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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well.

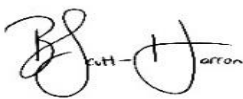
We have had another fabulous but busy week here at school. We have seen many successes, especially from our football squads and cross-country athletes. Please see the social media posts for details. We have also been nominated for School of the Year at the Warrington Wolves 'Made of Steel' Awards and Mrs Mawby and I are attending the awards on Saturday night. Regardless of the outcome, it is an honour to be nominated and the work that Team PE do with the young people really is outstanding. I appreciate I am biased, but I have worked with a lot of people over the years and the dedication, commitment and passion shown towards our young people by our PE staff is just incredible. We have been on a sporting journey as a school and we are now competing at national level which is simply brilliant.

I received a wonderful email this week regarding the behaviour of our young people in the community. A young boy (not from this school) was knocked off his bike and some of our young people stayed with him and looked after him until his Mum arrived. He is thankfully ok, and his Mum was incredibly grateful to our students for their support and kindness. This really does sum up everything we stand for at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School.

I would really appreciate your help if possible. I am trying to put together a plan regarding forums for parents/carers based on need. I would find it really helpful if you were able to email the school info@boteler.org.uk address with any suggestions you feel may be appropriate. There may be things that I feel you would like to know about, however, there may be things I have not thought of. I want us to have the best possible relationship and for you to feel that you are listened to and that we are able to help you, as being a parent/carer and managing teenagers is not always easy. Sometimes it may just be sign posting you to support and resources, or you might want information and training. Whatever it is, please just get in touch.

Have a lovey weekend and please let me know if I can personally help with anything.

Kind regards



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Revision Reminder

A reminder on how to prepare and revise for the upcoming Mock exams and 'working at' assessments.

KS3: <https://rb.gy/mzw3z4>

KS4: <https://rb.gy/ltwurv>

If you have any queries regarding revision please contact Mr. C Kinsey Deputy Headteacher.

If you have any queries regarding the upcoming mock exams or Working at Assessments then please contact Mr. J. Koltan, Senior Assistant Headteacher.

Year 11 Mock Exams

After a lot of preparation from both students and staff, the Year 11 Mock Exams are about to start. The Mock Exams run for two weeks starting on Monday 27th November. Year 11 have been thoroughly briefed, with key information reinforced by Mr Horne and Mr Koltan in assemblies.

In addition to the Year 11 Mock Exam timetable, all students have been issued with their personal Mock Exam timetable. Students need to refer to this timetable for their row and seat number and be aware of where they are required to sit for each exam.

I have enclosed a copy of the Year 11 Mock Exam timetable again for information.

Students must be on time to each morning as registration will look different during the Mock Exam period. Before core subject exams, Heads of Department will be delivering a 15 minute revision presentation of how to tackle the exam ahead. After students have had their revision session in their form room, form tutors will escort students to the canteen where Mr Koltan will call students up by rows where they will be escorted by our invigilators to the exam venues. Again, it is important that students know exactly which row they are sitting in before coming to the canteen.

All students (Year 7 – Year 11) will be on early lunches (12:15-13:00) for the duration of the Mock exams.

All students need to be fully prepared for each exam which includes bringing the correct equipment including a scientific calculator. This is needed for Science exams also.

The library will continue to be open from 15.00-17.00 each Tuesday to Thursday over the next two weeks.

Year 11 will receive their Mock Exam results on Friday 5th January. We have Year 11 Parents' Evening on Monday 8th January where you will be able to discuss your child's Mock results in detail with their subject teachers.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck in their exams over the next fortnight.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 7 Parents' Evening is on Monday 4th December from 15.30 – 19.00. Thank you to those parents that have made a booking so far on School Cloud. This Parents' Evening is with subject teachers. If you have not made a booking so far, I would encourage you to do so asap so you are informed about the progress your child is making in their subjects.

We really value your feedback. We have introduced an online feedback form, which on the evening you will receive a QR code with direct access to. We would greatly appreciate if you could spare a few minutes to complete this.

YEAR 11– MOCK TIMETABLE NOV/DEC 2023

WEEK	Date	Morning 08.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 13.00	School Ends 15.00
2	Mon 27 Nov	GEOGRAPHY Papers 1&3 1 hour 30 HISTORY (Elizabeth and the Cold War) 1 hour 45				SPANISH Writing 1 hour 15/ 1 hour FRENCH Writing 1 hour 15/ 1 hour	
	Tues 28 Nov	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 1 1 hour 45				OPTION D Subjects Design Technology 2 hours Hospitality (11D + 11HL) 1 hour 45 Sport 1 hour 15	
	Weds 29 Nov	MATHS Paper 1 1 hour 30				RELIGIOUS STUDIES Study of Religion 1 hour 45	
	Thurs 30 Nov	SCIENCE Paper 1 Biology 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				MUSIC 1 hour 15 (Library)	
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00	
	Fri 1 Dec	OPTION C Subjects Computer Science 2 hours Sport 1 hour 15 Design Technology (11C/GDC +11C/DTC) 2 hours DRAMA		DRAMA		FURTHER MATHS 1 HOUR DRAMA	

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1	Mon 4 Dec	SCIENCE Paper 1 Chemistry 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				HISTORY Medicine 1 hour 15	
	Tues 5 Dec	MATHS Paper 2 Calculator 1 hour 30				RELIGIOUS STUDIES Themes 50 Mins	
	Weds 6 Dec	COMPUTER SCIENCE Computing Concepts 1 hour 45 ANCIENT HISTORY 1 hour 45				FRENCH READING 1 hour/ 45 mins SPANISH READING 1 hour /45 mins	
	Thurs 7 Dec	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 2 1 hour 45				GEOGRAPHY Paper 2 1 hour	
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00	
	Fri 8 Dec	SCIENCE Paper 1 PHYSICS 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				ENGLISH LITERATURE 1 hour	
2	Tues 12 Dec	ART ALL DAY					

Christmas Rewards

There is the opportunity for your child to attend an event at Warrington Cineworld on Thursday 21st December 2023 to watch Wonka ([WONKA | Official Trailer - YouTube](#)).

This is a reward event, with criteria to meet in order to attend. Please click on the link to view a letter from Mr Leonard, with further details <https://t.ly/WIBWs>

FSQ (Future Skills Questionnaire)



What is the Future Skills Questionnaire?

Learning about careers starts at a really young age and is a core part of education. Careers education helps you learn about the world and your place within in.

You'll be developing this knowledge throughout your lifetime. The FSQ captures a snapshot of your careers knowledge and skills at this point in time. The questionnaire is used nationally to support students to think about their futures.



Year 7 will be completing their FSQ (Future Skills Questionnaire) over the next two weeks.

This will help us evaluate the school's careers programme, plan future careers activities and target students who may need additional support.

Students will complete the 15-minute questionnaire which asks questions on their career related knowledge and skills. This should be an enjoyable activity for students and encourage them to begin thinking about future careers and next steps after school.

Collective Worship

This week as part of Collective Worship, students have been focusing on our Christina value for this half term- Thankfulness. We have used the scripture from Colossians (2:7) to discuss the importance of being thankful.

"be rooted in Jesus, strengthened in faith, and overflowing with thankfulness."

We are developing our understanding of spirituality by thinking about the important connections we have with each other, our community and the wider world. We have taken some time to be still, peaceful and consider what we have to be thankful for. This is essential as we begin to prepare for the busy season of Advent. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.

The Ethos group are busy planning for Advent and will be selling candy canes at our Christmas Fayre. The candy canes will be priced at 50p, students will be able to buy them and write a message to someone they are grateful for. The candy canes will be delivered to the chosen person to celebrate our Thankfulness!

SEND Coffee Morning

The SEND department are inviting parents and carers to an informal coffee morning 09:00–11:00 on Friday December 1st to learn more about ASD.

Chrissy Skermer from the Local Authority will be here to deliver some free training, and answer any questions.



There will also be an opportunity to meet with other parents. If you would like to attend the coffee morning, please confirm your attendance by emailing send@boteler.org.uk

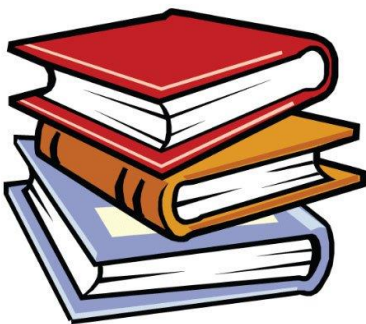
Years 7 – 11 Childhood Flu Immunisations

Please click on the following links to view letters from the School Immunisations Team regarding the Flu Immunisations on 30th November.

Year 7 – 10 <https://t.ly/mK1m4>

Year 11 – <https://rb.gy/ox0wq6>

If you have any questions, please contact the School-aged Immunisation Team on 01925 946808



Library Books return

Reminder for any students who have borrowed a library book from school, to please return it to Miss Owen (in the Library at lunchtime) when they have finished enjoying it.

Attendance Rewards

This week we have been celebrating excellent to outstanding attendance. All the students that were above our school target of 96% last half term were given a bronze, silver or gold certificate by their form tutor.

Well done to all these students who strive for outstanding attendance. Your child is a perfect example of our school's high expectation. Therefore, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support.



Christmas Attendance Prize Raffle

Each student who is above our school target of 96% will be entered into our raffle. We are calculating this from the 6th of November to the end of the Christmas term. This is a fresh start so each student has the opportunity to be entered no matter what their current attendance is. Students can win a range of prizes.

Prizes include, Prom tickets (for Year 11), Amazon Fire Tablets, retail vouchers, sports goods, selection boxes and more. To be entered into the prize draw, students need to be in every day.



Sports Update

We are the best Cross Country Team in Warrington!

Congratulations to our Year 8/9 Cross Country team who took the gold medal following three race meets at Walton Hall and Gardens in the Neville Jones Cup.

Congratulations to Charlie Cook (Year 8), Ronney Chan (Year 9) and Tom Darbyshire (Year 9).

Tom Darbyshire (Year 9) was also 2nd place in Year 8/9 overall.

Ellie Barker (Year 10) was 1st overall for the Year 10/11 competition.

Will Kenwright (Year 10) took the silver medal for the Year 10/11 races overall.

Incredible effort and commitment to all that raced and represented our school.



Year 10 Football Team march on in the Cheshire Cup!

Our Year 10s are through to the quarter finals of the Cheshire Schools Cup thanks to a goal from Kayden Moores. In a competitive and windy encounter the boys battled hard and overcame Kings Leadership Academy. Keep working hard lads and we know you are taking this Cup one game at a time. Good luck in the next round against rivals Cardinal Newman Catholic High School.

Year 8 Football Team secure top spot in the League

Well done to our Year 8 team who are deservedly top of their division with a 2-0 win against Beaumont Collegiate Academy and a 2-0 victory over Padgate Academy. A team full of confidence and playing great football. Keep up the hard work and the Warrington Schools' finals will be calling!



Last Thursday evening I attended a meeting at The Lowry, Salford, to learn more details about our participation in The National Theatre Connections 2024 @ The Lowry.

They gave me a very warm welcome and are really excited at the prospect of getting to know our Theatre Company and the work we will be doing over the coming months for the 2024 Festival. Gemma Evans, the Connections Programme Manager at The Lowry said, "The Lowry is very proud to be one of the regional partners for the annual festival championing youth performance".

After our home shows, which will be performed on 19th and 20th March 2024, it has been confirmed that our partner theatre performance will be on Friday 19th April 2024. The Festival will give our young people a chance to meet with other Companies and like-minded performers to talk about each other's experiences and see each other's work.



Rehearsals come into full swing this week and the cast have collected their scripts.

I am super proud of everyone involved and many thanks to the support from Staff.

Ms Armstrong, Leader of Drama and School Productions.

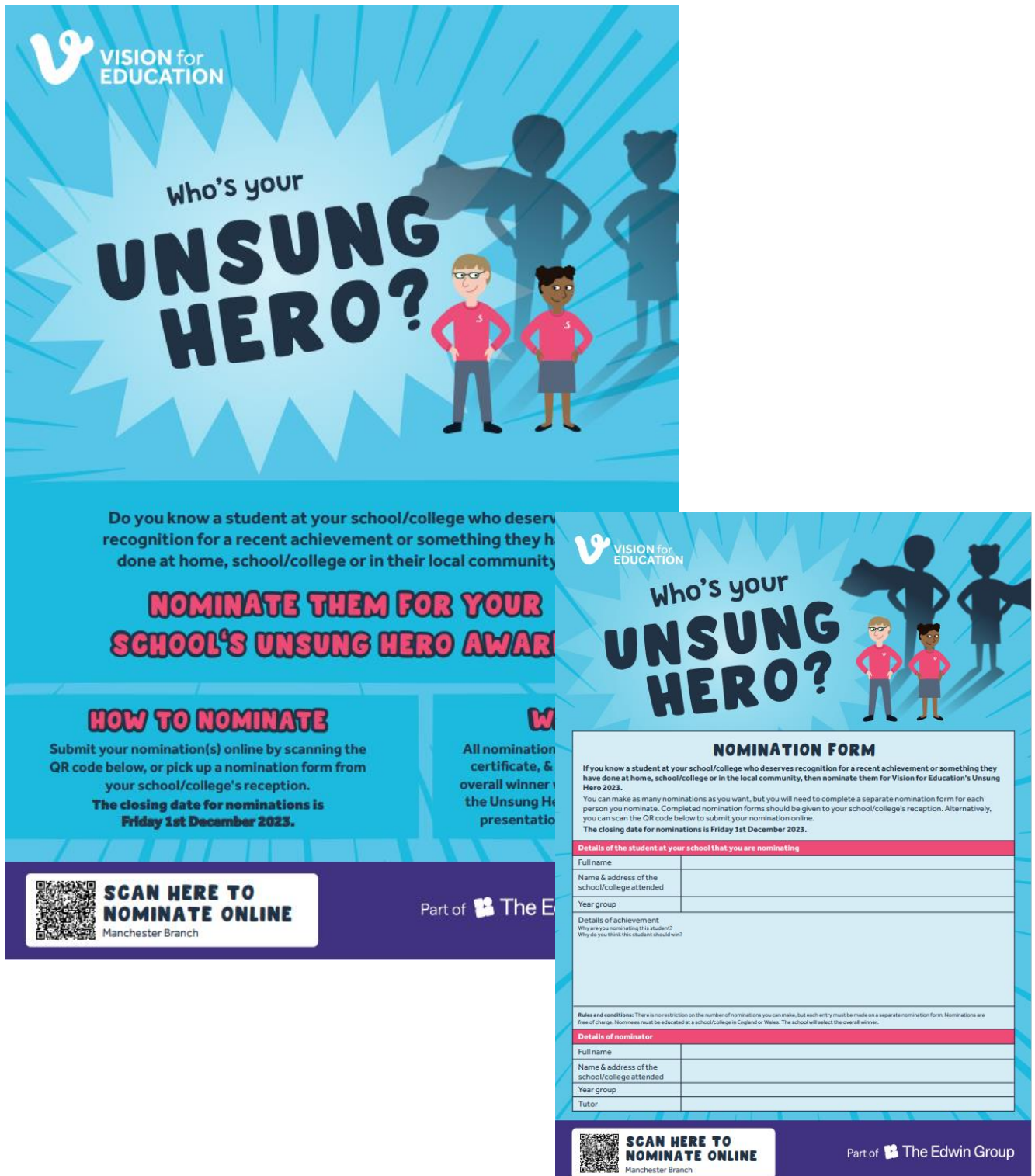


Unsung Hero Competition

If you know a student at Sir Thomas Boteler who deserves recognition for a recent achievement or something they have done at home, school/college or in the local community, then nominate them for Vision for Education's Unsung Hero 2023.

They will receive a certificate for their nomination and the winner will receive a trophy.

Deadline is December 1st.



VISION for EDUCATION

Who's your **UNsung HERO?**

Do you know a student at your school/college who deserves recognition for a recent achievement or something they have done at home, school/college or in their local community?

NOMINATE THEM FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S UNSUNG HERO AWARD

HOW TO NOMINATE

Submit your nomination(s) online by scanning the QR code below, or pick up a nomination form from your school/college's reception.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 1st December 2023.

All nomination certificate, & overall winner presentation

NOMINATION FORM

If you know a student at your school/college who deserves recognition for a recent achievement or something they have done at home, school/college or in the local community, then nominate them for Vision for Education's Unsung Hero 2023.

You can make as many nominations as you want, but you will need to complete a separate nomination form for each person you nominate. Completed nomination forms should be given to your school/college's reception. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below to submit your nomination online.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 1st December 2023.

Details of the student at your school that you are nominating

Full name	
Name & address of the school/college attended	
Year group	

Details of achievement


Why are you nominating this student?
Why do you think this student should win?

Rules and conditions: There is no restriction on the number of nominations you can make, but each entry must be made on a separate nomination form. Nominations are free of charge. Nominees must be educated at a school/college in England or Wales. The school will select the overall winner.


Details of nominator

Full name	
Name & address of the school/college attended	
Year group	
Tutor	

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Calling all dancers!

Dance club is on Thursday lunch and after school and rehearsals have already begun for our next dance show in February. Just turn up to the gym and speak to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Graham at how you can get involved. All styles and levels of ability welcome.

See you there.



DANCE EXPLOSION



**Showcasing
a variety
of year
groups
and dance
styles from
across the
decades**

22nd February 2024 ★ 6pm

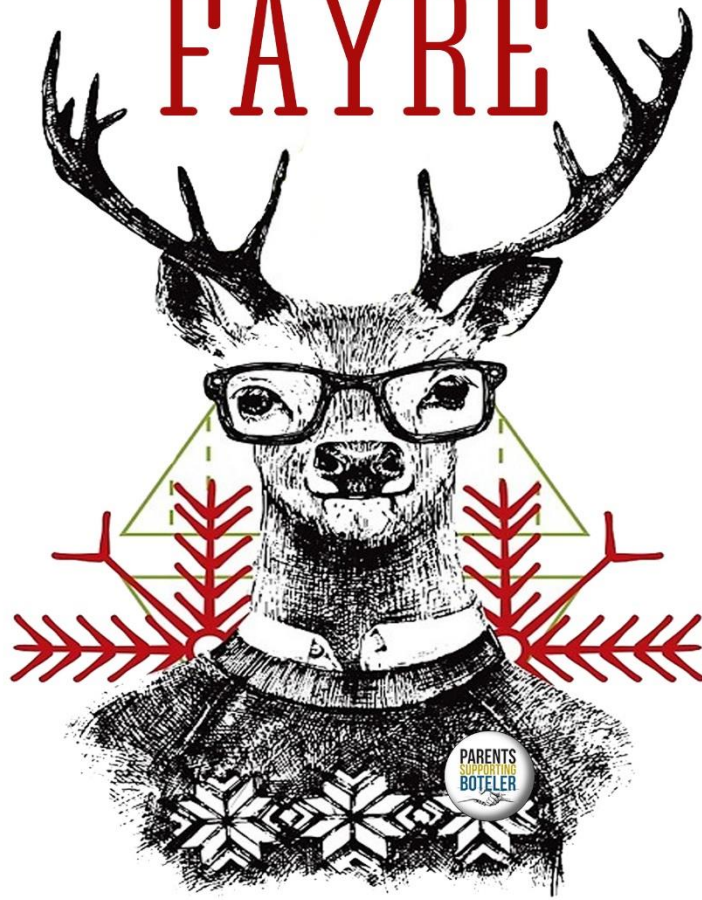
At Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

£2 per ticket

Tickets available from the main school office

SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL'S

STUDENTS'
Christmas
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MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER * 3.10pm-5pm
AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

★ DRINKS ★ FOOD ★ TOMBOLA ★ DISCO ★ CAROLS ★
★ RAFFLES ★ COUNCIL & HOUSE STALLS ★ HAMPERS ★
★ CHRISTMAS GIFT STALLS ★ FATHER CHRISTMAS ★

EVERYTHING £1 & UNDER

St Elphin's Church
Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December
11.00am - 3.00pm

Musical Entertainment at:

12.00 noon by St Elphin's School Choir

2.00pm by The Orford Singers

Bible Stories in Lego

(a taster for our Lego Festival in February)

Grand Raffle to be drawn at 2.30pm

All Welcome



- Hand-made Crafts
- Christmas Gifts
- Stained Glass
- Body Shop Stall
- Cakes
- Refreshments
- Candles
- Jigsaws & Books
- Tombola
- and much, much more!!

THIS CHRISTMAS WE ARE GOING TO BE SUPPORTING FAMILIES WHO AREN'T AS FORTUNATE, MAKING SURE THAT THE MOST MAGICAL TIME OF YEAR IS FILLED WITH JOY AND FULL TUMMIES.



2023 FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL LIST

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Girlguiding

1st Locking Stumps Guides



Christmas Tombola!

3 tickets for £1

Every ticket ending in a 5 or 0 is a winner!

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023
BIRCHWOOD SHOPPING CENTRE
9AM – 5PM

We take CASH or CARD!

Breakfast with Santa

TICKETS £15

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An OnSide Youth Zone

Saturday 9th | 16th | 23rd December
Join us at Warrington Youth Zone for breakfast with Santa and some fun activities
Event open to non members too