



## Next week, after Christmas holidays- Week 2/B

**Attendance reporting procedures** Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

## Safeguarding

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and families a safe and happy Christmas. Should you have a concern about a child during the holiday period please contact children's services on 0300 123 4043 or via this [link](#).

## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we were delighted to serve over 700 Christmas lunches to our staff and students. The extended feast comprised 130kg of meat and over 240kg of potatoes and vegetables. The hand-rolled pigs in blankets and yorkshire puddings were ever popular as were the vegetarian and gluten free options. The plates were piled high but we all managed to squeeze in a delicious dessert. Thank you to all those who joined the lunch, sang along with the Christmas hits and helped deliver the delicious lunches.

## Senior Citizens' Carol Service

On Tuesday 60 local senior citizens were entertained by our students in the Chapel with a mini carol service followed by a tea prepared by our Food and Nutrition students. There was a raffle where they received some early Christmas presents. We received some lovely feedback from the guests: 'The service in the Chapel was amazing and there were a few tears from me at the beauty of it all. The afternoon tea was delicious and the students serving were very attentive.'

## Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to all the staff and students involved in last Sunday's Carol concert, all the performances were fantastic and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Textiles Department

If you're having a clear-out over the next few weeks please think of the Textiles department. We are on the hunt for tiny plastic goodies - beads, hama beads (and boards), small toys (think Kinder Egg size), glitter - and anything else that might spark creativity.

Marbles and tape measures from crackers are also very welcome. We are also always after men's shirts and old denim jeans not suitable to be passed to a charity shop. We will use them for future creative projects! Thank you.

## DSPL8 Newsletter

Please find the latest DSPL8 Newsletter [here](#).

## PL Schoolwear

PL Schoolwear will close on Friday 19 December at 4.30pm and re-open on Monday 5 January at 9.30am. All orders placed in this period will be processed on Monday 5 January.

## Key Dates

- 5 Jan: Term Starts
- 12 Jan: Y12 Trial Exams Start
- 30 Jan: ASA Burns Night
- 5 Feb: Year 9 Options Evening

## Next Week Autumn/ Winter Lunch Menu: Week 1

## Communications

- [Y12 Work Experience](#)
- [Head Teacher's End of Term Letter](#)

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
12101	13805	12805	14863
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
19/12/2025			

## Music Lessons

To register for music lessons for the Spring Term please go to [HMS Music Lessons](#).

If you wish to withdraw from music lessons please use this [form](#) or email [SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) before the February half term. Any other queries regarding music lessons please email [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

## Sports Results

U14 Girls Football v St Joan of Arc	Lost 3-2
Y7A&B Netball v Tring	7A - Won 12-5 7B - Won 9-6
Y11B Netball v Adeyfield	Won 25-15
U13 Girls Football v Monks Walk	Lost 3-0
Y7 Boys Rugby v Tring	Won 6-1
Y8 Boys Football v Robert Bloomfield	3-3, Lost 4-3 AET

## ASA News

This, as always, is our busiest fundraising term. I feel like our requests for donations, volunteers and support have been relentless - but it's so worthwhile when you see that we've raised around **£12,000** in the four months since September, all of which gets invested back into the school for the benefit of our kids. That's incredible and is only possible because of you. Thank you to everyone who's contributed.

### Thanks To Our Recent Teams:

**Christmas Hamper Raffle:** Huge thanks to Monika G & Jan B for organising 22 fantastic hampers (plus extra treats) that made this raffle such a success - smashing our target out of the park by raising in the region of £3,000!

**Carol Concert:** Thanks to Becky H and her team for providing the festive refreshments at the end of a beautiful Carol concert.

**Chapel Decoration:** Massive thanks to Elsa R, Faye H and their enormous team who decorated the Chapel so it looked incredible for the last 2 weeks of school, and particularly festive for the Carol Concert.

**Sustainable Uniform Sale:** Thank you to Anna K for bringing the sustainable uniform initiative to life, and to her team of helpers on the day. The first of many uniform sales to come!

Looking Ahead:

**Burns Night - Thursday 30th January Tickets:** £47.50 via ParentPay **Time:** Doors open 6:30pm **Includes:** Three-course Scottish supper, live band, dancing & the ceremonial Address to the Haggis

**Quiz Night** - Friday 13th March - tickets to which sell out faster than parent consultation appointments!

**Comedy & Curry Night** - Friday 10th July - always a great line up, always fantastic food, always a great night.

As always...

Complete [this](#) form to stay in the loop about fundraising activities and see where your contributions make a difference.

Sign up [here](#) for a chance to win a cash prize with our 100 Club (aiming for 150 Club!).

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!**