

Christmas At St Mary's Church December 2023

I'm sure that you will agree that Christmas is a wonderful and special time of the year for most people, but particularly for children and their parents/carers.

Nursery and Reception children **will not** be performing at the church, but will have other festive activities in school.

This year, children from Yrs 1- Yr 6 will perform a Carol service at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford. There will be two identical Christmas Services this year, both on Thursday 7th December at 9.30am and 1.30pm. All children from Yr1 to Yr6 will be taking part.

There will be 2 tickets for each family for one of the services. Please complete the online form labelled 'Christmas Activities 2023' so that we know which time you would prefer. We will do our best to accommodate preferences, although we cannot give any guarantees. There is obviously a maximum number of seats available in church for each time and our pupil numbers have risen significantly. Forms will be placed in the order that they are returned online and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. When we send the tickets home, we will let you know this via School Life app.

Due to the success of filming the Christmas Service in previous years, we are going to film the children again at the church during the rehearsal on Thursday 30th November 2023. This will give any parents who cannot make the actual service on Thursday 7th December the opportunity to share in their child's Christmas performance. It will also be a wonderful Christmas keepsake for all parents who would like to purchase the digital stream, even if they are able to come to the church. All children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be singing in their classes and then the video will be available to purchase as a digital stream for £7.

We use a professional filming company and for security and child protection, your Streaming content cannot be shared with other accounts, websites or on social media.

"Digital Delivery of Productions Our New Digital Delivery service means you will now be able to watch the Show via the internet on multiple devices. There are no downloads as this is a Streaming Service only supplied by "Mediazilla" (a little like Netflix / Amazon Prime Video for professional film makers). For security and child protection, your Streaming content cannot be shared with other accounts, websites or on social media!" (Please see attached document).

Over the next few weeks we will be sending out more plans for the festive period.

In order for your child to take part in the video recording, we need your consent – whether you are purchasing the stream or not. To access the form to do this, go on to the school website, 'Forms' Year 1 - Year 6 - Christmas Carol Service Filming Consent Form and Order Form - please complete the form and pay the £7 online using 'School Money' by Monday 27th November 2023.

We need to place the confirmed order with the company by this date. You must ensure that your email address is correct as the Company will use this email to send you the digital stream.

If there are insufficient numbers of parental consents received then the carol service will not be able to be filmed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Stanton
Deputy Headteacher

Please note that Nursery and Reception children do not perform at the church.