



Newsletter



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Christmas Performance



All children will be participating in the TRJS Christmas Performance on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm in St James Church. We are planning a selection of Christmas Carols and songs with various readings and poems.

Initially, we are allocating 1 parent/carer place per child until Friday 15th December, then we may open the booking up for further places if needed. Parents/carers are allowed to collect children directly from the church and go home after the performance if they wish. Any child not collected by a parent/carer will be walked back to school and will be dismissed

as usual at 3.30 from school. We look forward to seeing many parents at the church to join us in this festive service. For the booking code/QR Code, please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

Festive Book Fair and Family Read-along!

A reminder that we are having a Book Fair and festive family read-along after school on both Monday 27th November and Monday 4th December from 3.30-4.30pm. Explore the bookshelves for some best-selling stories and top non-fiction titles, find the perfect Christmas stocking-filler and enjoy some shared reading over a warming mug of hot chocolate and a mince pie! If there are any parents or carers who would be willing to spare an hour or two to help set-up the book fair and serve refreshments, please contact the office to let us know your availability. We may ask for a donation of £1 refreshments. Please be reminded that all children will need an adult with them at the book fair. Younger siblings are very welcome!

Any children who are at Night Owls on either of the above dates, will be able to come into the book fair to purchase books etc, so please bring your money in on that day if you wish to go to the Book Fair.

Thank you. Miss Murfin ☺



Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to all those parents who took part in the democratic process of electing a new Parent Governor. Tamsyn Whitmore has been elected and will start her term of office at the next meeting of the Full Governing Body.

Governor Update

The Governing Body of TRJS are a group of volunteers who work behind the scenes to monitor the work of the school and hold the leaders to account for the strategic direction of the school, the standards achieved and the financial management.

Recently, there have been two Governor Visits into school. One visit was to check that safeguarding arrangements are all in place to keep all children safe. The other visit this week involved a number of Governors walking round the school to see Maths and Writing lessons in action. Thank you to all those Governors who support the work of TRJS in this way.

Sleep Workshop

Thursday 7th December 4pm-5pm All parents welcome.

A reminder that all parents are invited to this workshop. If you are interested in finding out more, please book through schoolinterviews.co.uk with the code: szhnt

If you are interested but unable to attend on the day, please contact Mrs K-D skerrdelworth@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk for further information.



Let's come together to celebrate Christingle

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us!

Location:	St James' Church Main Street, Barton under Needwood
Date: 3 rd December	Time: 17:00
To find out more, contact: The Benefice Office – 01283 712359	

christingle.org

Scan the QR code to find out more:



Christingle

Here are the details of the Christingle celebration in St James Church on Sunday 3rd December. We have given some Christingle boxes out to those children who expressed an interest in going to this event.

Not long until Christmas! Advent starts next week! Rev Andy is coming into school on Monday morning to do an assembly on Advent and Christmas.

Y4 BBC Ten Pieces

On Wednesday 22nd November, Year 4 took part in a BBC Music Live Lesson. The children watched a concert performed by the BBC Welsh orchestra live from Cardiff. During the session, Emily Preston (a composer) introduced a selection of classical pieces including Mars by Gustav Holst, Beethoven's Symphony No 5 and In The Hall Of The Mountain King by Grieg. The children also learned about how to compose a piece of music, helping Emily to produce her own piece of music inspired by the pieces heard during the concert.



Severn Trent Visit



On Wednesday 22nd November, Lucy Farmer, Education Officer from Severn Trent Water came into school to deliver a whole school assembly and two workshops for Year 4 all about water, sewers and the environment! There was a clear message from the morning which was: Only put 3Ps down the loo and not to pour any fats, oils or



greases down the sink, so we can all help to look after the environment. Each child has brought home an activity booklet, which will help them see how much they know about our wonderful world of water and who we can help to look after it.

Mrs Hiatt and Miss Marston



Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

We are registering the school for this Art Show. [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

Get your submission ready for the new year! Why not use the winter holidays as a time to get creative in anticipation of submitting to the Young Artists' Summer Show 2024? The Young Artists' Summer Show is an exciting opportunity for students aged 4–19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts. Submissions open 8 January 2024. These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Go on, have a go!



Dates for the Diary:

Monday 27th November – Year 4 Visit to Barton Library; Book Fair in school 3.30-4.30

Monday 4th December – Year 3 Visit to Barton Library; Book Fair in school 3.30-4.30

Friday 8 December – Year 4 Bikeability

Wednesday 13 December – Christmas Dinner at school

Tuesday 19 December – Rehearsal in St James Church

Wednesday 20 December – Christmas Performance at St James Church 2pm

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

J Emery



TRJS Christmas Service **St James Church** **Wednesday 20th December 2pm**

Places are limited to one adult per child, please scan the QR code below or visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code cu6k6 to confirm your place.



The attending parent may collect their child at the end of the performance and go straight home. The performance is likely to finish at 3pm.