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some important updates and celebrations taking place in school.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term and look forward to the festive season, I would like to share

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the PTFA Christmas Fayre. We were delighted by the fantastic turnout and the generosity of our community.

The PTFA raised an incredible £1,438.63, which will be used to enrich our students' learning experiences in school.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner will be served to all students during Break 2 on Wednesday 17 December and Thursday 18 December.

The cost of the meal is £2.61, and parents/carers are asked to pre-order using the link provided below. This will help our kitchen team plan accurately and ensure a Christmas dinner is available for every student who would like one.

Christmas Dinner Order Form

Please also ensure that your child's Arbor account is topped up. There is **no charge for students entitled to Free School Meals**.

All meal orders must be placed by Wednesday 10 December.

Menu:

- Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
- Quorn Roast (vegetarian option)
- Dessert: Festive Rice Crispy Cake

Christmas Jumper Day & Foodbank Donations

On **Friday 12 December**, we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day. Students and staff are invited to wear a festive jumper in place of their school blazer to support our local food bank.

We warmly welcome donations of tinned food or toiletries for the **Rugeley Food Bank**, which will help families in need this Christmas. Donations are appreciated even if your child is not wearing a Christmas jumper.

The food bank has shared the following urgently needed items:

- Canned potatoes
- Long-life puddings (e.g., canned sponge puddings, rice pudding)
- Instant mash
- Canned or jarred meat products (e.g., meatballs, stewed steak)
- Children's treats
- Toilet rolls

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and kindness.

Last Day of Term - Celebration Assemblies

The final day of term is **Friday, 19 December**, and all students are expected to attend as part of our statutory requirements. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is present to enjoy the celebrations. Students may wear a Christmas jumper or festive accessories if they wish.

Lunch, including free school meal allowances, will be available during **Break 1**, with hot food served at this time.

School will finish at 12:40 pm. Please note that the school bus will **not** operate at this earlier time, so families will need to make alternative arrangements for collection. If you have any difficulties, please contact the school.

On Return

Please note that Monday 5 January is a planned INSET Day. School will reopen to students on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

Safeguarding Over Christmas

We recognise that the festive period can be challenging for some students and families. Our <u>Health & Wellbeing menu</u> is available on the school website, offering advice, support, and useful contact numbers.

You can also contact our safeguarding team directly at: safeguarding@hartschool.org.uk

Other key contacts include:

- Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support (SCAS): 0300 111 8007 (Mon–Thu: 8:30–5:00, Fri: 8:30–4:30)
- Out of Hours (EDS):
 0345 604 2886 eds.team.manager@staffordshire.gov.uk
- Non-emergency Police: 101

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout this term. We are incredibly proud of our students and all they have achieved.

Wishing you and your families a safe, happy, and restful Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Sandham

Principal