



Bomere & the XI Towns Federation

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School Newsletter

Second Half Autumn Term 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting and busy run up to Christmas! We would like to begin by welcoming Amy Morgan-Brown and Mwinga Kanguya to our team. Amy is joining us as Office Co-ordinator and Mimi will be joining the EYFS team in nursery.

Pupil admissions

The Shropshire primary school admission round for pupils born between 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021 is now open. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025. If you have a child who would be starting school in September 2025, then please visit the Shropshire Council school admissions page for further information.

The transferring to a secondary school admission round has now closed. If you have missed the deadline, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

School Car Park

A polite reminder that the yellow box in front of the pedestrian crossing should be kept clear at all times please. Parents/visitors to the school should also avoid using the staff car park. We ask everyone to use the designated parking spaces in the school car park when picking up and dropping off. If the car park is full, please use on street parking.

Attendance/Absence

We pride ourselves on our pupil attendance record at St John the Baptist CE School and Nursery. Please could you notify school by 9:00am if your child is absent via phone call.

Safer Schools

Safer Schools is a risk management approach to school security, created by West Mercia Police and supported by Shropshire Council. Twenty years after the school's accreditation, a *Safer School* meeting was recently held at St. John the Baptist CE Primary School and Nursery.

An essential element of *Safer Schools* involves communicating with governors, staff, pupils, parents/carers, Police, Council and this is reflected by the school holding a *Safer School* meeting, parent/carer/pupil surveys and newsletters. During the meeting, we reviewed security/safety, reflected on any issues and planned for the future. It was a positive meeting and the pupils were really involved and contributed to the meeting – excellent work.

Diary Dates

Mon 4th Nov

Non-pupil day

Tues 5th Nov

Parent order deadline date for Christmas Card Project

Weds 27th Nov

No Pens Day

Thurs 28th Nov

Experience Advent—Year 5 & 6

Weds 4th Dec

Elf Day for Alzheimer's Society

Mon 9th Dec

KS1 Christmas Performance
2pm & 6pm

Weds 11th Dec

Whole school trip to the Panto at Theatre Severn

Extra Curricular Clubs

Please note that the last week of extra curricular weeks will be the week beginning 2nd December 2024. After school care club will continue until Friday 20th December.

Poppy Appeal

Throughout this week, the children in Owl Class will be selling various items for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal at break times. Items available include the traditional paper poppy, pencil sharpeners and wristbands. If your child would like to purchase something, please send them with a small donation.

Art Projects For Schools

Don't forget that the deadline for the Christmas Card project is **Tuesday 5th November**. Please ensure your orders are in by midnight!

Elf Day for Alzheimer's Society

On Wednesday 4 December 2024, people across the UK will dress up as elves to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's Society. As we work towards becoming a dementia friendly school, we have chosen to support this event this year. Pupils are invited to dress up for the day in any festive related clothing. Festive colours, Christmas jumpers or fully elf attire are all encouraged! We are in the process of setting up an online donation page and will send out further information nearer the time.

Theatre Severn Visit

On Wednesday 11th December pupils from Reception-Year 6 will be going to see the pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*, at Theatre Severn. We are going to the 2pm performance so the children will have lunch in school before we leave at approximately 1pm. Please ensure your child has a water bottle to take with them. We will arrive back at the school car park at approximately 5:15pm. This annual trip is completely funded by the Friends of the school for which we are incredibly grateful, thank you!

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 17th December. Please ensure you have booked your child's meal as usual. We also invite the children to wear a Christmas jumper and bring in a £1 donation to go to the school Friends committee.

School Christmas Party

This year, the children's Christmas party's will be held on Thursday 19th December. The children are invited to wear their favourite party clothes for the day and bring in a small donation of party food to share across the classes.

Bad Weather/School Closure Procedures

In the rare event of bad weather may we remind you of the following procedures that you would need to follow if the school had to close. Click on the link below to see the most up to date school closure information. If St John's is NOT listed, then the school WILL be open as normal. Should the school be closed, we will only use the official Shropshire website to make an announcement.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/primary-schools/>

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Katie Farmer & Mrs Kate Gregory

Heads of School

Mon 16th Dec

Christingle 2pm

Tues 17th Dec

Christmas dinner
& Christmas
jumper day

Weds 18th Dec

Mince Pie Con-
cert 2pm

Thurs 19th Dec

Christmas Party
Day

Fri 20th Dec

Last day of term

**Mon 6th Jan
2025**

Non-pupil day

**Tues 7th Jan
2025**

Spring term be-
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