



## Harvest Celebrations

Thursday 10 October 9.15am

Our Harvest Festival will be on Thursday 10 October at St Laurence Church. Parents may join us. Could parents please wait whilst the children are registered in the morning and then walk to Church with us. Please note there is usually standing room only for parents at the church.

We will be collecting food to be given to the South Birmingham Young Homeless Project and would like the children to bring their donations (tins, jars and dried packet food - not fresh produce please) to school during the week (week beginning 6 October)

The donations will be displayed in the Hall before they are collected at the end of the week.



## Dates

(Dates for individual Year Group events will be notified separately.)

Friday 4 October  
Reception Disco 6pm—7pm

Friday 29 November  
Christmas Fayre

Monday 7 October  
Photograph Day

Monday 16 December  
Reception Nativities

Thursday 10 October  
Harvest Celebration 9.15 am  
St Laurence Church

Tuesday 17 December  
Year 1 Nativities

Tuesday 12 November  
Parents Evening 4.30 pm—7 pm

Wednesday 18 December  
Year 2 Nativities

Thursday 14 November  
Parents Evening 3.30 pm—6 pm

Thursday 19 December  
Christmas Service at St Laurence Church 9.15 am  
Christmas Dinner

Friday 15 November  
BBC Children in Need

Friday 20 December  
Carols in the Playground  
Break up for Christmas

## Extreme Weather

In the rare event of EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS (eg heavy snowfall) across the whole of the City, the Local Authority may take a central decision to close all schools.

Any such decision affecting all schools will be made by 6.45 am at the latest. This will then be announced through Heart FM, Radio WM and Free Radio, and will also be put on the City Council disruption web site and on Twitter.

Heart FM 100.7 FM [www.heart.co.uk](http://www.heart.co.uk)  
Radio WM 95.6 FM [www.bbc.co.uk/wm](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wm)  
Free Radio 96.4 FM [www.freeradio.co.uk](http://www.freeradio.co.uk)

There may be circumstances affecting individual schools eg local weather conditions, local road conditions, burst pipes or heating failure which mean that the school will be closed. The decision to close the school in these circumstances lies with the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors. The radio stations listed above will be informed.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR TEXT MESSAGES, FACEBOOK MESSAGES AND FOR NOTICES ON OUR WEBSITE [www.stlrci.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stlrci.bham.sch.uk).**

## A new date for the diary

**We have just been informed that the Combined West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Mayor Elections will take place on Thursday 7th May 2020. The Infant School is a polling station so we will be closed on that day. The following day, Friday 8th May 2020 is a Bank Holiday**

Given the current level of political uncertainty, there is a possibility that we may have another election before May 2020. In that case there is a strong probability that the school will be used as a polling station. These circumstances are obviously outside our control.

### Food in School

The children are provided with a piece of fruit or veg everyday as a snack.  
Children in Reception can also have toast.

The three weekly menu offers a variety of options and there is always a choice. Our school lunches are prepared on site and conform to healthy school food guidelines.

Copies of the menu are available from the school office and on the website.  
Every infant aged child is entitled to a free school lunch and we would encourage everyone to join in with this initiative.

We have a **nut free policy** in school.

It is essential that you inform us of any allergies, including nut allergies, your child may have so that we can ensure they are not given anything that might harm them.

### Birthday Treats

It is for sensible reasons like allergy awareness that cakes and chocolates are not allowed in school for birthday celebrations and we discourage the sending in of sweets.

### Admission to Reception September 2020

Preference Forms for admission to Reception in September 2020 are available on line at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/590/apply\\_for\\_reception\\_primary\\_school](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/590/apply_for_reception_primary_school)

The deadline is January 2020.

If you are applying under category 3 or 4 (Church categories), a Supplementary Information Form will also be required. These are available at school.

### Parents' Evenings next half term

**Tuesday 12 November 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm and Thursday 14 November 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm**

Our Parents' Evenings after half term offer an opportunity to visit your child's classroom, see their work and discuss their progress with the class teacher. Parents are invited to make an appointment by signing the sheets, which will be displayed, from Monday 5th November, on classroom doors or in the reception area or by sending a message to the class teacher.

Infant School children are welcome to attend to join in the conversation about their work.

Each year group has had a newsletter telling you what the children will be learning this term. Please find time to talk to them about what they are doing.

Reading at home is the most important homework you can do with your child. Sharing books, reading to them, them reading to you are all really beneficial to them developing a love of reading and the skills they need to do it successfully.



Help us raise money for Macmillan.  
Friday 27 September at 2.30 pm  
in the classrooms.

### School Term Dates 2019 - 2020

We hope these dates for this academic year will be helpful to you. Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised during term time. Children should attend on the following days:

#### Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4 September 2019 to Thursday 24 October 2019  
Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

#### Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020  
Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020

#### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020  
Monday 1 June 2020 to Friday 17 July 2020

There are 5 Teacher Days for the academic year when children do not attend:

Monday 2 September 2019  
Tuesday 3 September 2019  
Friday 25 October 2019  
Monday 6 January 2020  
Monday 20 July 2020

School closed for Combined West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Mayor Elections - Thursday 7 May 2020

The early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

May Day Bank Holiday - Friday 8 May 2020