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20th November 2025

Christmas Events at QE

Dear Families

The term is quickly passing us by and we have lots of exciting Christmas events coming up over the next few weeks. We therefore wanted to send you a letter containing all the information you need for the upcoming festive season.

Carol Service – Friday 28th November

As indicated on our autumn term Calendar of Events, our Christmas Carol Service is taking place on Friday 28th November at 10.30am at Guildford Cathedral. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform on this day (not PE kit). As always, parents/carers are invited to attend if they wish.

We anticipate the service will last about an hour. **Please note that parking will not be available at the Cathedral.**

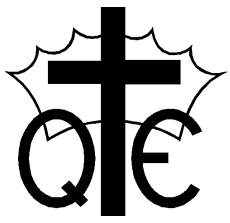
There will be a collection at the end of the service for Shooting Star Chase Children's Charity. If you are a taxpayer, please complete and use a gift aid envelope as doing so will increase every £1.00 donated, by 25p.

If, for religious reasons, you wish your child to opt out of this event, please contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know. A member of staff will remain at school to supervise these children. The school will not be contacting families to check before the event, therefore if we do not hear from you, your child will attend the Cathedral with the rest of the school. **Please let us know by e-mail even if you have opted out in previous years.**

We hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Lunch Day – Wednesday 3rd December

This year the children will have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 3rd December. The menu for the day (attached to this letter) is either a traditional roast turkey (red option) or a vegetarian alternative (green option) of a feta, spinach & cranberry puff pastry roll. Both options come with all the trimmings. Dessert is a festive chocolate biscuit. Please note that there will be no jacket potato or baguette options on this day. Please only select either a red or green option on SCOPAY.



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Children will enjoy their meal whilst listening to all the favourite Christmas tunes.

If your child would like to have Christmas lunch please ensure that you order your child's meal on SCOPAY by no later than **Thursday 27th November**. This is necessary for catering purposes, and we will be unable to accept bookings on the day.

Travelling Crib – Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December

As per our separate letter, we are delighted that Wintershall are bringing their interactive travelling crib, including a donkey, sheep, a wise man and Mary, to our school grounds. Wintershall will be running workshops across the two days for our school, as well as opening out the experience for other local schools.

This experience is an excellent introduction to the Nativity story for schools of all faiths and none. The workshops also encourage a deeper exploration of the meaning of Christmas for Christians. This experience is a truly unique and special way to celebrate Advent both in school and together with a wider community of schools.

In order to finance the workshops, a voluntary contribution of **£3.00 per child** is requested. A payment item labelled '**Travelling Crib**' has been assigned to your child on SCOPAY and we ask that contributions are made no later than **Friday 5th December 2025**. Please be aware that if we do not receive sufficient contributions we will have to cancel this event. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the School Office.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December we are inviting children to replace their QE jumper/cardigan with a festive jumper! Children should wear this with their uniform (or PE kit if it is a PE day). It is not a non-uniform day.

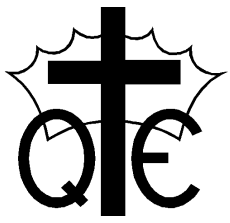
If you do not have a Christmas jumper, there is no need to buy one. Simply add a festive touch to a jumper you already have such as a bauble or tinsel.

As we have a number of events requesting donations over the festive period, we are not asking for contributions towards Christmas jumper day. However, if you would like to donate to Save The Children, please feel free to do so via the following link:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-now>

Reindeer Run – Friday 12th December

We are looking forward to our upcoming charity 'Christmas Run' on Friday 12th December.



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Your child has been sent home with a sponsorship envelope and a colouring sheet. As a local charity with such an important impact on our community, Queen Eleanor's is proud to support Phyllis Tuckwell annually, and we think this festive event is a fantastic opportunity to involve the children.

The event will begin at 9.30am when, class by class, the children will run or walk one mile's worth of laps of the playground. The children will be cheered on by festive volunteers from the hospice and run along to jolly tunes!

The children may come to school dressed in home clothes, and whilst not compulsory, as this is a Christmas event, your child may wish to wear something festive. We do however ask that the clothing suit the sporty nature of the morning.

As per last year, QE have decided to take part in the re-wear campaign to help reduce the impact on the environment from the sponsored runs. Therefore, instead of being issued with elf hats or reindeer antlers as in previous years, the children are asked to bring in their own festive headwear – anything from a previously used elf hat or reindeer antlers, festive boppers, headbands or anything with a winter theme, such as a woolly hat!

After the children have completed their mile, they will be provided with a little refreshment in the school hall.

We ask that the sponsorship donations are returned in the provided envelope on the day of the run. As this is of course a voluntary donation, all children are welcome to participate regardless of sponsorship.

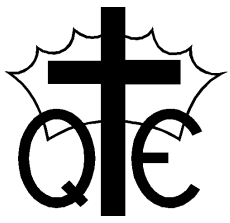
PSA Christmas Event – Friday 12th December

The PSA will be running their Christmas Fair on Friday 12th December from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Families will be able to enjoy:

- Music from the QE Christmas choir
- Mulled wine and mince pies
- Hot chocolate and cakes
- Chocolate and Bottle tombola
- Festive crafts and games
- Face stencils
- A Christmas selfie corner
- External hot food vendor

We look forward to seeing you there to support the PSA and school.



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Year 3 Nativity – Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December

This year our Year 3 children will be presenting "A Timeless Christmas" to the rest of the school and to parents.

There will be three performances as follows:

- Monday 15th December at 1.30pm – **school only (no parents invited)**
- Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am – morning performance to families
- Wednesday 17th December at 2.00pm – afternoon performance to families

The Nativity will be a ticketed event. Tickets are £2.00 per person and are available on a first come, first served basis, please therefore ensure you carefully select the performance you would like to attend.

To book tickets, please log on to SCOPAY where you will find the following named payment items:

Y3 Nativity - Tues 16 Dec

Y3 Nativity - Wed 17 Dec

Whilst SCOPAY will allow you to buy up to 9 tickets per performance, to allow all families to attend, we would request that you purchase no more than 4 tickets per performance, thank you.

If you do not wish for your child to take part in the Nativity at all then please email the office (office@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk)

Break up for Christmas – Friday 19th December

And after all the festive fun and celebrations, the children finish for the holidays (and a well-earned rest) on Friday 19th December at 1.15pm. Please note QE Meadows will not be open on this day.

We appreciate that this is a lot of information to take in for the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions please do contact the School Office.

Kind regards

The School Office