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LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

The last day of term for the Infant and Junior Schools is Friday 19th December.

Please note the earlier

collection times:

Infants: 1.50pm
Juniors: 2pm

Both schools re-open on Mon 5th Jan.

MUSIC CONCERT AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Everyone is welcome for our Year 5 and 6
Steel Pans and Junior Choir concert next
Wednesday (10th December) at 2pm.



Monday 5th January 2026

WALSALL CIVIC SERVICE

Sunday 14th December—10.45am—St. Matthew's Church

The Blue Coat Schools are proud to once again participate in the Mayor of Walsall's Civic Service. Our Infant and Junior Choirs will be singing as part of this service and the service is followed by the choir children participating in the special Bun and Shilling Ceremony, continuing the hundreds of years old tradition of the Mayor of Walsall giving a bun and shilling to Blue Coat children.

The children in the choirs need to arrive at St. Matthew's Church at 10.15am in their school uniform where they will be met by Mrs.

Hayward.

All families are invited to attend this service and after the choirs have sung, the young church leaders have invited any children attending the service to join a children's Christmas Party that will take place in the St. Matthew's Centre during the service whilst the adults stay in the Civic Service.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend any events shown in bold italics although tickets may need to be booked.

| Tuesday 9 th | 1.45pm | Foundation Stage (pm Nursery & Reception) Christmas Performance—Tickets must be booked | |
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| Tuesday 9th | | 3.30pm Year 3 Disco 4.45pm Year 4 Disco—Tickets must be booked | |
| Wed 10 th | 9.45am | Foundation Stage (am Nursery & Reception) Christmas Performance—Tickets must be booked | |
| Wed 10th | 2pm | Years 5 and 6 Steel Pans and Junior Choir Concert – Junior School | |
| Thursday 11th | | 3.30pm Year 5 Disco 4.45pm Year 6 Disco—Tickets must be booked | |
| Tuesday 16th | 2pm | Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Performance—Tickets must be booked | |
| Wed 17 th | 9.30am | Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Performance—Tickets must be booked | |
| Thursday 18th | pm | Federation Christmas Parties | |
| Friday 19 th | 10.30am | Federation Christmas Service at St. Matthew's Church | |
| Friday 19 th | | Federation Christmas Dinner | |
| Friday 19th | 1.50pm | Infant School Term Ends | |
| | 2.00pm | Junior School Term Ends | |

Schools re-open for the children

JUNIOR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Due to some festive events taking place in the Junior School next week, there will be some after-school clubs cancelled.

This only applies to Junior Clubs next week, all Infant Clubs continue as normal next week.

| Junior Clubs Next Week - (Infant Clubs all as normal) | | | | |
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| Mon 8 th Dec | All clubs running as normal | Y3/4 Football and Debate Club as normal | | |
| Tues 9 th Dec | No Junior clubs | No multi-sports, choir or origami clubs | | |
| Wed 10 th Dec | All clubs running as normal | Gymnastics Club as normal | | |
| Thurs 11 th Dec | No Junior clubs | No Y4 times table, Y5/6 Football, 3/4 Craft or Rackets Cubed clubs | | |

Please also note that there are no extra-curricular after-school clubs in either the Infant or the Junior Schools for the last week of term.

None of this affects the daily provision of the Before and After School care Club run by Junior Adventures in the Junior School canteen building. This will continue to operate every day before and after school until the end of term.

FEDERATION CHRISTMAS PARTIES

All the infant and junior children will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon on Thursday 18th December. Children can wear their party clothes all day. They will be going out to play as normal so please ensure footwear is appropriate and they have their outdoor coats.

The children will receive a drink and party snacks from the PTA for their party. Father Christmas will visit all the infant classes during their party.

Years 5 and 6 will enjoy a visiting theatre
Christmas production of *Peter and the Wolf* during their party afternoon. This has been funded by the PTA.

PAST WORKSHOP—PARENTS AND STREET TEAMS

We welcome Street Teams who will be working in partnership with the Blue Coat community.

Do you find it concerning about some of the things children are exposed to online? Do you find it overwhelming to keep them safe online?

Street Teams understand how worrying it can be when your child is at risk, being influenced by others, or showing changes that concern you.

Street Teams will offer a friendly, welcoming session for parents and carers who want to:

- · Learn more about outside harms and how to keep their child safe
 - · Improve their own confidence and connection about online platforms
 - Offer advice how to reduce risk and keep their child safe online

Join a special workshop led by Street Teams at the Junior school on Tuesday 16th December 9am-10am. All parents/carers welcome.





CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Infants— Seahorses 98.28%

Juniors— 6BA 98.18%



FEDERATION CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Friday 19th December—10.30am

St. Matthew's Church

Don't miss our wonderful Christmas
Service on the last day of term. All the
Blue Coat Infant and Junior children from
Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part.



Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Matthew's Church for this special event.

NURSERY AND YEAR 2 FAMILIES PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE PREFERENCES

NURSERY AND YEAR 2 PARENTS/CARERS MUST SUBMIT PREFERENCES ONLINE BY 15TH JANUARY 2025

If your child will be 4 by 1st September 2026, you must submit your preferences for where you would like them to go to school when they move into Reception. *Children in our Nursery do not automatically move into our Reception. You must apply for a place through the local authority by 15th January 2026.*

If your child is in Year 2, you must submit your preferences for where you would like them to go to school when they move to Year 3. *Children in our Year 2 do not automatically move into our Junior School.*You must apply for a place through the local authority by 15th January 2026.

For further support please email:

familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

Junior Adventures are offering a holiday club for Infant and Junior children on Mon 22nd and Tues 23rd December and also Thurs 2nd January.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Throughout the period of Advent we are inviting children to bring donations for the Food Bank. Each class has a special Christmas box for children to place their donations in.



Please do not send any fresh food. All tinned food, fruit juice, long-life milk and toiletries like shower gel, shampoo and toothpaste are all very welcome.

Thank you for your generosity.

INFANT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We are excited for you to see our Infant School Christmas productions.

Tickets must be booked in advance and they are available from the Infant School office.



Nursery and Reception—Wriggly Nativity

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9th December 1.45pm

Wednesday 10th December 9.45am

Year 1 and Year 2—Angel Express

Tuesday 16th December 2pm

Wednesday 17th December 9.30am

PLEASE ORDER JUNIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you would like your Junior child to have a Christmas dinner on 19th December, please order on the App (parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login). Infant parents have already placed orders. Thank you.



UNWANTED UNIFORM, PE CLOTHES AND UNDERWEAR NEEDED IN THE INFANT SCHOOL

If you have unwanted school uniform, P E clothes or boys'/girls' underwear in good, clean condition that you can spare, please send it into the Infant School. We frequently use these items to offer children a change of clothes when needed.

Thank you for your help and support with this.

JUNIOR CHOIR CONCERT WITH THE WALSALL CHORAL SOCIETY— THIS SATURDAY

The Blue Coat Junior Choir will be singing at a concert with the Walsall Choral Society on Saturday 6th December at 6pm.

The concert is taking place at Broadway United Reformed Church, WS5 3PH.

Tickets £7 available on the door.