

Non-Uniform Day - On **Friday 5 December** there will be a **Non-Uniform** day in exchange for a **donation to the Christmas Fayre tombola/raffle**. This could be books, toys, sweets, chocolate, wine, toiletries, etc. Please drop your child's donation to their classroom on Friday morning.

Christmas Services - Christmas Services will take place later this term at St Marys Church. As usual we would like to invite you to join us at these special events. The dates and times are:

Infants

Tue 16 Dec 09.30am - **P, 1H, 2D**

10.45am - **T, 1J, 2B**

Juniors

Wed 17 Dec

09.30am - Led by **Y6** accompanied by **Y3 & Y5**

10.45am - Led by **Y4** accompanied by **Y5 & Y6**

Christmas Post (for Cards Only): - Our Christmas post boxes will be open for business next week. Children should write their friend's **FULL NAME** and **CLASS** clearly on the front of the envelopes, and **put them straight into the postbox outside 2D and Year 6**. Surnames (or at least an initial e.g. Fred S) are important as many children share the same Christian name.

Christmas Choir – At **7pm on Friday 5 December** the Portsmouth Citadel Salvation Army Band will be leading a carol concert with the **Hook with Warsash School Christmas Choir** at St Mary's Church Warsash.

Christmas Collection in support of the Salvation Army - We will be collecting non-perishable food items and presents for children under 16 (must be new) during the final weeks of term. These donations will be distributed as parcels to people in Portsmouth, one of the poorest areas in the country. Any help that you can give will be greatly appreciated. **We will have a collection box in the office reception area from Monday 1 December.**

Christmas Tree Festival – St John's Church Locks Heath are holding a Christmas Tree Festival from Thursday 4 – Sunday 7 December. Free entry, refreshments and Live music. Pupils from Hook with Warsash will be decorating a school tree. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

School Christmas lunch is being held on **Thursday 18 December** this year. The menu choices on the day are:

- **Christmas Roast & stuffing**, Roasties, Vegetable Medley, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding
- **Carrot & stuffing Puff Pastry Plait** with Roasties, Vegetable Medley, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding.

Followed by Sprinkle Cookie or Festive Fruit medley

So that the kitchen can prepare for the increased number of meals that are usually taken on this day they have requested that Christmas meals are pre-ordered via the Aspens Select website by **Friday 05 December**.

Online Safety Newsletter: - Please find attached the December issue of the Online Safety Newsletter for your information.

Attendance – In the next couple of weeks we will be issuing our attendance letters in line with our school policy and DfE guidance for schools. You will receive a letter if your child's attendance is below 90%. This will include sickness and holidays and is purely to inform you of what your child's current attendance is. In exceptional circumstances (e.g. lengthy hospital stays etc.) you won't receive a letter at this stage.

Regards

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Attachments: Online Safety Newsletter / Salvation Army Band Carol Concert / Warsash Theatre Club Pantomime

Next Week

Mon	01 Dec	Christmas Choir - Royal British Legion	KS1 Art Club 3:30-4:30pm Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30pm NO Chess Club 3:30-4:30pm LHTA Tennis 3:30-6:30pm
Tue	02 Dec	HMS Music – Guitar Y6 Heartstart (Am) Christmas Choir - Ancaster care Home	Y5 Netball 8:00-8:45am Spanish Lunchtime Y3 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y1/2 3:30-4:30pm NO Hockey 3:30-4:30pm

Wed	03 Dec	HMS Music – Brass/Keyboard/Woodwind	Y3/4 Netball/Dodgeball 8:00-8:45am French Lunchtime Judo 3:30-5:30pm Art Club 3:30-5:00pm (2/6)
Thurs	04 Dec	HMS Music – Drums Rock2theBeat Christmas Tree Festival Starts	Y6 Netball 8:00-8:45am Y5/6 GIRLS Football Lunchtime Art Club 3:30-4:30pm Showstoppers 3:30-5:00pm Y5/6 BOYS Football 3:30-4:30pm Christmas Choir 3:30-4:30pm (in 5H) LHTA Tennis 3:30-6:30pm
Fri	05 Dec	Deadline for Ordering Christmas Meal (Thurs 18 Dec) Y5 Swimming (4/8) HMS Music demonstration in Collective Worship Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre Donation Salvation Army Carol Service at St Mary's 7pm	Y4 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y3/6 3:30-4:30pm Cross Country Training 3:30-4:15pm
Sat	06 Dec	PTFA Christmas Fayre	

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AI Chatbots and companions

A simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of AI apps already available, many are rated as 18+ so it is important to speak to our children about them and the risks associated with them. Examples of AI chatbots that your child may have heard of are Character.AI (18+) and My AI from Snapchat (13+).

What are the risks?

- Over reliance on AI companions, for example they may replace 'real life' friendships or over reliance on using them for homework or problem solving.
- Exposure to inappropriate content.
- Privacy/data risks.
- Misinformation as not all information shared is correct and can be biased.

How can I protect my child?

- Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.
- Discuss the risks of AI chatbots with them and have open conversations about why they may be using them.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/blogs/ai-chatbots-and-companions-risks-to-children-and-young-people>

New Technology

As some children may be receiving new technology or related games at Christmas, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.



Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. *Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.*
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for popular devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-2-Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-2873385.html>

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

The Safety-First Smartphone

The Other phone is a new smartphone, which includes "SafetyMode" software. The software automatically blocks nudity, profanity, and bullying language in real time. You can find out more here: <https://otherphone.co.uk/>.

Smart Phone Free Childhood also list some alternatives that you could consider here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>.

Please note, that the inclusion of these models does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. While these devices may provide a 'safer' alternative to traditional smartphones, there are still potential risks associated with children using any type of phone.



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Presents

KNIGHT FEVER

An Athurian Pantomime

By Damian Trasler, David Lovesy, and
Steve Clark



DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6

AT 7:30pm

MATINEE - DECEMBER 6 AT 2pm

TICKET PRICES: £8

AT THE VICTORY HALL, WARSASH

Scan me
for tickets! →



**TICKETS: EVERETTS CHEMIST, WARSASH,
IAN GARDNER ON 01489 572079,
OR VIA FACEBOOK @ WARSASH THEATRE CLUB**



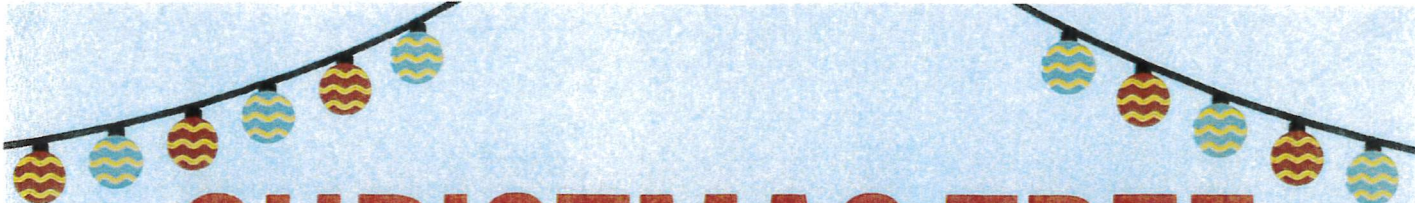
Message us on 07763 667326

**PORTSMOUTH CITADEL
SALVATION ARMY BAND
CAROL CONCERT,
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 7PM
St Mary's church, Warsash. SO31 9GF**



Featuring the Choir of Hook with Warsash School.

**Please bring gifts or donations to go to the people
of Portsmouth. Thank you.**



CHRISTMAS TREE — FESTIVAL —



**Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th December
10am - 6pm**

**Sunday 7th December
12pm - 4pm**

Refreshments + Live Music

Free Entry

Suitable for all ages

**St John's Church, Church Road
Locks Heath, SO31 6LW**



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