



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

December 2025 Issue 4



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As December begins and the season of Advent arrives, we start preparing for the joyful celebrations of Christmas. This week, all pupils will take part in an Advent service at church, and you are warmly invited to attend. Alongside this, we are marking Advent both in school and at home through our Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar. Each child will bring one home, and we encourage families to complete the activities together, reflecting on the importance of giving as well as receiving. To add some fun, our festive elf will be hidden around school each day, so remind your children to keep an eye out!

Our recent Interfaith Week was a wonderful success, beginning with inspiring contributions from local secondary school students and concluding with our exhibition. It was fantastic to welcome parents to see what the children had discovered and shared. The pupils demonstrated excellent speaking skills as they presented and explained the different religions and traditions they explored throughout the week. Please check the diary on the following page for details of the upcoming events and activities taking place in school over the next few weeks as we celebrate Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in school during the festive season.

Mr Murphy, Headteacher

This half term,
our School Value is
Forgiveness

and our Worship Theme is
Compassion

'Clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, gentleness and patience'

Colossians 3.12



Christmas Elf

Can you spot the elf around
school each day during
Advent?

Attendance

Attendance	Whole School November :	96.33%
	Class with best attendance:	4D - 98.6%
Punctuality	Whole School November :	97.98%
	Year with best punctuality:	Year 3 - 99.31%

December Diary dates

Date	Event
1st December	St. Andrew's Day—Uniformed Groups
2nd December	9:15am Yr 3 / 4 Advent Service at Church 1:45pm Yr 5 / 6 Advent Service at Church <i>All Parents Welcome</i>
2nd December	9am SEND Coffee Morning (Speech and Language)
2nd December	Christmas Film Night
5th December	Non school uniform day <i>Donation of a gift or treat for Christmas Fair</i>
8th/9th December	Year 6 Mosque Trips (see separate email)
10th December	Christingle Service in school 9am <i>All Parents Welcome</i>
11th December	Christmas Dinner Day (see next page) <i>Christmas Jumpers can be worn (with school uniform)</i>
12th December	Christmas Fair during the day for children (email to follow) <i>Christmas Jumpers can be worn (with school uniform)</i>
15th December	Tinsel Disco - (see separate email)
16th December	Y3 Christmas Performance 2.30pm (see separate email)
17th December	Y3 Christmas Performance 9.00am (see separate email)
17th December	Year 6 Fabulous Finish 2:45pm
18th December	Carols with the choir around the Christmas Tree 3:30– 4pm (separate message to be sent)
19th December	Whole School Panto am <i>Christmas Jumpers can be worn (with school uniform)</i>
19th December	Last Day of term
5th January 2026	Inset Day
6th January 2026	First day back to school for children

Music Performances

We look forward to inviting parents of children who have instrumental lessons in to school over the next few weeks to see their children perform. Please see a list of dates below. Some of these will take place in the Community Room.

Date	Event
9th December	Woodwind Performance 2:45 (Community Room)
11th December	Guitar Concert 2:45 (Community Room)
15th December	Recorder Performance 2:45 (Community Room)
19th December	Rock Steady Concert 2:15 (School Hall)
<p>Keyboard— due to a recent teacher change, we will arrange a concert for our keyboard players early in the new year.</p>	

Local Opportunities



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- All abilities welcome – no experience needed!
- Coaching workshops and games
- Both contact and non-contact (T1) game play

Local Event Details:

Date	Location	Time
07/12/2025	Birmingham Moseley RFC	12:30 - 15:15pm

Want to join in?

1. Find an event you are interested in
2. Sign up using the link below
3. Keep an eye out for upcoming events on findrugby.com



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Friends of St. Laurence PTA



As we bring the autumn term to a close, we have lots of festive fun planned! As always, we would like to say a huge **thank you** for all your support during this busy term. Our Wreath Making workshop was an enormous success and has given us a fantastic kickstart to the Advent period.

If you can spare anytime for any of the events below, please do get in touch. We hope the children enjoy the last few weeks of term and look forward to more fun in 2026!

December dates for the diary!

Tues 2nd Dec - Festive Film Night – tickets are now sold out, please collect children at 5.05pm. Christmas jumpers/accessories are welcome to be changed into after school.

Fri 5th Dec – Non uniform day – bring a gift for the “Treats Tombola”

Our tombola is all about the children! We welcome donations of any treat that a child would love to win! Sweets, chocolate, stationery, games, crafts – let your imagination run wild! All we ask is that donations are new and unwrapped please.

Thurs 11th Dec – Christmas Fair preparation at school, from 6pm (adults only please). Please sign up here if you can **volunteer** any time at the Preparation evening or on the Fair day

Volunteering form

Fri 12th Dec - Christmas Fair (during school day for the children, continuing after school for all to attend). Token cards can be purchased here.

Buy your Token Cards here

Mon 15th Dec - Tinsel Disco

Buy your Tinsel Disco tickets here

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL THE FRIENDS TEAM!



Safeguarding

How to Help Your Child with Anxiety Around Christmas

Gifts, gingerbread houses, advent calendars and chocolate. Trips to see Santa, trips to see his 'elves', ice skating, movies and more chocolate - the stuff of Christmas that children so often love. But for some children, the festive period can be a time that makes them anxious. Please see the website below for support if required.

[How To Help Your Child With Anxiety Around Christmas | YoungMinds](#)



Christmas

MENU

Main

Turkey

Quorn Fillet (V)

Chipolata sausage

Stuffing

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Mashed or Roast Potatoes

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2 veg – Broccoli, Carrots, Sweetcorn,
Roast Parsnips

Dessert

Cornflake Christmas Cake

OR

Iced Chocolate Sponge

We are excited for the whole school Christmas Dinner Day on Thursday 11th December. On this day, there will be **two** options for lunch, either a school Christmas Dinner or a packed lunch from home. A 'red' lunch will be a traditional Christmas dinner and a 'blue' lunch will be the vegetarian option - Quorn Fillet. Due to the expected high numbers choosing Christmas Dinner, lunch on this day will run from 12.00 until 1.30pm.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and does not want to have a Christmas Dinner, the kitchen can make a sandwich for them. If this is the case please let the school office know in advance.