

Hartlebury CE Primary School

December 2024

Newsletter



In this Season of Advent

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life” John 3:16

Monthly Church Worship Thursday 5th December 2024 at 9am, St James’ Church

Please join us at St. James’ Church on Thursday 5th December for our monthly Church Worship assembly at 8.55am. The Worship Group will lead an assembly based on ‘Advent’.

Children in Need – Thank you!

We supported Children in Need again this year and our children all looked spotacular! Thank you to those who made coin donations, we filled and filled two Pudsey Bears and your generosity raised over £159.

Dogs Trust Assembly

On Thursday 12th December, children will be taking part in a Dog’s Trust assembly and workshop, specifically looking at safety around dogs, care of animals and responsible dog ownership. Charlotte will be bringing along her puppet dog but no real dogs will be in school on this day.

Cold Weather - Appropriate clothing

Please can all children be sent to school with a coat during the winter period. We only have very limited spares and, unfortunately, not in all sizes so we very much appreciate you wrapping up your little (and big) ones as warmly as possible.

Nativities and Christmas Concerts

A reminder of our Christmas performances:

Thursday 5th December - Whole School Church Worship at St James’ at **9am**

Tuesday 10th December – Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Concert at St James’ Church at **6pm**

Wednesday 11th December - - Key Stage 1 Nativity **2pm** and **5pm**

Thursday 12th December - EYFS Nativity at **2pm**

Friday 20th December - Christmas End of Term Service at St James’ Church at **9am**

All things Eco! - Christmas Jumper Swap Shop - Friday 6th December

As lots of you will remember, last year we did a Christmas jumper exchange as part of our ongoing efforts as an Eco Green Flag school! I am happy to say that we will be doing this again this year on Friday 6th December, and any donations would be wonderful! This is a great opportunity to get rid of any Christmas jumpers your child may have outgrown and pick up another- recycling at its best! If you do have any donations for the exchange these can either be dropped off to the school office or sent to Mrs Branagh.

PTA cakes, hot chocolates and Christmas jumper swap shop! Friday 6th December

Alongside Friday's Christmas Jumper Swap, we will have **Claire from All About Cake** with some **festive treats** and the **PTA will be providing hot chocolate** on the playground after school. All payments will be **cash only**. We hope to see as many of you as possible joining us to enjoy some festive treats!

Santa Dash and Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December

On **Friday 13th December** we are having a **Christmas Jumper Day!** Your children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper on that day! They will also be asked to take part in a **Santa Dash** around the school playground. Why not wear your Santa hat to school or wear some tinsel as a scarf, as well as a Christmas Jumper?

Children always look forward to the Santa Dash; they will trot like a reindeer, stroll like Santa, skip like an elf and stomp like a snowman for 15 minutes, completing the course as many times as they can in that time. By taking part, we are hoping to raise as much money as we can for Hartlebury Primary School PTA. Your child will be coming home with a sponsorship form which needs to be returned to school in a sealed envelope, with any money raised by **Friday 13th December**.

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 19th December 2024

Christmas Lunch is Thursday 19th December. It will be a roast with a Christmas theme! There is no additional cost to this meal. AIP will be making the booking available from next week.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme - Winter 2024

The Worcestershire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is back for winter 2024!

During the school holidays, eligible families can book FREE holiday activities, family passes and events through the programme. Funded by the Department for Education, HAF is primarily for children in receipt of benefits related to Free School Meals aged 5-16, however, the programme does support other children and young people otherwise considered vulnerable (including LAC, SEND and refugee status).

Families can search and book activities through the HAF booking site. School holidays can be a difficult time for families, we want to make sure the HAF Programme reaches as many of those who need it as possible. More information about the programme is available on the [Worcestershire County Council website](#) or you can contact the HAF Team at providers@hafworcestershire.co.uk

SEND News - Occupational Therapy

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care Trust are pleased to share their latest Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line [poster](#). This is their Universal Provision that aims to support with any questions or concerns that parents and carers may have related to a child's occupational therapy needs related to participating in self-care, productivity, leisure and play. Please refer to the poster for more information. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Fiona Petts, Children's Occupational Therapist via email at fiona.petts@nhs.net or call 01905 681883.

Pre-School and Reception Places - September 2025 Intake

Do you know of children looking for places here at Hartlebury? Are you a parent/carer looking for a Pre-School or a Reception place for September 2025? Do please book a visit where our children and staff will be delighted to showcase our fabulous school.

Sports News

Well done to all of our cross-country runners who took part in the Wyre Forest sports partnership cross country event at Stourport Memorial Park on Friday 15th November 2024. The children showed brilliant perseverance throughout all the races. There were some very quick competitors this year, we can't wait for next year!

Some of our children had a wonderful time on Thursday 7th November 2024 taking part in the Worcestershire Games Sensory Adventure Walk on the field. Children had a super time using all of their senses to develop their movement in nature. Great work children!

In PE this half term, Year 3 and Year 2 have been working with Coach Chloe from AJB Sports. Coach Chloe said how impressed she was with the children's PE skills and that she always looks forward to coming to Hartlebury to work with our children. Well done Year 2 and 3!



Wimbledon Opportunity!

Last week, an email was sent out about an amazing opportunity for **8 of our Year 5/6 children** to go to the **Wimbledon Tennis Championships** on **Wednesday 2nd July 2025**.



Mrs Moulder and Mrs Bartlett took 8 children last year and we had the most amazing time! After this email was sent last week, we have only had 3 children register their interest. **If you would like to register your interest then please let the school office know by 3pm on Wednesday 4th December.** Due to the nature of the event we are on a very strict deadline. If you are registering your interest, you are also agreeing that you will be able to pay the cost of the trip by **9am on Friday 6th December 2024.**

We have the tickets for half price but the day will cost around **£150** once we have covered the transport cost (this price may reduce depending on quotes for minibuses). This is a brilliant opportunity for the children and we hope you will be keen to register your child's interest.

12 Days for Christmas

Following the success of our Kidderminster Food Bank Advent Calendar donation last year, this December, we will be holding a reverse advent calendar event from December 2nd to 17th (12 school days). Below is a list of 12 items from which families can choose to donate, should they wish or are able to, for our Christmas Food Bank box. All donations collected will be taken to Kidderminster Food Bank for distribution to those in our community experiencing food poverty or insecurity this Christmas. Thank you so much to all those who have donated so far.

The items the Foodbank have requested are:

- [Tinned cold meat](#)
- [Packet Pasta in Sauce](#)
- [Biscuits](#)
- [Crisps](#)
- [Chocolate bars](#)
- [Custard](#)
- [Deodorant](#)
- [Toothpaste](#)
- [Toothbrushes](#)
- [Shower Gel](#)
- [Shampoo](#)
- [Conditioner](#)

Traditional Christmas Service Friday 20th December at 9am

Remember our end of term Christmas Service - everyone is invited! This is a traditional service; led by Year 6 and helps to remind us what Christmas is really about. We hope you can join us and just take a small moment in your Christmas preparations for some 'STOP' time ... and maybe stay for a coffee and a mince pie too!

This important event will also be an opportunity to thank Mrs Unitt for the incredible contributions she has made to our school over the past 13 years. She has made such a positive impact on so many children's lives and for this we will always be grateful. Mrs Unitt will be stepping back from the Executive Head role in December but will return weekly, in an advisory role for the Severn Academies Education Trust, in January. Mrs Shelley Reeves - Walters, currently Executive Head of Wolverley Seabright and Far Forest Primary Schools, will be our new Executive Head from January and we are looking forward to welcoming her into our thriving school community.

Our school day finishes at **3.15pm on Friday 20th December**. Children can be collected from outside of their classrooms as normal.

Diary Dates

Please also look out for information directly from your child's Class Teacher regarding class trips this term.

December

Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 5th at 9am

Rocksteady Concert - Monday 9th at 2pm

Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Concert at St James' Church at **6pm** - Tuesday 10th

Key Stage 1 Nativity **2pm** and **5pm** - Wednesday 11th

Dogs Trust Assembly - Thursday 12th

EYFS Nativity at **2pm** - Thursday 12th

Christmas End of Term Service at St James' Church at **9am** - Friday 20th

January

Children return for the Spring Term - Tuesday 7th

Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 9th at 9am

Energy Savers Week - Monday 20th - Friday 24th