

This week

- Sat 10 Dec: Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas Fair, 11am-2pm
- Wed 14 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Production, 2.00pm
- Thu 15 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Production, 6.30pm

Dates further ahead

- Tue 20 Dec: Christmas Jumper/Hat Day
- Tue 20 Dec: Christmas Lunch
- Wed 21 Dec: Christmas Service at St Peter's, 10.30am
- Wed 21 Dec: End of term, 1.00pm
- Thu 5 Jan: Pupils return to school



A full calendar is available on our website

Notices and reminders

Please note that there will be **no after school clubs** running this week, unless otherwise advised.

On our Christmas lunch day, Tuesday 20 December, children may **wear a Christmas jumper** instead of their Thomas Coram sweatshirt, and/or a Christmas hat. The rest of their uniform should be as normal.

Does your child enjoy running? Why not bring them along to Bridgewater School's cross country event on Saturday 14 January? Please register with Mrs Thomson 15 minutes before your child's race time. Children should wear their school PE kit. It will be very muddy, so spikes may be worn.

Time	Race	Approx distance
9.30	Year 6 Girls	1200m
9.45	Year 6 Boys	1200m
10.00	Year 5 Girls	1200m
10.15	Year 5 Boys	1200m
10.30	Year 4 Girls	800m
10.45	Year 4 Boys	800m
11.00	Year 3 Girls	600m
11.15	Year 3 Boys	600m

Hertfordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure there are **sufficient childcare places for children of all ages**. They would like feedback from parents on the childcare options available for their family. Your support in completing the survey will assist Hertfordshire County Council in the planning of childcare places throughout the county. The survey will close on 23 December and is available at surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/Sufficiencyparentsurvey/

Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters which are also available on our website:

- Letter to 6TY
- Letter to 4BC
- Letter to 3LW
- Year 3 Christmas Performance

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership – Put It Away

If pupils would like cards to their friends and staff delivered free, they should place them in the **Christmas post box** in the dining room. Please make sure the full name and class to be delivered to is written on the envelope. A delivery will take place daily to each classroom until Friday 16 December.

This week at St Peter's – on Gaudete Sunday at 9.30 all those who have been baptised or married at St Peter's in the last few years are invited to come back and celebrate. The vestments and candles are pink, and there will be pink drinks after the service. Sunday Club will be practising Christmas songs in the Court House. On Saturday the choir will be singing at the Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas fair. On Monday evening there will be another free organ recital. This is the last one of the series and will be given by Peter Yardley-Jones.



The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership is launching a new campaign to 'put it away' as many drivers are continuing to use their handheld mobile phone while driving. However good your driving is, checking a text, browsing, scrolling through your music means you are not paying attention to the road, things happen that you cannot react in time to. Remove the temptation and put your mobile away in a bag, in the glove compartment, out of reach – it is just not worth the risk.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/putitaway

Soon the penalties for using a handheld mobile phone while driving are doubling to £200 fine and six points on your licence – an immediate ban for new drivers.

Thank you for your support #putitaway – follow on social media