



10 December 2025 (Week B)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I attended the Together at Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's church. This was hosted by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Anna Turner. The service was to celebrate the contribution that local institutions make to our community. It was a pleasure to represent Lacon Childe School and the contribution that we make to the young people within our community. It was also fantastic to see Mollie Williams representing the school by singing the second verse of St David's City as a solo, at the end of the service the High Sherriff of Shropshire came to find me to tell me how impressed she was. Well done Mollie!

Year 11 mock examinations

We would like to congratulate our Year 11's on how well they have conducted themselves during the mock examination period. The vast majority of our students have approached the examinations in a positive manner and have shown the desire and determination to do as well as they can. This can be a very stressful period, and students have dealt with this pressure incredibly well. We encourage all of Year 11's to maintain the high standards they have set so far when they complete their GCSE's next year.

Students will now need to use the information and feedback they receive from the examinations to help them make progress in their studies. They will need to reflect on the following questions:

- Do you set yourself the highest expectations to achieve at the highest possible level?
- Do you try your best and work hard in every lesson?
- Do you complete all your homework to the best of your ability?
- Did you revise using the revision techniques we taught you?
- How much time did you spend revising?
- When did you revise?

We will be spending time in lessons reflecting on these mock examinations and going back over content that needs to be retaught. Students need to reflect on their approach to the mocks and identify what they can improve on for the summer examination season. We will be holding a mock results day in the new year when they will be given their results, more details to follow.

Year 10 parents evening

As a reminder, we have our Year 10 parents evening tomorrow at 4.30pm, we look forward to meeting with parents.

Year 7 Pantomime Trip

We are excited to be taking our Year 7's to the pantomime on Thursday 17 December to Ludlow Assembly room to see 'Aladdin'. We will be leaving school after tutor time at approx. 9.30am. We will arrive back at school for 1.30pm for all students to have lunch in school as normal. If students wish to wear a Christmas jumper along with their usual school uniform they are more than welcome. While on the trip, usual school rules apply with no use of



mobile phones. We have been asked to respect the strict rules of the Ludlow assembly rooms with NO mobile phones in the auditorium. As a school we suggest that mobile phones stay at home or are left safely in student bags.

Winter Concert

This is a reminder that we have our annual winter concert at Lacon Childe School on Monday 15 December. Tickets are available to purchase via the shop section on Arbor - Adult £5.00 and children £2.00. Please come along to support this wonderful evening.

Christmas lunch

Next week, on Tuesday 16 December we have our annual Christmas lunch. I have been told that this is one of the highlights of the year, not only due to the great food but staff members support by serving lunch to the students. Please see below link to the booking form and attached menu. Please complete the booking form by Friday 12 December to confirm your child's Christmas lunch.

[Christmas Lunch 2025](#)

Last day of term

The last day of the Autumn term is Friday 19 December. As part of the day, we will be taking part in the Christmas carol service in St Mary's Church. The students will be in one of two services during the morning and then back to school in the afternoon for the final assembly, staff will be accompanying students on the walk to and from the church. The school day finishes at the normal time of 3.15pm. The service is a wonderful way to end the term and start the Christmas holidays, however, if you would not like your child to attend, please email the school office. The last day of term is also Christmas jumper day, students can wear a Christmas jumper along with their usual school uniform if they would like to.

Attendance

You may have heard in the news about the recent illness that has been spreading across the country, causing some schools to close. Although the illness rate at our school is not at this level, we are experiencing a larger number of students being off school and for longer than we would normally expect. Over the coming week, we will be reminding students about the importance of hygiene at school and in particular washing hands to stop the spread of any illness.

A message from 4Front Theatre

In March we invited all of the local schools to come and watch the Parable Keeper performance by 4Front Theatre. Many schools took us up on the offer and St Mary's Church was packed for the performance with 155 people in attendance from 5 local schools. We covered the cost of the show in March but unfortunately, we are unable to do the same for their Christmas tour. However, we have got them booked and they will be performing their latest Christmas Show - "Not Getting Inn" on Saturday 13th December at St Mary's Church in Cleobury Mortimer for a small ticket price.

Four Stones Gateway Trust Photography Competition

Please see attached flyer regarding a photography competition across the Trust schools. Entries close on Friday 30 January 2026.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

We have run the Bronze award at Lacon Childe for many years and it presents a fantastic opportunity for young people to discover fresh interests and make new friends, whilst providing service to others. Please see attached our Year 10 and Year 11 students who have recently completed their Bronze Award. Certificates and badges will be presented next Friday.

Christmas Cards

A small selection of our incredibly talented entries for the Christmas card competition. We have had a fabulous number of entries from all year groups. Well done.



Attachments

[Winter Concert](#)

[Duke of Edinburgh](#)

[Trust photography competition](#)

[Christmas Menu](#)

Yours Sincerely

Stuart Weston
Headteacher

Monday 15 December
Tuesday 16 December
Friday 19 December
Friday 19 December
Monday 5 January
Tuesday 6 January

Winter Concert
Christmas dinner day
Christmas Jumper Day
Last day of term
PD Day
Return to school

Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 7 Pantomime Balance	£10.00	05/12/2025
Year 10 and 11 Drama Students Theatre Trip	£28.50	05/12/2025
Year 10 and 11 Poetry Live Trip	£29.28	07/12/2025
Year 9 Paris Installment	£100.00	18/12/2025
Ski Trip Installment	£130.00	01/01/2026