, High Street, Arnold, NG5 7EE
Tickets: £7.50 www.boningtontheatre.co.uk

Join The Renaissance Big Band for a fun, interactive children's workshop at The Bonington Theatre! Kids aged 3-7 can discover the sounds of swing with real musicians. Enjoy rhythm games, instrument demos, and musical activities.

Why not join us as well for our evening performance – **The Story of Swing - Concert Night? Saturday 7th March 2026 7:00pm - 10:30pm**
Bonington Theatre, High Street, Arnold, NG5 7EE
Tickets: £15 www.boningtontheatre.co.uk

Brass Tracks Concert Night - Saturday 18th May 2026 7:00pm - 10:30pm, Terry O'Toole Theatre, ONE NK Centre, North Hykeham, Lincolnshire. Tickets: £15.50

Summer Dance - Saturday 20th June 2026 7:00pm-10:30pm
Mapperley Plains Social Club, Plains Road, Nottingham, NG3 5RH
Tickets: £12 www.renaissancebigband.co.uk

Summer Ball - Saturday 11th July 2026 7:00pm - 10:30pm
Rolls-Royce Pavilion, DE24 9HY Tickets: £17
www.renaissancebigband.co.uk

The Littlest Yak will Enchant Children - and Their Families - at Lakeside Arts this Christmas

Lakeside Arts to welcome families to enjoy the much-loved story of The Littlest Yak, based on Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley's award-winning book. Tickets are selling fast – book now to secure your festive experience. **The production runs from Saturday 13th December 2025 to Sunday 4th January 2026**

Lakeside Arts, Nottingham's much-loved arts centre on University Park, brings another magical children's theatre production to the city this festive season. Perfect as a first introduction to theatre – or to continue a cherished Christmas tradition – The Littlest Yak promises festive fun for children aged 3+ and their families.

If you're visiting Lakeside Arts to see the show, you'll also enjoy yak-themed decorations, festive treats in the Pavilion Café, and an art installation in the Wallner Gallery created by students from

Djanogly Strelley Academy. Based in the beautiful University Park campus and next to the popular Highfields Park, there's plenty of space for children to play and explore before or after the show.

James Parkinson, Acting Director of Lakeside Arts says: "It's always such a joy to see our spaces filled with excited children and the magic of storytelling. Being part of families' Christmas traditions means a great deal to us, and The Littlest Yak is the perfect show to capture that warmth and wonder. We can't wait to welcome audiences to Lakeside this Christmas."

This enchanting production will warm hearts and spark imaginations – **so book your tickets now at lakesidearts.org.uk/LittlestYak**



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