



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 6th December 2024

Carols by candlelight



Our junior 'Carols by candlelight' service will be taking place in the church on Tuesday 10th December.

Families are invited to enjoy mulled wine/hot chocolate etc in the parish hall foyer from 5.15pm onwards,

which is being provided by our FOB parents.

The children will go into the church at 5.30pm and the doors will open to parents at 5.50pm, ready for a 6.00pm start.

Nativity Plays

Our Reception and infant children will be performing their amazing nativities next week. The days and times are below:

Reception

- Tuesday 10th December at 1.45pm (babies/young children can attend)
- Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am (adults only)

Year 1 and 2

- Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am (babies/young children can attend)
- Wednesday 11th December at 1.45pm (adults only)

If you have babies or young children, we ask you to attend the Tuesday performance where children are allowed. Please note, during the adult only performances, parents with babies or young children will not be permitted.

Lateness

We have noticed a growing number of children arriving late in the mornings.

Arriving late can be disruptive for children, often leaving them feeling unsettled and, in some cases, upset. It can also cause them to miss important learning at the start of the day.

The official start time for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, is 8.35am and the juniors' day begins at 8.40am, with a soft start from 8.35am.

Please endeavour to bring your children into school on time. Thank you.

Upcoming events

- Tue 10th Dec – Y1/2 nativity (buggies and babies) @9.30am
- Tue 10th Dec – Reception nativity (buggies and babies) @1.45pm
- Tue 10th Dec – Carols by candlelight, Church @6pm
- Wed 11th Dec – Reception nativity (adults only) 9.30am
- Wed 11th Dec – KS1 nativity (adults only) @1.45pm
- Thu 12th Dec – Choir performing for Age UK @12.30pm
- Thu 19th Dec – Party day (own clothes)
- Thu 19th Dec – Nursery party (stay & craft). Last day for Nursery
- Fri 20th Dec – End of term @12.50pm (Rec/KS1) @1.00pm (KS2)
- Mon 6th Jan – INSET day for teachers (school closed)
- Tue 7th Jan – Children to return to school

Choir



Well done to our choir who have been entertaining the passengers at Heathrow Airport with their festive singing this afternoon.

The children have been performing at the airport's Plaza Lounge, where we are sure the passengers have been put into the Christmas spirit with their wonderful singing.

Well done to all the children that took part and thank you to the adults who accompanied them.

Attendance

Last week, class 4B were our attendance winners with 100% attendance for the week. We know that there has been a lot of chicken pox around this week so attendance has not been quite as high. Well done though to classes 3M and 4N, who both managed attendance of 96% +.

The following classes will receive extra play for having the best attendance in their phase: Reception I, 1B/2P, 4N and 5B/5J and 6W.

Each class's individual attendance is shown below:

Class	% of attendance
Reception C	93%
Reception D	92%
Reception I	95%
1B	94%
1H	93%
1W	93%
2C	65%
2L	92%
2P	94%
3B	90%
3M	96%
3P	83%
4A	95%
4B	93%
4N	98%
5B	94%
5J	94%
5S	91%
6B	93%
6S	92%
6W	94%



Clubs

Just a reminder that all clubs (with the exception of multi-skills, which will continue) have now finished for the autumn term.

Leggings

We have noticed a number of children, particularly in Year 6, wearing leggings as part of their PE kit. Our school uniform policy states the following:

P.E days: Navy blue P.E shorts (jogging bottoms if preferred in the winter,) and white polo shirts. Black or white trainers not astros/blades/bubbles/basketball mid/high tops.
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Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE uniform, as leggings are not appropriate.

Prayer and Reflection

The coming Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent which represents peace and gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting and ready ourselves for his second coming.

This is a time to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are busy, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making time in our lives for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

Father, prepare our hearts

to celebrate your birth joyfully!

We thank you for faithfully doing

what you promised long ago,

when you sent your Son to earth,

so that we might have the chance

to become part of your family.

Let the promise of your second coming inspire us

to live with hope and purpose. Amen.

