



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 29th November 2024

Carols by candlelight



Our junior Carols by candlelight service will be taking place in the church on Tuesday 10th December starting at 6.00pm.

The children who are performing will need to be dropped off at 5.30pm. Families are then invited to enjoy mulled wine and/or hot chocolate outside the church, which is being provided by our FOB parents from 5.30pm – 5.50pm.

Families can enter the church at 5.50pm ready for the children to begin at 6.00pm.

Thank you

We would like to say a massive thank you to our school choir who sang beautifully at the parish's Christmas bazaar last Saturday. We also want to thank Ella and Sophie, for being amazing Elves and helping Santa with all the children at the bazaar. We are proud of you all.

#DoSomethingThisHoliday (for children in Years 4-6)

The Hillingdon Youth Offer's Targeted Team is offering a fun-filled winter programme during the Christmas school holiday for the enjoyment and growth of children and young people in Hillingdon.

Across the action-packed days, expect activities ranging from creative arts, STEM, sports to cooking aimed at fostering fun, creativity, teamwork skills and improved well-being.

It is a fantastic opportunity for our young residents to learn new skills, make friends, and create lasting memories.

Details of the winter programme are below:

School years 4-6

- Tuesday 24th December 2024, 10am-3pm at Ruislip Young People's Centre, Bury Street, Ruislip, HA4 7SX
- Tuesday 31st December 2024, 10am-3pm at Harlington Young People's Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, UB3 4ES

Lunch is provided. Please send your child with a refillable water bottle and weather/activity-appropriate clothes your child can move in/get messy in.

Upcoming events

- Fri 6th Dec – Choir performing at Heathrow Airport
- 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
- Thu 12th Dec – Choir performing for Age UK @12.30pm
- Wed 11th Dec – Reception nativity (adults only) 9.30am
- Wed 11th Dec – KS1 nativity (adults only) @1.45pm
- 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)

To get involved, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/targeted-programmes to make a referral. After reviewing the referral our team will be contact with the #DoSomethingThisHoliday booking form. Please note: limited places available.

Attendance

Our school is making attendance a priority this year as low attendance can have such a dramatic impact on the progress and attainment of our children. The government's recommendation for attendance is at least 96%, which we are striving to attain for every child.

Each week, we will be displaying the weekly attendance for each class and looking to see as many greens as possible. The winning class in each phase will get extra playtime during the week. So well done to the following classes: Reception C, 2L, 2P, 4B and 6W, who have the highest attendance in their phase. An extra special well done to 4B who managed to get 100% attendance last week.

Class	% of attendance
Reception C	96%
Reception D	86%
Reception I	94%
1B	89%
1H	95%
1W	97%
2C	90%
2L	98%
2P	98%
3B	86%
3M	93%
3P	85%
4A	84%
4B	100%
4M	94%
5B	96%
5J	98%
5S	86%
6B	91%
6S	94%
6W	97%



Hillingdon Council Christmas card winner



We want to say a huge well done to Neriah in Year 2 who was the runner up in Hillingdon Council's Christmas card competition.

Her Christmas tree design will now form part of the official Christmas card being sent by Councillor Ian Edwards, the leader of Hillingdon Council.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday, 1st December, marks the beginning of the new Liturgical Year with the first Sunday of Advent; the time of waiting for the Lord. Since ancient times, people have marked the passage of time with the light of the sun. In this holy season of Advent, we observe the passage of time through the light of the candles on the advent wreath, each candle representing another week closer to the radiance of the new-born Son, Jesus. Our anticipation for His glorious arrival can teach us much about patience as well as sharing the flame of our faith. The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the “Prophet's Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming.

Advent Prayer:

During this Advent season,

Open our eyes anew to the needs of all;

Inspire us with words and deeds

to comfort those who labour and are burdened;

Keep our service of others faithful to the example of Jesus Christ.

Let us all be a living witness to truth and freedom

So that all people may listen to his voice.

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

