



# The 12 Days of Christmas Boxes

In partnership with the Ryedale Foodbank

## Our school is supporting this wonderful appeal

### What is 'The 12 Days of Christmas Boxes' about?

'The 12 Days of Christmas Boxes' is a community-led appeal that aims to help make Christmas feel special for everyone in our community.

It started in 2022 under the name of the 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. It is a bit similar to the well-loved shoebox appeal, which invites people to make up a shoebox full of presents which are then distributed in time for Christmas to children around the world.

'The 12 Days Of Christmas Boxes' aims to bring some Christmas joy and support to local people in Ryedale. As a community we are making-up boxes, each containing 12 presents, such as seasonal foods, warm clothing (i.e. gloves, hats, scarfs), Christmas decorations and gifts. The boxes are then distributed by the Ryedale Community Foodbank to everyone who uses their service. The appeal has grown in line with the growing need in our community. The first year 150 boxes were donated, last year 400 boxes and this year the aim is to make up 600 boxes.

Everyone is invited to contribute - individuals, families, clubs and businesses - and our school is delighted to be participating too.

### So what can my child and I do to help ?

It would be wonderful if you could bring one **unwrapped** gift to school by **Monday 11th November**.

- **The value of the present is not important!!**
- What counts most is that it is **something your child would enjoy too!**
- This can either be a traditional present such as a toy, game, art and craft materials etc. or it could be a special treat or Christmas food - if it is food it must have a use-by date from January onwards.

Our gifts will then be put forward to be added to the '12 Days of Christmas Boxes'. These will be assembled by volunteers and distributed by the Foodbank in time for Christmas.

### Could I make a whole box or give a donation instead ?

Of course, either of these would be wonderful too 😊 !!

Please scan the QR code and you will find instructions on how to donate or make a whole box as well as more information about the appeal.



*Scan me*

**With huge thanks**

from 'The 12 Days of Christmas Boxes' team,  
the Foodbank and everyone who will receive the boxes