

# HEAD'S HERALD

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. We have had very changeable weather this week and it was perishing the past couple of days. Many thanks for sending your wonderful young people to us in appropriate coats, as it really does help. When the temperature drops significantly we do let them into the building at the start of the day so they are not lining up outside and we bring the hot bagels to them.

It has been another busy week. The Year 11 students are just amazing in how they have approached the GCSE Mock examinations. I have been so impressed with their conduct and attitude and how seriously they are taking them. The Mocks are a good benchmark and will help to inform them regarding the areas they need more support with. Also, the Mocks are a good benchmark for them to see that effort is needed with revision and if they do put the work in, in the right way, it will pay off. I am very proud of them all and their hard work puts them in a strong position going forward.

As you will have seen from my correspondence this week, we have our SIAMS on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. As a Church school we are inspected both by Ofsted and SIAMS and in logistical approach they are both very similar in terms of the data gathering, meetings etc. The focus of course however, is on our Christian Distinctiveness and how our Christian vision underpins everything we do and how it is lived in practice.

**Christian Vision As** *'The Boteler Family', we cast all our care on God because He cares for us (1Peter 5:7). Inspired by the God of **Hope**, guided by the **Compassion** of Christ and empowered by the **Endurance** of the Holy Spirit, we aim to provide all our community with an outstanding educational provision in a supportive and inclusive Christian environment.*

We are very much looking forward to the inspection, as strange as that may sound, because we have much to share and celebrate. It is an opportunity to shine and to share all the many strengths we have as a school. Of course, there are always areas to improve on and we know ours and are working on them in our Priority Action Plan. We strive for education excellence in all we do and this is this is an opportunity to demonstrate how we do this. Many thanks for your kind emails of support, it is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

## Final Mock exams – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

WEEK	Date	Morning 8.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 13.15	Afternoon 14.00
1	Mon 2 Dec	COMP SCIENCE PAPER 2 1 hour 45		SPORT 1 hour 15		MUSIC Listening 1 hour

### Year 11 Mock Examinations

Mr Koltan would like to congratulate Year 11 on completing their Mock exams this last fortnight.

They have been fantastic in the way they have approached these exams. It was lovely to see how positive the students were in tackling the exam papers. Clearly, students had been putting in a lot of work at home in addition to the preparation that has been taking place in lessons.

Our teachers are now in the middle of marking the Mock Exam papers. A reminder that teachers have been told not to disclose Mock grades to students directly as we are having a full Mock Exam Results assembly the first Monday back after Christmas.

This assembly replicates how students will receive their results for real in August and is an important part of their exam preparation.



**Important information** – due to TCAT Performs at The Parr Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December there will be no afterschool rehearsal for 'Brain Play'.

The lunchtime rehearsal will continue as normal in the Drama Studio. Many thanks, Ms Armstrong

## **Is your child ready for learning?**

Please can you support in ensuring your child is fully prepared for their lessons. Students need to bring the following equipment every day: pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener (these all need to be in a pencil case), planner, scientific calculator and a suitable school bag. All students must have a reading book and their Independent Study Pack (ISP) with them. The ISP is crucial to support learning and it also has a student's timetable in it to ensure students are always punctual.

You will be able track any concerns regarding this on the parent Arbor App. Where you see a behaviour type with (Detention), that will indicate you child has completed a consequence due to a lack of equipment.

## **Toilets**

We have had long discussions regarding the toilets and student access to them during transition time and lessons. There has been feedback from students, parents and staff that has all been considered.

Therefore, we are trialling a new approach which will be reviewed at Christmas. This has been communicated with students:

- Toilets will be open for 5 minutes between P1 and P2
- Toilets will be open for 5 minutes between P4 and 5 (mock period - reverting to P3 and P4 after the mocks)
- This is not an open invitation to all to use the toilet but an opportunity for those who are in need, where they have to build this into their transition time to the next lesson
- Students have access to two sets of toilets and must use the nearest one to them
- Toilets will be monitored by staff
- Students persistently and significantly late to lessons will carry out a consequence
- Students should then not ask to go to the toilet during lessons and where they do, these would be exceptional circumstances
- Toilet pass students also need to take this opportunity to use the toilet at transition times.



## **Personal Development**

Please complete the attached form regarding what activities your child does out of school. We are looking at our wider curriculum offer and the community offer.

**Year 7**      <https://forms.office.com/e/LmhK8EYb5q>

**Year 8**      <https://forms.office.com/e/8rQLUGy0Q2>

**Year 9**      <https://forms.office.com/e/Ww390EJA3r>

**Year 10**     <https://forms.office.com/e/SXzE3H1L6H>

**Year 11**     <https://forms.office.com/e/VtWueMRfrf>

## **Year 10**

Please see the Work Experience letter to Year 10 parent and carers <https://t.ly/dPhek>

Once you have agreed a work experience placement with an employer and your child, please complete the following forms:

**Form 1:** <https://t.ly/A0fX6>

**Form 2:** <https://t.ly/acE1->

If you need a paper copy please ask your child to pick one up from Mrs Mawby or their Head of Year. We will then contact the employer for the relevant paperwork once we have received these two forms.

# ROAD SAFETY WEEK

## **Road safety Week**

Students in Year 7 had an assembly with the road safety team from Warrington Borough Council on Friday about staying safe on the roads. Year 8 had a lesson during personal development of the dangers on the roads reminding them to pay attention when crossing the roads and to always wear helmets when on bikes. Another reminder was to always wear a seat belt when travelling as a passenger in a car, something some of our students claim they don't always do!

All students who cycle to school were then provided with bike lights. See Mrs Butcher if you missed picking up lights on Tuesday morning.



## **Year 8 and Year 9 Drugs Awareness assemblies**

Students in Year 8 and Year 9 had information assemblies on drugs and alcohol from the "Get to Know you" team from Warrington Borough Council. Staying safe, the dangers around alcohol and drugs and what to do in an emergency.

# STUDENTS' CHRISTMAS FAYRE



EVERYTHING  
£1 & UNDER  
CASH ONLY

16TH DEC  
15.00-17.00  
IN THE HALL



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

Donations of toys, raffle prizes, teddies please for our stalls. Please drop off at the school office.

**The festive spirit is alive and well as Warrington Youth Zone prepares to join Santa on his sleigh this holiday season, bringing joy to children and families across Warrington.**

In co-ordination with the Warrington Lions and the Rotary Club of Culcheth & District, the Youth Zone team is excited to announce its biggest and most co-ordinated sleigh tour yet, with more young people being visited than ever before.

This year, Santa's Sleigh will visit new areas, ensuring no part of the town is left untouched by the magic of Christmas.

Careful planning has gone into scheduling, ensuring seamless coordination with other sleigh tours around the community.

The expansion includes stops in locations like Howley & Fairfield, which have not been included in previous years, making the event more inclusive than ever.

The sleigh tour is just one part of Warrington Youth Zone's holiday efforts, which include their annual Christmas present and food appeal to support families in need.

With the help of dedicated volunteers and partners, the Youth Zone ensures that no child in Warrington goes without a reason to smile this Christmas.

Keep an eye out for Santa and his helpers as they bring Christmas magic to your neighbourhood.

Follow Warrington Youth Zone on social media for updates, schedules, and ways to support their ongoing efforts to brighten the lives of young people in the community.

[Santa's Sleigh Tour - Warrington Youth Zone](#)



# PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

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The recent Parent Forum held at our school was a great success, focusing on two key platforms that are enhancing our communication and homework systems: Arbor and SAM Learning.

The session provided an in-depth overview of Arbor, our parent communication platform, highlighting its features that allow parents to easily access important school information, track their child's progress and stay updated with school events.

We also introduced SAM Learning, our new online homework platform, and demonstrated how it supports students' learning by offering personalised tasks and interactive resources.

Feedback from the event was positive. Many appreciated the clear explanations and the opportunity to ask questions about both platforms. The forum helped build a deeper understanding of how these tools contribute to their child's education.

For further details, the slides from the presentation will be available on the school website for easy reference. Our next Parent Forum event is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> February on Understanding the Curriculum.





## Collective Worship

This week as part of Collective Worship, students will be focusing the second week of Advent and the theme of *peace*. We are looking forward to celebrating our Advent services '**All is calm, all is bright**', planned and led by the Worship Ambassadors, with all the students in our year group Collective Worship. The students have planned an exciting Advent service as usual, with scripture retelling the Nativity story, music and dancing. There will of course be an interactive game to get everyone involved- look out for pictures of this in the upcoming 'Good News' newsletter or on Facebook.! The Ethos Council are busy planning for our *Candy Cane 'Pay it forward' project* which will launch next week; students can gift a candy cane to anyone in our school community they are thankful for this term. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will have our *Christingle service*, if you would like to be involved please sign up with Mrs Hoey. Our scripture for this week is from John 14:27 and it reminds us of the importance of finding peace this advent season:

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."**

As we begin advent, we are all invited to prepare for the arrival of Jesus into our lives. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"MAY THIS SEASON REMIND YOU  
OF THE HOPE, PEACE, JOY  
AND LOVE FOUND IN CHRIST."**



ADVENT: 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER— 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024



## Theatre Visit – Blood Brothers


Year 10 and Year 11 students attended a trip on 27<sup>th</sup> November to Manchester Palace Theatre to see Blood Brothers, which all students study as part of their GCSE English literature. Team English feels very thankful to work with the fantastic young people at Sir Thomas Boteler.

All students were exemplary role models of our Boteler Family and demonstrated excellent courtesy to the coach provider and staff at the theatre. Plenty of sweets were consumed and tears shed – and that was just the teachers. We are very proud!



The results for **Artist of the Month** are in:

In case you missed it, here is a reminder:




# ART COMPETITION:



Create a **personal response**, inspired by the work of Lisa Rienerman.

<b>1. Personal:</b> belonging to or affecting a particular person, rather than anyone else.			<b>2. Response:</b> an answer, a reply.		
Prefix	Root	Suffix	Prefix	Root	Suffix
-	person	al	Re	respond	se
-	<i>individual</i>	<i>relating to</i>	"back" or "backward" to indicate backward motion, come back to me.	<i>reply</i>	<i>to make</i>

There is nothing more **personal** than, **your name**. It is the first gift you ever received as a child. It is **individual to you** and should be treasured. Perhaps you have an unique spelling, or have a family name that's been handed down generations. **Let's celebrate that!**



Look for naturally occurring/hidden letters in your environment. Photograph them and digitally collage them to spell out your Christian name.



# WAGOLL:








**Medium:** photography – (camera phone/tablets/ipad). To be completed outside of lesson.  
**Specifications:** Competition is open to everyone. A4 size, black and white, *or* colour.  
**Closing date:** Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.  
**Email:** entries to [gcallis@boteler.org.uk](mailto:gcallis@boteler.org.uk) (Please include your year group).

**All entries** will be exhibited in a pop up art exhibition.  
 A KS3, and a KS4 creative will be crowned **Artist Of The Month**. Is that you?

## I CAN NOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT **YOU** CREATE!




Thank you to everyone who took part. It was inspiring seeing your found letters and the discussions we've had since have been brilliant.

It is with great excitement we present:

KS3 ARTIST OF THE MONTH:  Francesca Bowers Year 8



KS4 ARTIST OF THE MONTH:  Harriett Anderson Year 10



Did you think it ended there? No way!

The wonderful staff at Sir Thomas Boteler couldn't help but *also* get in on the creative action.

STB STAFF ARTIST OF THE MONTH:  Mr A. Robinson – Head of Technology



What talented creatives.

If you would like to see your name here and earn the title, Artist of the Month, next month, what's stopping you?

Challenges are announced the first Monday of each month. That's next week!

Best of luck creatives.

## Physical Education

### Year 7 Rugby update

Our Year 7 boy's rugby team have played their first two fixtures as part of their North West Counties Cup campaign. Both games have been extremely competitive and have really challenged the student's grit and resilience. Despite losing both matches, it has been fine margins and we are hoping that the team can get a win in their final pool game against Cowley HS next week.

Sir Thomas Boteler 14-18 St Peter's (Wigan)  
Sir Thomas Boteler 12-14 Saddleworth School

New players are welcome at any time! We train every Thursday on the school field 15.00 – 16.15.



### Football update

Unfortunately, the weather last week put a halt to our Year 7 boy's football fixtures so this will be rearranged up the upcoming weeks. Our Year 10 football team made a positive start to their final football campaign, also our Year 9 boys' team. The pick of the bunch was Joe Delooze, creating attacking opportunities and motivating his team mates. James Blair was also impressive, Mr Burbidge describing him as a "midfield maestro".

#### Year 8:

Sir Thomas Boteler 0-0 BCA  
Sir Thomas Boteler 3-1 Padgate

#### Year 9:

Sir Thomas Boteler 0-0 Penketh  
Sir Thomas Boteler 1-2 Birchwood

#### Year 10:

Sir Thomas Boteler 0-0 Penketh  
Sir Thomas Boteler 4-1 Padgate

We have fixtures for our Year 8 and Year 10 boy's football teams this week, and also our Year 9 girls' team. Please keep an eye out for teamsheets!

## Boteler Alumni sign for Warrington Wolves

**'Resilience is a choice. It's choosing to rise above your circumstances, no matter how difficult, and become the person you're meant to be.'**

Oliver Bishop (leavers 2024) has signed a three-year contract with Warrington Wolves and has started pre-season training as he looks to provide strong competition for second row. Oliver was also nominated for Player of the Year award having captained the U16's Academy side last season. The future is bright for this young man and certainly one to look out for.



Congratulations to Talicia Blythe (leavers 2022) who made her Women's Super League debut for Warrington Wolves earlier in the year. Talicia always excelled in her position of winger and full back and her dedication to continue to develop despite emerging distractions of College and young adult life.



# HAF

## Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children  
on benefit related  
free school meals?

Scan me



If yes, they can attend fully funded holiday activities at Easter, Summer and Christmas. Register your interest now at [warrington.gov.uk/haf](http://warrington.gov.uk/haf) or email [haf@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:haf@warrington.gov.uk) to find out more.

### Not eligible?

Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.



WARRINGTON  
Borough Council



Department  
for Education

## Christmas Events

Here's some information about the many Christmas fayres, carol services, family events, socials, and more that are happening in the churches around Latchford. Please feel free to come along, all are welcome!



**New Song Network Warrington**

Loving God, Loving People, Making Followers of Jesus

with **Latchford Methodist Church**

WA4 1LH



# New Song Kids:

**Christmas is  
Small and  
Mighty**



**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec  
3:30-5:30pm**

**Come and join us for crafts, games,  
music, story ... and pizza!**

**For children age 12 and under.**

**Adults can stay if you wish or come back to  
join with the food at about 5pm.**



**All welcome - bring your friends.**

**Christmas 2024**





# New Song Network Warrington

Loving God, Loving People, Making Followers of Jesus

with **Latchford Methodist Church**



WA4 1LH

## Christmas 2024

**23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Christmas Brunch 11am – 2pm** Join us for coffee, mince pies, and bacon sandwiches with a kids' craft stall, and many other stalls.

**24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Advent New Song Café 7-9pm** Join us for an evening of Christmas music, worship, cake, fun, and fellowship at the beginning of Advent, with collections for Warrington Food Bank.

**1<sup>st</sup> Dec: NS Kids: Christmas is small and mighty 3:30-5:30pm** For children age under 13, join us for crafts, games, music, story ... and pizza!

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Paint and Sip 7pm** Join us with Paint with Sam as we paint a Christmas Bauble. Nosecco, Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies included.



£30 Book online <https://forms.gle/d33nuzDNuk8VLpEp8> or contact for tickets.

**7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Latchford Christmas Afternoon Tea 2pm** Join us for a Christmas Afternoon Tea. Please contact for tickets.

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Latchford Christmas Tree Service 10:30am.** A more traditional carol service including a collection of Toys for Children and for the Food bank.

**14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carol singing in Latchford Village from 10:30am** including distributing mince pies

**14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Film Night 5pm.** Come and celebrate Christmas with the Green man and the Whos, including Hot Chocolate and Popcorn. £5 charge.

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas New Song Café 7-9pm** Join us for an evening of Christmas music, worship, cake, fun and fellowship to celebrate Christmas, with collections for Warrington Food Bank.

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Longest Night Reflective Worship 7pm.** Join us for a quiet, reflective worship gently speaking of light in the darkness.

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christingle 4:30pm** Join us for our orange, sweets, candles and ribbon celebration and worship.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Serving Hot Drinks @Walton Lea & Fox Covert 10am – 3pm** Every year we serve Hot Drinks to people visiting loved ones. Come and get a hot drink, or if you would like to help serve, please get in touch.

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Day Worship 10am.** Join us as we celebrate Christmas Day. Bring a present to show!

**29<sup>th</sup> Dec: Latchford 'Songs of Praise' Worship 10:30am.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan: NS Muddy Walk 1pm.** Meet at the St Wilf's Little Room Car Park for a walk around Grappenhall Wood followed by drinks if wanted.

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan: Latchford Pantomime.** Details to follow





**CHRIST CHURCH**

**Carols By  
Candlelight**

**Sunday 22nd December 2024**

**4.00pm**

**Wash Lane , Latchford**

**Followed by**

**Mulled Wine  
& Mince Pies**



**All Welcome!**





CHRIST CHURCH LATCHFORD

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 7th December 2024

12pm–2pm

Wash Lane Schoolrooms

Grand Raffle Prizes Include:

Hamper  
£50 Voucher  
Toast Café Vouchers  
Monia's Cakes Voucher  
Warrington Town FC Match Tickets  
KFC Voucher  
& Many More Prizes



TOMBOLA ❄️ REFRESHMENTS ❄️ GIFTS



# **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**At St James Church  
Wilderspool Causeway**

**SAT 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**12 noon to 3.00pm**

**Lots of stalls /raffle/ tombola  
lunches /other refreshments**





# *The Benefice of Latchford*

The Parish Newsletter of  
Christ Church,  
St James' Church with St Hilda's Church



## NOVEMBER 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls Day at St James' Church 4:00pm**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls Day at Christ Church 9:30am**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair at St James' Church 12 – 3**

## DECEMBER 2024


- 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair at Christ Church 12 - 2**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christingle at St James' Church 5:00pm**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Service at Christ Church 4:00 pm**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Service at St James' 6:30 pm**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass of the Nativity at Christ Church 11:00 pm**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass of the Nativity at St James' 11:00 pm**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Eucharist at Christ Church 9:30 am**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Eucharist at St James' 11:00 am**



# ***Coffee and Carols***

**You are invited  
to help us  
celebrate Christmas  
10:45 am on Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> December  
in the church café  
area**






PRESENTED BY  
THE CHALLENGE  
ACADEMY TRUST



# Christmas *comes to* TCAT



A COLLABORATION OF PERFORMING ARTS

**4TH DECEMBER 6.30PM**

**PARR HALL, WARRINGTON**

**TICKETS: £3 ADULTS £2 CONCESSIONS**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ALL ACADEMIES

**Celebrate**

# Christmas

**17th December 2024**

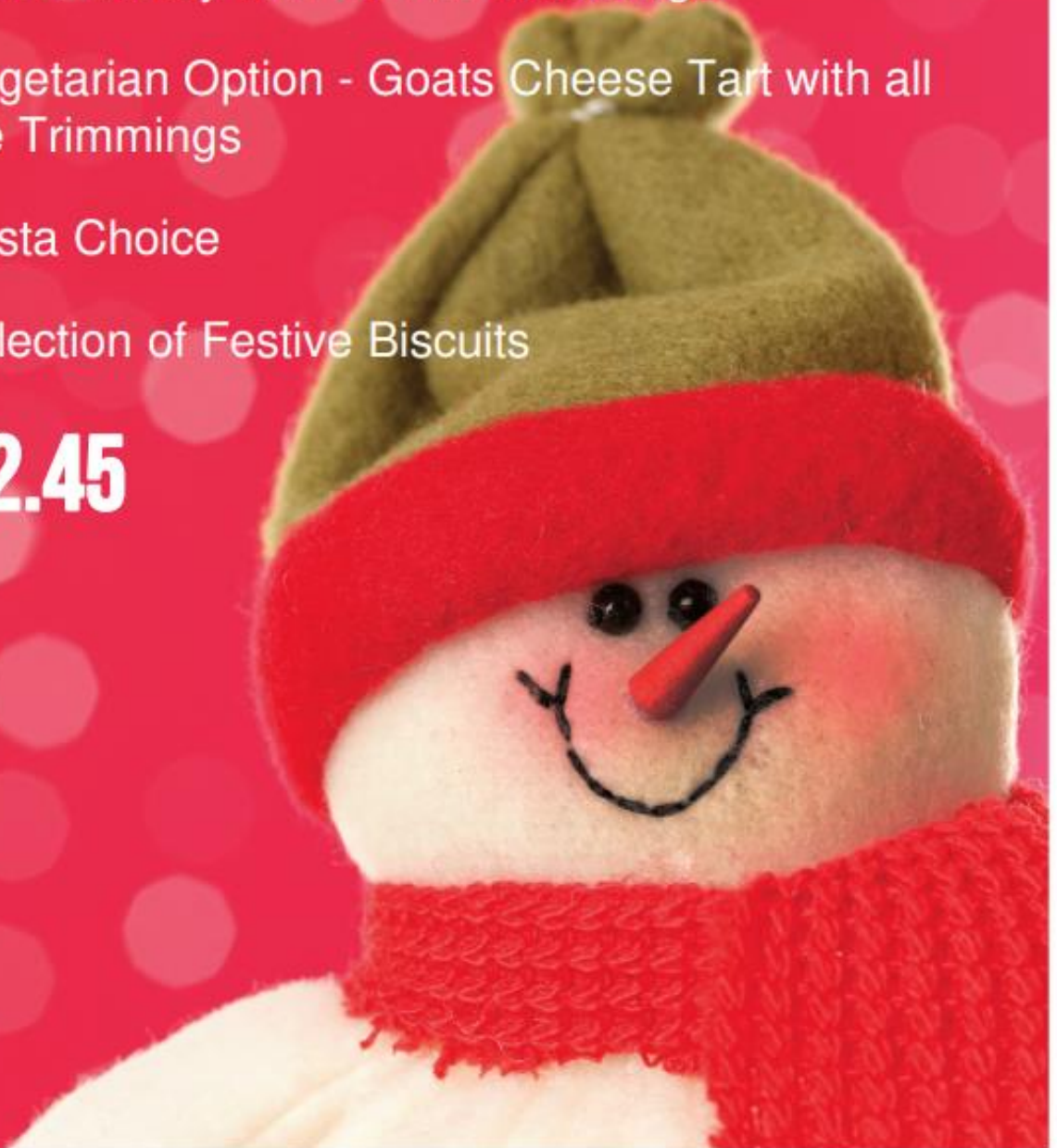
Roast Turkey with all The Trimmings

Vegetarian Option - Goats Cheese Tart with all the Trimmings

Pasta Choice

Selection of Festive Biscuits

**£2.45**







**SIR THOMAS  
BOTELER**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
THROUGH GOD, WE CARE

# DANCING IN DECEMBER

SHOWCASING A VARIETY OF YEAR GROUPS AND DANCE STYLES  
FROM ACROSS THE DECADES - INCLUDING CHRISTMAS SONGS!



**12TH DECEMBER 2024 18:00**

**AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

WILL INCLUDE SHORT INTERVAL WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY THE PSB

£2 PER TICKET - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE