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Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week beginning Monday 23rd November 2026.

All Years



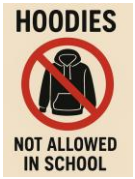
Christmas Dinner Day/ Jumper Day

Wednesday 16 December, is Christmas Dinner day. Please note, this is the only option available on the day so please ensure a packed lunch is provided if you did not pre-order a meal. There will be no food served at break. Students in receipt of free school meals will automatically be allocated a meal. Students are also able to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform for a donation of £1.00 with all funds going to the 'Save the Children' appeal.



OUR Community Connections Committee Plea

Students are starting to plan for the food bank collections. As part of this, they are putting together Christmas Hampers in CREWs for Open Hands. These will be distributed to students and families across the LiFE MAT (All LiFE MAT schools are taking part). As part of this, we are looking for donations of small boxes (shoebox or slightly bigger) to help create the hampers.



Uniform

As we move into the colder months, please could we ask parents and carers to ensure students come to school with a suitable coat each day.
As a reminder, hoodies are **NOT** part of our school uniform and should not be worn. Students may wear their school jumper and/or blazer for extra warmth, with a coat on top for outdoor wear. Thank you for your continued support in helping students maintain our uniform standards.



Grab Bag Order Form

Beat the Queue. Order your cold food grab bag via the online link by 9am on the day required. Collection from the hut at lunchtime - Grab Bag Order Form

Seneca Learning Guide

We have put together a 'Seneca Learning – How to guide' to support students if they experience any difficulties accessing their account. Please refer to the guide for clear, step-by-step instructions to help support your child. Thank you for your continued support - Seneca Learning – How to guide



Independent Learning Timetable

If your child is directed to work at home, the Home Learning Timetable can be found on our website. It is important that when students are not at school, they keep up with the work their teacher has set for them - Independent Learning Timetable

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Replacement Lanyards / ID Cards

Please be reminded that lanyards and ID cards are part of our school uniform and must be worn at all times.

If a student has lost their ID card, a replacement can be ordered via ParentPay. **If a replacement card is issued without prior payment, the cost will be deducted from the child's dinner money account.**

Students who forget their lanyard will need to go to the back of the queue at lunchtime to allow catering staff time to locate their details.

Thank you for your support in helping students arrive prepared each day.

Please ensure that students take care of their dinner cards and do not bend, fold, or deface them. Damaged cards may not work on the card readers, which can cause delays during lunchtime.

Dates for your diary…

Thursday 26 November 2026 – Y7 Awesome Autumn Rewards Evening (more info to follow)
Friday 27 November 2026 – School Closed – Disaggregated Day
Tuesday 1 December 2026 – Festive Wreath Making Workshop 7pm
Thursday 3 December 2026 – Year 11 Progress Evening
Tuesday 8 December 2026 - School Early Finish 2pm
Thursday 10 December 2026 – Christmas Concert
Tuesday 15 December 2026 - 2026 Cohort Certificate Collection Evening
Wednesday 16 December 2026 – Christmas Dinner/ Jumper Day
Friday 18 December 2026 – Break up for Christmas. School closes at 3pm.

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Year 7	**Awesome Autumn Rewards Evening** Thursday 26th November 2026 - If your child has received an award you will have received an invite via the Arbor app with a form to complete to confirm your attendance. Please look out for this. Please note there will be lots more opportunities for students to earn rewards throughout the year. **Year 7 Real LiFE Mission Showcase** What an incredible evening it was on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate our Year 7 students' amazing work. Their first REAL LiFE Mission, "Who am I?", showcased just how much they've grown this term — and the support from family and friends made it even more special. Thank you!
Year 9	**Amazon Trip News Article** We're delighted to share that some of our students have recently been featured in a news article celebrating the success of our trip to Amazon. The trip gave students a fantastic opportunity to see the world of work up close, and we're incredibly proud of how they represented OUR school — showing curiosity, enthusiasm, and excellent conduct throughout. Please follow the link to read the article. Love Business Amazon Article.
Year 10	**Chromebooks** These will be handed out to students on **Monday 23rd November.** Please ensure you have provided consent via the Arbor app. Y10 Chromebook Letter 2026
Year 11	**Year 11 Progress Evening** - Thursday 3rd December 4-7pm. The booking system to make appointments is now open on Arbor app under Guardian Consultation. Please see information contained in the following letter on our website - Year 11 Progress Evening Letter .

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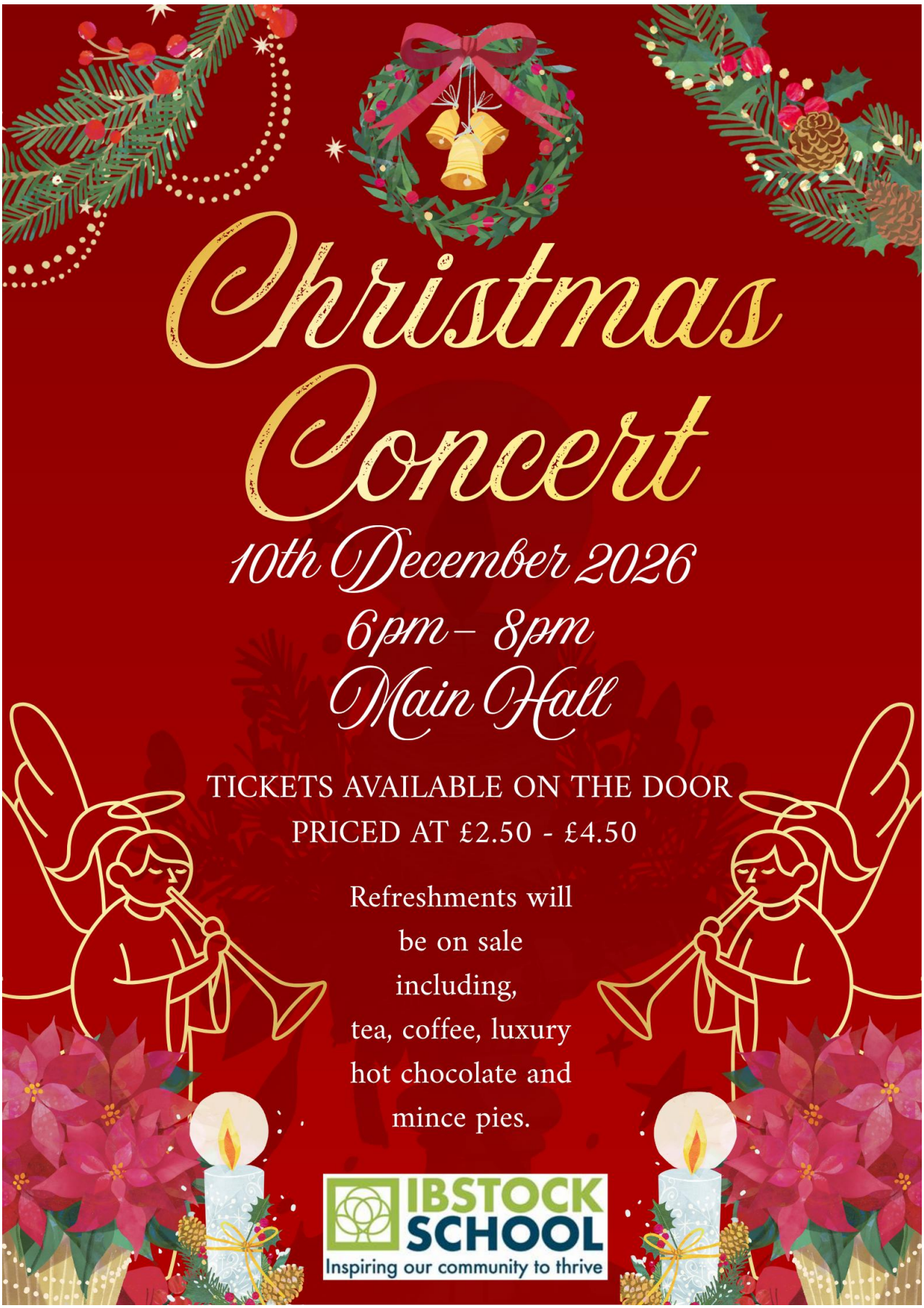

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