



The end of November fast approaches and it looks like the cold weather is finally upon us. I am thrilled to share some exciting updates on our nativity rehearsals, which are well underway, and we are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to welcome parents and families into our school in the coming weeks.

Our youngest pupils have been working hard to bring the magic of the nativity to life. From enthusiastic shepherds to angelic choir members, the dedication and enthusiasm displayed during rehearsals promise an unforgettable performance. We can't wait for you to witness the heart-warming story of Christmas through the eyes of our amazing pupils.

As we approach the festive season, mark your calendars for two special events that are sure to fill your hearts with holiday cheer:

1. **Advent Service of Light:** Join us for a beautiful service that marks the beginning of the Christmas period. This is a perfect way to gather as a community and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. This will take place in the school chapel on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, further details will be shared soon, so stay tuned!
2. **PTA Annual Xmas Fayre:** Our PTA has been hard at work organising a spectacular Xmas Fayre that promises to be a highlight of the season. From festive decorations to delightful treats, there will be something for everyone. And, of course, don't forget to book your Santa visit! It's a magical experience that brings joy to both young and old.

To secure your spot for the Santa visit at the Xmas Fayre, be sure to follow the booking details provided in the upcoming communications from our PTA.

The Christmas post boxes will be set up on the first December, please ensure all envelopes are clearly labelled with the child's name and class or they won't be sorted and delivered on time by our Year 4 postal elves!

As we are a healthy eating school and have many pupils with allergies and dietary requirements, no food items should be attached to the Christmas cards, thank you for your support on this matter,

We are truly looking forward to sharing these special moments with you and creating lasting memories together. Thank you for your continued support, and let the festive preparations begin!



Mrs Kathy Jefferson  
Primary Head Teacher

**We're taking part in ROAD SAFETY WEEK**

**Five people die on UK roads every day**

**Let's talk about...**

**19-25 November 2023**

**SPEED**

Join the conversation **#RoadSafetyWeek**

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# ASSEMBLY

**This week we have been taking part in Road Safety Week**

Road Safety Week is a big road safety campaign and it happens every year.

In assembly we talked about road safety and how this is important because we all use roads and need to make sure our journeys are safe. We want to be able to make safe and healthy journeys whoever we are, and however we travel.

We don't want anyone to get hurt on roads.

We also discussed about speed and why fast traffic is dangerous, about safe places where we can walk and cycle and cross roads.

If you would like to discuss road safety with your child, please follow the link for additional resources, <https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>



This week's cost of living tips

Money Helper - Please click the link to free guidance [HERE](#)



Music has the incredible power to unite, uplift, and bring joy to our lives. Last Friday St Bartholomew's Church echoed with the delightful sounds of our talented young voices during the much-anticipated St. Barts Choir Day. It was a day filled with laughter, harmony, and a celebration of the musical talents that reside within our school community.



Ibraheem & Isabella came to see Mrs Jefferson with their Blue Abyss homework. She was very impressed with their creativity and effort well done!



**CITY OF  
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COUNCIL**

# **COFFEE MORNING**

*Everyone's  
Welcome*

*Wednesday 6th December  
9:30 - 11:00am*

Join us at Low Hill Family hub for our SEND Coffee morning. This is open to families of children/young people with any special educational need or disability and those who are currently undergoing assesment.

Get advice and support from other parents, SENCO's and various professionals.  
Booking required via Eventbrite

**Low Hill Family Hub,  
Fourth Avenue,  
Wolverhampton.  
WV10 9LZ.**

 **Wolverhampton  
Family Hubs**

 **Wolverhampton Outreach Service**  
Supporting Schools. Enabling Learning.

Please click [HERE](#) to book a place.

## Important Reminder

We are having an increasing number of medical appointments during the school day. Can we remind you that the school requires at least **48hours notice** prior to any medical appointments. If it is an emergency appointment, we understand that 48hrs notice in that circumstance is difficult, but you will still need to inform the school at your earliest convenience. Please can you email a copy of your child's appointment to the Primary Attendance Officer on [nd@theroyal.school](mailto:nd@theroyal.school)

We would appreciate it if you could arrange non-emergency appointments outside of school hours. We understand that hospital appointments need to be attended when they are made.

Please give the school **48hours notice**. Children leaving school early to attend appointments impacts their learning. We all want the best outcomes for our children at The Royal School.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



### Donations required for our Food Project

Jars of pasta sauces  
Biscuits and sweet treats  
Tinned puddings  
Pasta and rice



Don't forget .....

Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term!

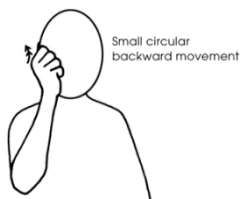
Friday 15th December 2023

Please see this week's sign

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### Diary

- 28/11/23 – MTC Parents workshop 4pm
- 29/11/23 – Pre-Loved Sale
- 30/11/23 – Eva Abley Visit Yr4 2pm
- 4/12/23 - Dress Rehearsal Reception Nativity
- 5/12/23 - Reception Nativity in Primary Hall
- 6/12/23 - Reception Nativity in Primary Hall
- 7/12/23 - Year 2 Carol Concert in Chapel
- 10/12/23 – Whole School Advent Service of Light in Chapel

### Sports Fixtures

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 5/6 Netball v St Stephens
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov U11/10 Football v Prestfelde (H)



## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online; they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Black Friday and Cyber Monday have ballooned in popularity during the past few years, as prices on almost everything are slashed for a few precious days. With consumers in the UK alone spending a staggering £9.4 billion over last year's discounted digital shopping weekend, it can often become a frenetic rush to grab tech, games and other products at knock-down prices.

Such radical reductions are especially welcome at this time of year – but Black Friday and Cyber Monday are also peak season for scammers, who bet on a sense of urgency blinding shoppers to the red flags in their 'offers'. The guide highlights some common warning signs to help you bag the goods without being left out of pocket.





## The Royal School PTA news & events



### Preloved uniform sale

Wednesday 29th November 3:30-5:00pm

Primary school playground

For urgent requests download the form:

<https://tinyurl.com/3c2f82br>

### PTA Meeting

Friday 26th January 8:30am

Our next PTA meeting will be held at 8:30am in the swimming pool cafe.

Everyone is welcome.

### WE NEED YOU!

In order for our fundraising events to be a success, we urgently require volunteers to support the PTA. We currently have only a handful of regular volunteers and hope to plan lots of fun events for pupils in 2024.

If you are able to spare some time please email [PTA@theroyal.school](mailto:PTA@theroyal.school)

### Prize and donations

We are looking for raffle gifts and prizes suitable for children for our games stalls and gifts under the tree.

Full details on how to donate ahead of the fayre will be emailed next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

### General Knowledge Quiz House Competition Final

Y5/6 showcased outstanding enthusiasm and determination during the General Knowledge Quiz Final. The air buzzed with excitement as the children fiercely competed to earn points for their respective houses. The final tally reflects an incredibly tight competition, yet we've identified an overall winner. Stay tuned as we unveil the victorious house during our upcoming house meetings next week!

# Safe around roads

*“One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter’s death.”*

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

**It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.**



## **Pedestrians** – younger children

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you’re out to help them understand simple ideas like ‘fast’ and ‘slow’
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won’t always remember safety rules, especially if they’re excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.



## **Pedestrians** – older children

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they’re at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they’re moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they’re on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.



## **In the car**

- Make sure your car seat is the right one for your child’s height and weight and for your car – not all seats fit all cars



## **Cycling**

- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet. If you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too
- Look out for cycle training. Many schools offer courses to help children gain practical skills.



**Driving** – speed is everything when it comes to a child’s chances of survival. They’re 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.

- Keep an eye on your speed
- Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can’t distract you.



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## The Royal Post Box

The Royal Post Box will be out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the main reception for Primary and an additional one in the Year 5 & Year 6 classroom block. Please can we ask that all cards are addressed with the child's name and class, i.e.



Please ensure that no edible items are placed inside or outside of the envelopes as we do not allow sweets or chocolates in school, as we are a healthy eating school, but also due to the number of pupils with food allergies which could lead to serious consequences. **Any cards with food items will not be distributed.**

During the last week of term, our special team of Santa's helpers (Pupils in Year 4) will sort out the cards and deliver them to the classes.

## Message from Accounts How to access School Gateway

# Schoolgateway

Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever

School Gateway is The Royal school's app available on Android, iOS and the web. It will work on phones tablets, laptops and even smart watches. Please click the link [HERE](#) to download.

## Attendance Week Commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Week Beginning 20th November 2023																				
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After a hugely successful October Half Term Camp, STRiVE will be returning to offer some Christmas creativity and fun.

Book your space now to avoid disappointment!

**18 - 20 DEC**

**£60<sup>pp</sup> SIBLING DISCOUNT**

# CHRISTMAS CREATIVE *Break*

**8am - 4pm**

**GAMES | CHRISTMAS CRAFTS | TEAM BUILDING | SPORTS**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US ON:  
**HELLO@STRIVE.EVENTS**





The Royal School PTA proudly presents



# Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th December  
3:30-6:30pm  
Senior School Theatre

*Hot Food*

*Mulled Wine*

*Gift Stalls*

*Entertainment*

*Christmas Games*

*Raffle*

*Visit Santa's Grotto*

£5 per child, includes a gift  
Must be booked in advance

