

St. John's CE Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 5 December 2025



Coming up

Date	Time	Location	Event
Fri 05 Dec 2025	15.15 - 17.30	WR	Whole School PTA Christmas Fair & Dress Up Day
Mon 08 Dec 2025	9.30 - 10.15	LRR	Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tue 09 Dec 2025	12.30 - 15.30	Spiegeltent	Y2 Christmas Concert
Tue 09 Dec 2025	9.30 - 10.15	LRR	Y1 Nativity
Wed 10 Dec 2025	9.30 - 10.15	LRR	Y1 Nativity
Wed 10 Dec 2025	13.15 - 14.45	Redland Park URC	Y3 D Boats, Y3 Kites & half Y3 Balloons Christmas Tale
Wed 10 Dec 2025	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Cygnets Forest School
Thu 11 Dec 2025	9.00 - 10.30	Redland Park URC	Y3 Harbour, Y3 Carnival & half Y3 Balloons Christmas Tale
Thu 11 Dec 2025	9.30 - 10.30	LRR	EYFS Nativity (Cygnets & Goslings at 9.30, Ducklings at 10.00)
Mon 15 Dec 2025	13.00 - 15.00	WR	Y5&6 Class Christmas Parties
Mon 15 Dec 2025	13.00 - 15.15	LRR	LRR Class Christmas Parties
Tue 16 Dec 2025	8.30 - 11.30	All Saints	Y3&4 Carol Concert Rehearsals
Tue 16 Dec 2025	12.00 - 13.00	LRR	LRR Christmas Lunch
Tue 16 Dec 2025	18.30 - 20.00	All Saints	Whole School Carol Concert, Y6 Candlelit Procession & Y3&4 Nativity - all families welcome
Wed 17 Dec 2025	9.30 - 10.30	Redland Park URC	Whole School Christmas Sing-a-Long & Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 17 Dec 2025	13.00 - 15.00	WR	Y3&4 Class Christmas Parties
Wed 17 Dec 2025	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Cygnets Forest School
Thu 18 Dec 2025	12.00 - 13.00	WR	WR Christmas Lunch
Fri 19 Dec 2025		Both Sites	Whole School (children only) Christingle (LRR am / WR pm)
Mon 05 Jan 2026	All day	Both Sites	Whole School INSET DAY

INSET Days 2025-2026 Mon 5 Jan Fri 13 Feb

[Click here to view the school calendar](#)



For Action

Who?	When?	What?
Whole School	by Mon 08 Dec	<p>Make sure you have booked your child's Christmas lunch by Mon 8th Dec (LRR 16th Dec, WR 18th Dec). Parentpay will show the normal menu but order the meat, vegetarian or Halal option as appropriate, there will not be a jacket potato option so please do not choose this. See menu below. WR children may bring in a Christmas accessory to wear on the 18th.</p> <p>To avoid two roasts in a row on Xmas lunch week, on Wednesday 17th we will have the menu that would have been served on the Tuesday at LRR and on the Thursday at WR. This means on Wednesday 17th the 2 sites will be serving a different meal to each other. ParentPay won't change so order meat / veggie / halal, as appropriate.</p>
Whole School	by Mon 15 Dec	Christmas Post - The last day to post a letter is Monday 15th December, please make sure a full name and class are written on the envelope.
Whole School	Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Sing-a-Long - children can come to school in a Christmas jumper, please bring a £1 donation for Children with Cancer UK, and to support our partner school in Uganda. If you are able to help walk to and from the church please contact your class teacher.
Whole School	Wed 10 Dec	Shine January to Easter '26 Club bookings open next week! All Shine After School Clubs will be open for booking on Wed 10th Dec at 1.00pm. Link to book: Infant School and Junior School. Shine can be contacted by 01174 033 033 or info@MyShine.co.uk. Places are limited and can sell out, so book early to avoid disappointment. See you at Shine!

Don't forget to book your **Festive Holiday Clubs** by Sunday 7th December to save 20% using our **Early Booker offer!**

Cygnets	Wed 10 & 17 Dec	Children to come to school in base layers for Forest School afternoon, bring wellies and water proofs. Please sign up if you are able to help: Cygnets Forest School Sign Up
EYFS	Mon 15 Dec	Children may come to school in their party gear for the class Christmas party . Bring some food in a named container (no nuts).
Kestrels	Thursdays until 08 Jan	Volunteers are required for Forest School on Thursday afternoons, please sign up if you are able to help: Kestrels Class Forest School sign up
Y1	ASAP	Tickets for the Y1 Nativity are now available on Parentmail, maximum 2 tickets per family.
Y1&2	Mon 15 Dec	Children may come to school in their party gear for the class Christmas party . Bring some food in a named container (no nuts).
Y2	ASAP	Make payment for the Spiegel tent trip
D Boats, Kites & Balloons	Wed 10 Dec	Parent volunteers are required to help walk to and from the church for the Christmas Tale , please contact your class teacher if you are able to help.
Y3&4	Wed 17 Dec	Children may come to school in their party gear for the class Christmas party . Bring some food in a named container (no nuts).
Y3&4	Tue 16 Dec	Year 3&4 children should be dropped off between 8.30-8.45am at All Saints for the carol concert rehearsals , please can actors and dancers bring in their costumes in a bag. For the evening carol concert Y3&4 children should arrive at All Saints at 6.00pm already in their costumes. Y6 children need to arrive by 6.15pm.
Y5&6	Mon 15 Dec	Children may come to school in their party gear for the class Christmas party . Bring some food in a named container (no nuts).



School News

Click on the news item below to see more on our website

Online Safety

The wonderful team at Internet Matters.org have created a guide to support parents with neurodivergent children from falling for scams in their favourite games. We think it is worth all parents/carers reading it and using its top tips with all children who play online. [Please follow this link for the guide.](#)

Next week we will be sharing more information from Kooth about Cyberbullying - how to spot it and what to do.

The Great St John's Shave Off

Thank you to all the staff that took part - Mr Hoyer, Mr Weir, Mr Allcock, Mr Hughes, Mr Samaras, Mr Woods, Mr Cheung, Mr Poole and we are delighted to share that Mr Weir is recovering well. Click [here](#) for further information and pictures.

Service Questions



In services this week, we have been helping ourselves and others to 'fly high like an eagle' by reflecting on these questions: What is Advent? What do some Christians do during Advent? Do you do anything during Advent?

PTA Christmas Fair



On Friday 5th December, straight after school, the Worrall Road school hall and the surrounding classes will be alive with activity! Come join us and kick start the festive season! There will be fun games and stalls, hot food and a well stocked bar serving mulled wine and other beverages. Each class or 2 is responsible for running a stall, please support your class rep by [signing up to volunteer](#) to help out.

Raffle Tickets

Be in with a chance to win one of the prizes in this year's PTA Christmas Raffle! A huge thank you to all the donors who have offered prizes so far. Winners announced at the Christmas Fair on 5th December. Buy tickets on Classlist here: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/raffle/view/1405150725>.

Creativity Club

The OG Creativity Club is bookable for next year now! Mondays @ LRR for yrs 1&2 and Thursdays @ WR for yrs 3-6. Devised by Emma from Chandos Atelier and delivered by professional makers with years of experience, these are an hour of creative exploration using art materials. Enriching and imaginative, they develop skills and resilience, teaching techniques and methods rather than giving follow-along instructions - perfect for creative kids and art adventurers! <https://www.chandosatelier.co.uk/bookings>

See flyer below about a [Christmas Creativity Day](#) on Monday 22nd December.

Music Club

Spaces now open for lunchtime ukulele club & After school guitar club for both St Johns sites (terms 3 & 4). Contact Mr Bee at bristolguitarkids@gmail.com for more info. Hurry as spaces are very popular!!

Christmas through the Keyhole at Redland Church

An interactive trail that gives children a glimpse into the lives of the Nativity characters running at Redland church between Monday 8th December and Saturday 13th December. See flyer at the bottom of the bulletin.

Leave of Absence

[Leave of Absence Request Form](#) Please note this needs to be completed 2 weeks before your leave. Absence due to visiting a new school should be reported on Parentmail not on this form.

ST. JOHN'S PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SECRETS ROOM
TOY TOMBOLA
SPLAT THE ELF
RAFFLE PRIZES
STORIES IN SANTA'S GROTTO

FRIDAY 5 DEC
3.30 TO 5.30 AT WORRALL ROAD
HOT & COLD FOOD / BAR

ELF WARNING: THERE WILL BE FUN STALLS ... THERE WILL BE DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINKS ... THERE WILL BE STORIES IN SANTA'S GROTTO ... AND OF COURSE ... THERE WILL BE ELVES

FOOD FESTIVAL

FESTIVE FUN

EYFS – Y2: 16th December
Y3 – Y6: 18th December

Roast Turkey & Stuffing (Halal option available)
Or
Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath
With
Roasties, Yorkshire Pudding, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Rudolph's Nose Cookie
Or
Christmas Shortbread

Chandos Atelier's

Xmas Creativity Day

Mon December 22nd - 10.30-3pm - Ages 7+

A large wooden Christmas tree and a hand-made cushioned bauble to design, paint and decorate. Plus plenty of options for card making, label printing and other sparkly, Christmassy delights!

"My daughter absolutely LOVES Christmas and this was the perfect way for her to get in to the festive spirit - it's always so creative at Chandos Atelier!"

www.chandosatelier.co.uk/bookings/p/christmas

JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO SHINE HOLIDAY CLUBS

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HORFIELD HENLEAZE

REDLANDCHURCH CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

A free multi-sensory, interactive trail that gives children a glimpse into the lives of the Nativity characters!

RUNNING AT REDLAND CHURCH 8TH-13TH DEC

IMMERSIVE ZONES | CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
REFRESHMENTS | MEET THE NATIVITY CHARACTERS

All the family welcome!

MONDAY 8TH DEC | 3:30PM - 5:30PM
All ages welcome
Last entry 5 pm

TUESDAY 9TH DEC | 10AM - 12PM
Teeny Tiny Session - toddler + pre school ages
Last entry 11am

SATURDAY 13TH DEC | 10AM - 12:30PM
All ages welcome
Last entry 11:30am

77TH REDLAND PARK SCOUTS

Christmas Tree Sale

At Redland Park United Reform Church
Sat 29th Nov & 6th Dec (9:00- 14:00)
13th Dec (13:00- 16:00)
Order online or buy on the day.

Order online at
77thbristolscoutgroup.co.uk/christmas-trees/

RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT
POWERED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

You are invited to
THE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Clifton College **Sunday 3rd May 2026**

Registration Deadline **Friday 19th December 2025**

Register Here

- Create a team of four children, then choose your team name!
- Select one parent to register your team's interest in the event via the link above (you will need all participant names and their parent/guardian's email)
- You will receive an email to confirm if your team has or hasn't been successful 3 weeks after the deadline date given above
- If your team is given a place, we will email all parents within the team to invite them to register their child for the event

Fundraising & RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

Each participant must fundraise a minimum of £60, with a target of £100. You can set up an online Just Giving page or download a sponsorship form. Your fundraising supports Restless Development: a global charity who champions the collective power of young people to create a better world. Watch [this video](#) to learn more!

[Head to our FAQs for more info and to find out what's included!](#)

Year Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
Year 3 & 4	50m	1000m	750m
Year 5 & 6	50m	1000m	750m
Year 7 & 8	50m	2000m	750m

Each participant completes these distances.

SCHOOLS TRIATHLON
Knight Frank

VOLUNTEER at the Schools Triathlon!

Come and join us for the most exciting event in the school calendar and volunteer at the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon.

When? Sunday 3rd May 2026
Where? Clifton College

What will I be doing?
No experience is needed. Just bring bags of energy and enthusiasm. You'll support us to:

- Welcome budding young triathletes and their families at Registration.
- Event Support, help triathletes during their swim, cycle or run
- Hand out medals and sweets to our excited finishers
- Car Parking, welcome them and wave them off.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
TO BECOME AN EVENT VOLUNTEER**

How long do I need to volunteer for?
You can either help for the full day (8am-5pm) or half a day (either AM or PM)

We'll provide you with a free t-shirt and complementary refreshments.

What next?
Sign up today using this link to get all the information you need - and feel free to share it with friends and family so they can join too!

Without the presence of our incredible volunteers working together this event wouldn't be possible. By volunteering

Restless Development
Every year, over 10,000 young triathletes take part in the Schools Triathlons and raise over £1.2 million for Restless Development and 100s of different charities chosen by participating schools. It's the UK's largest sports fundraising event for children aged between 7-13 years old.

Restless Development
We are a global charity who supports the collective power of young people to create a better world. Every year we train, mentor, nurture and connect thousands of young people to lead positive change in their communities; supporting them to tackle challenges they face such as lack of education, unemployment and climate change. Watch [this](#)

