



# ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Please could we remind parents to telephone or email the school **before 9am** to notify us of any absence. [admin@st-laurenceprimary.com](mailto:admin@st-laurenceprimary.com) 01584 872766. If we do not hear from you children will be marked as unauthorised.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Message from the School Council Foodbank Update!

This week we delivered all of your generous donations to the Ludlow Foodbank. They were extremely grateful for everything we contributed, especially as their supplies were running low. We want to say another BIG thank you to everyone in our school community who donated. Your kindness is making a real difference.

### Reception Nativity

The Reception class put on the most spectacular Christmas performance full of plenty of twinkle and shine. The children did an amazing job and thoroughly enjoyed performing. We are so proud of all.

### Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance

Our year 1 and 2 children did an amazing job of performing 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed it all', I think you will all agree how wonderful they were, and we are very proud of them all. It really did get us in the Christmas spirit.

### Year 6 Church Service

On Wednesday, the Year 6s performed their carol concert. They delighted the congregation with a Nativity; a reading of the Grinch Who Stole Christmas and a rendition of a silent Hallelujah Chorus. A huge well done to the children and staff – all of the children's spirits truly shone'

### Pantomime

We have loved attending our pantomimes this year. Our Year 1 to Year 6 children **enjoyed Aladdin at the Assembly rooms**, while our Nursery and Reception classes had a wonderful time watching **Hansel and Gretel at Hereford Courtyard**. Everyone had a fantastic experience, and both performances were thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike.



**Merry Christmas**

# Christmas Lunch!

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for all their hard work in preparing and serving a delicious Christmas Lunch on Wednesday! All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their meal and got in the festive spirit wearing handmade Christmas hats and listening to Festive Music!



### Applications to Reception class 2026

The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2026 closes on 15 January 2026. Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - Synergy - Homepage ([shropshire.gov.uk](http://shropshire.gov.uk)) Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place. If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email [schooladmissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@shropshire.gov.uk)

## Diary Dates



**December**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Christmas Holidays**

**January**

**5<sup>th</sup>**

**PD DAY**

**7<sup>th</sup>**

**Reception and Y6 Height and weight screening**

**February**

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Half Term**



## Useful Resources

Visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF) to sign up for the HAF e-newsletter. You will receive fantastic top tips, free resources, links to local services and opportunities.

[next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help) Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS). Information on local, regional and national services and organisations for children, young people and families.

### Contact us:

[HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk)

**FIS** 01743 254400 / [shropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:shropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk)

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This opportunity is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Shropshire. Visit the government website for more information on the national programme.

Shropshire Council are not responsible for the content on the third-party websites that we provide links to (although all links are made in good faith). All the activities provided as part of the HAF programme are run by professional organisations delivering excellent high-quality programmes.

All organisations have safeguarding policies, DBS certificates, insurance and risk assessments in place.

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF)



## Winter Holiday Fun in Shropshire

Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and get involved!

Shropshire Council is working in partnership to run an exciting holiday programme this Winter, Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food).

Take part in sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and lots more fun activities, happening across the county. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session.

**There are free places available on the programme for children and young people aged 4 (in reception class or equivalent) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.**

There are a limited number of free places available for children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals but meet a wider eligibility (see [www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF) email [HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk) for more details).

Winter holiday fun and food in Shropshire

# BOOK NOW

Dec 2025 to Jan 2026



Shropshire  
Holiday Activities and Food



## How to Book

Please book spaces directly with the organisations running the holiday clubs.

### What you need to do:

1. Use the electronic **What's On Guide** and searchable **Timetable** to find which holiday club is suitable for your child/ren. Electronic copies of the Guide will be sent to you by your child/ren's school and are also available at: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF).
2. Book onto activity by contacting the organisation running the holiday club direct, using the contact details in the Guide.
3. When making a booking, **please quote your unique HAF Code (see box below)**.
4. If your child/ren has SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) or receives any extra help at school, before booking onto activity, please contact the holiday club to discuss your child/s needs.
5. Any queries you have about your booking or the activities on offer, please contact the organisation running the holiday club directly.
6. If you meet the wider eligibility criteria, please contact, [HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk) for information about referrals onto the programme.

The unique code entitles your child/ren to attend 4 sessions of free holiday activity in Shropshire during the Winter holidays 2025. Please don't use this code to book onto more than 4 sessions of activity or to book onto multiple programmes of activity with different providers, happening at the same time.

**This code is individual to your child/s school and is not transferable to other children. Eligibility checks are carried out on all bookings.**

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