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INFANT AND JUNIOR CHOIR AND MUSIC EVENTS

Parents/Carers welcome at all these events

EVENT	LOCATION	TIME AND DATE	GROUPS PERFORMING
Infant and Junior Choir performance at the start of the Christmas	Blue Coat Junior School	3.30 to 3.45pm Friday 1st December	Infant and Junior Choirs
Infant and Junior Choir performance at Walsall Central Methodist Hall	Walsall Central Methodist Hall opposite Lidl	Afternoon—time to be confirmed Tuesday 5th December	Infant and Junior Choirs
Years 5 and 6 Brass, Woodwind and Strings	Blue Coat Junior School	2pm Wednesday 6th December	Years 5 and 6 Brass, Woodwind and Strings
Concert hosted by the Walsall Choral Society	Broadway United Reformed Church - (Corner of Gility Avenue) Walsall WS5 3PH	5.30 pm Saturday 9th December	Junior Choir
Civic Service	St. Matthew's Church	10.45 am Sunday 10th December	Infant Choir Junior Dance Group
Years 5 and 6 Steel Pans Group, Infant and Junior	Blue Coat Junior School	2pm Wednesday 13th December	Year 5 and 6 Steel Pans Infant and Junior Choirs
Federation Christmas Service	St. Matthew's Church	10.30am Friday 22nd December	Infant and Junior Choirs Junior Dance

NURSERY AND YEAR 2 PARENTS/CARERS NEED TO APPLY FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 PLACES NOW



All Nursery and Year 2 parents/carers have been emailed a letter from Walsall Council explaining the school admissions application process.

Nursery and Year 2 parents/carers must submit preferences for a place in Reception or Year 3 by 15th January.

Even if your child currently attends our Nursery or Year 2, you must still apply for a Blue Coat place if you want them to continue at Blue Coat in the Infant or Junior Schools.

Both Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools are extremely popular and oversubscribed every year. You must submit an application online by the 15th January, otherwise your child is likely to be allocated a place at a different school.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

If you would like some support completing your preferences, please email:

familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Or leave a message at one of the school offices.

Walsall Library also offers a free service supporting you to complete all Walsall Council forms including School Preferences.

JUNIOR SCHOOL—READING PACT WORKSHOPS

Feedback from parents/carers regarding our PACT workshops continues to be extremely positive with many requests for more to be held! We are pleased to offer some Reading focused PACT workshops this half term in the Junior School.



Year 5	Tuesday 28th November 9am
Year 6	Tuesday 12th December 9am

**ENJOY A FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW AT
WALSALL CENTRAL METHODIST HALL**

Saturday 2nd December 5.30pm

Tickets are completely free and must be booked.
Go online to book now and avoid disappointment!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-avdekdr>



You can get a taster of what a fantastic show this
will be at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIQmZi6hDoE>

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER—NEXT FRIDAY!

Have your photo with Santa!

***Festive Food Games
Amusements***

Delicious Refreshments

Fun and Prizes!

Starting 3.45pm—Blue Coat Junior School



THIS WEEK'S CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants: Dolphins — 98.3%

Juniors: 3EP — 100%



UPCOMING EVENTS

*Parents/Carers invited to all events shown in italics
and marked with ***.*

*Please note that for all the Infant School Christmas
Performances tickets will be required and must be
booked in advance.*

Friday 1st Dec	3.45pm	Christmas Bazaar	<i>Junior School</i>
Wed 6th Dec ***	2pm	Year 5 & 6 Strings, Brass, Woodwind and Choir concert	<i>Junior School</i>
Tues 12th Dec ***	1.45pm	pm Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance	<i>Infant School</i>
Wed 13th Dec ***	9.45am	am Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance	<i>Infant School</i>
Wed 13th Dec ***	2pm	Year 5 & 6 Steel Pans, Infant and Junior Choir Concert	<i>Junior School</i>
Tues 19th Dec ***	2pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance	<i>Infant School</i>
Wed 20th Dec ***	9.15am	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance	<i>Infant School</i>
Thurs 21st Dec	Afternoon	Christmas Parties	<i>Both schools</i>
Fri 22nd Dec ***	10.30am	Federation Christmas Service	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Fri 22nd Dec		Christmas Lunch	<i>Both schools</i>

Fri 22nd Dec Term ends:

1.50pm Infants and 2pm Juniors

Both schools re-open on Monday 8th January

PTA NOTICES

The Christmas Bazaar is on Friday 1st December at the Junior School after school

The PTA needs your help to make this event shine!

We need several willing volunteers to help us set up and run stalls on the day, please pop Mel an email if you are able to assist: msuttor@gmail.com. All volunteers will get a £5 card to spend at the fair on the day!

If you are not able to help on the day but want to assist with the preparation of items ready for the Bazaar, please also email Mel as we do have many tasks that will need to be completed beforehand.

We require donations of the following items to be brought to the schools by 29th November. As always, please ensure items are clean, complete and without damage:

- ♦ *Glass Jars - please send jam jars and sauce jars with lids*
- ♦ *Kitchen Roll inners, we require the cardboard inners from your kitchen rolls (we are unable to take toilet roll inners)*
- ♦ *Soft toys your children no longer require*
- ♦ *Pre-loved books in good condition*
- ♦ *Knitting wool*



CIVIC SERVICE—BUN AND SHILLING CEREMONY

For hundred of years the Blue Coat children have been part of an important Walsall tradition. After the Civic Service each year, some Blue Coat children have been presented with a Bun and Shilling by the Mayor of Walsall.

This year's Civic Service is taking place at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday 10th December at 10.45am. The Infant Choir and Junior Dance Group will be giving special presentations during the service.

The Bun and Shilling ceremony will take place at the end of the service.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Civic Service.

THE NATIVITY—BOOK TICKETS NOW

LIVE PERFORMANCE AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

The Nativity is a new adaptation of the story of the birth of Jesus, as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

This unmissable community theatre production takes the story back to the basic:, the shepherds are labourers who don't wear dressing gowns; the Magi are figures of authority; Herod is a frustrated vassal of Rome; and Mary and Joseph are a young couple facing enormous responsibility.



The
NATIVITY

A COMMUNITY THEATRE RETELLING
OF THE NATIVITY STORY

Performances on
FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7PM
SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER, 2.30PM & 7PM

All tickets £5. Book now at
www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/nativity

 **st matthews**
church



Meet Santa!

DON'T MISS IT!!!

BLUE COAT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER— 3.45PM

BLUE COAT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Games

Prizes

Festive Food

Refreshments