

# PARSON STREET TIMES

“This is going to be a good year!”

We can not believe that we are nearly coming to the end of 2023 at Parson Street and we are excited for the last week and the celebrations within our school. Some classes have been decorated with tinsel and we have the big Christmas tree in the hall!

We are seeing lots of things really embedded at our school (our learning gems, children’s presentation in books and our routines) and children have learned so much- shown by assessments this week. Please do ask your child’s class teacher if you want any more information about this to support your child at home.



## Updates

### Christmas

We have organised some of our ‘traditional’ events at Parson Street to celebrate the end of 2023 and Christmas.

A letter has been put on Dojo about our annual Christmas Carol concert at St Michaels Church on Friday 15th December (last day of term). Please ensure to read this carefully and to fill in the online form regarding pick up at the church or the school. Thank you to those that have done this. We also will be holding a ‘Christmas Lunch’ on Tuesday 12th December. This day will also be ‘Christmas Jumper’ day, where children will be invited to wear normal uniform but a Christmas jumper!

Classes are also busy organising class parties for next week. Please look on your child’s Class Dojo pages about this.

### CPAG

As part of developing our school offer and our community, at Parson Street we have a Parent and Carer group that meet each term to discuss things within school and outside of school. We are always looking for more members- please contact Mrs Ellis for more information.

### Playground items- Have you got anything we could use?

We have lots of toys and equipment out at lunchtimes to support children with their play. This includes scooters, toy cars and even prams (which the children love!) If you think you have anything at home that you do not want and we could use, please contact Mrs Ellis or bring it in to the office. We are always wanting more.

### PTA

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Social on the afternoon of the 14th December on the playground. They are asking for donations of cakes and books for the event, if you're able to help that would be fantastic. Donations can be left with the school office on the 14th.

If you would also be interested in joining the PTA please contact us either via email: [parsonstreetprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:parsonstreetprimarypta@gmail.com) or by speaking to the school office.

### Carol Concert at St Michaels

Mrs Ellis and Mrs Jones have been busy sorting out the final plans for our carol concert at St Michaels next week, Friday 15th December. The church doors will open at 1:45pm, to start at 2pm. Because of limited seating, please ensure there are only 2 members per family- we want everyone to be able to fit into the church!

After the carol concert, we will dismiss children (if you are taking them from the church) separately per key stage. Please bear with us to make sure this goes as smooth as possible.

As part of my new role, I am always looking at improving communication. Please do let me know if there is any other ways we can improve!

Mrs Ellis

### Contact Us



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Class Dojo pages

# ZOOMING INTO END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Another busy week at Parson Street.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) have wowed us all with their courage, their beautiful singing and acting in their sing-a-longs and nativity. Thank you to those that also joined us for a coffee and a catch up after. It really was so lovely to see so many families to finish 2023. A massive thank you to the teaching teams in Early Years: we know the hard work that goes into these performances.



In KS1 and KS2, children have been busy with assessments and practices of songs ready for next week.



As part of our end of year celebrations, Mrs Lee is running a joke competition.

“This week, the children have been having a go at performing Christmas cracker jokes for our annual joke competition - the cheesier the better! They learnt to change their volume and intonation and to put a dramatic pause before delivering the punchline. Their entries will be judged against the other schools in our trust. Winners for each key stage will be announced next week.”

## **A message from Dame Rachel De Souza Children's Commissioner for England**

I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. It is really important that the pupils at Parson Street Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Bristol, City of are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

This survey is for all children aged 0-18, parents, carers /other adults can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or for children who need extra assistance. This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice!

Children or parents can complete the survey here:  
[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) .



**The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.**

**We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.**

**This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.**

Scan the QR code to  
take part



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COMMISSIONER**

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



## Free NHS app helps parents care for their poorly child.

As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child.

The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies.

The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999. The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or [iTunes](#) and for Android phones at [Google Play](#). Alternatively, please use the following QR code:



# Important Dates

**Please note the last day of term 2 is Friday 15th December and the first day back of term 3 is Wednesday 3rd January.**

What?	When?	Where or information?
Reception Kickstarts	Every Wednesday 8:50-9	Reception class for parents and carers of reception children
Christmas Decorating at The Southville Centre	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Opal Ambassadors will be invited to this
Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers. Normal school uniform if they do not want to wear one/ underneath.
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Dragon Hall (for children)
PTA Christmas event	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Playground (weather permitting)
Carol Concert at St Michaels Church	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December- PM	St Michaels Church. Please see letter with more information
Christmas Holidays	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December- Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	
INSET	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	
INSET	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	
INSET	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
INSET	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	

## Coffee Afternoon and Book Lending Library

Come along to our Coffee afternoon hosted by Miss Cousins.

There is no need to book, just come in and chat! We would love to see some new faces.

**Date: 12th December**

**Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm**

**Location: Parson Street Community Room**

Our book lending library will also be set up the same day!



## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported Parson Street to donate a massive £445.22 for the Poppy Appeal.





# Holiday Activities



# December 2023

Activity	Time & Price	Age
<b>Monday 18th December</b>		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
<b>Tuesday 19th December</b>		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
<b>Wednesday 20th December</b>		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
<b>Thursday 21st December</b>		
<b>Christmas Party Day</b>	Standard Day (£24) - ED (£26) - Full Day (£28)	4-14
<b>Friday 22nd December</b>		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14



All bookings MUST be made online via: <https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk/>  
 Childcare Voucher Payments are accepted. Please enquire via email.



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## ANOTHER YEAR SPREADING CHEER IN BS3

Local Christmas gift donation scheme BS3 Pass the Parcel will be back for the fourth time this Christmas. Set up during the dark days of lockdown in 2020 this joyful local project hopes to bring a little light to those in need this winter.

Pass the Parcel works with the community for the community and aims to ensure that those in the BS3 area who are less fortunate, for whatever reason, still receive a lovely gift and treats at Christmas time.

Last year, Pass the Parcel shared over 500 gift bundles with vulnerable individuals, families and children across BS3. This was achieved with the help of some brilliant volunteers, support from the community, connections with businesses and schools (including this one) and enthusiasm from local traders.

The dedicated team is once more fundraising to purchase gifts and are still in need of monetary donations to their Just Giving account: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/pass-the-parcel-1697093689655> or through their website [www.passtheparcelbristol.org](http://www.passtheparcelbristol.org) – where you can find out more about the project, links to the Just Giving page and how to get involved in their wrapping day on Saturday 9th December at St Paul's Church in Southville.

Every donation really will make a difference this year. So go on, share a little Christmas sparkle with others this winter.





## 229th Scout's Advent Trail

An Activity trail including  
crafts, games and goodies  
leading to a visit with santa

Full Details found on QR  
including time slots



A range of snacks, stalls  
and Hot drink for adults

waiting  
£10 per child

2nd December 3-6pm

3rd December 10am-1pm

Scout HQ, Raynes Road,  
BS3 2DJ



Switzerland 2024  
fundraiser



# COSY CHRISTMAS

Join us for two festive films & more!



Thursday 14th Dec  
5pm - 7.30pm

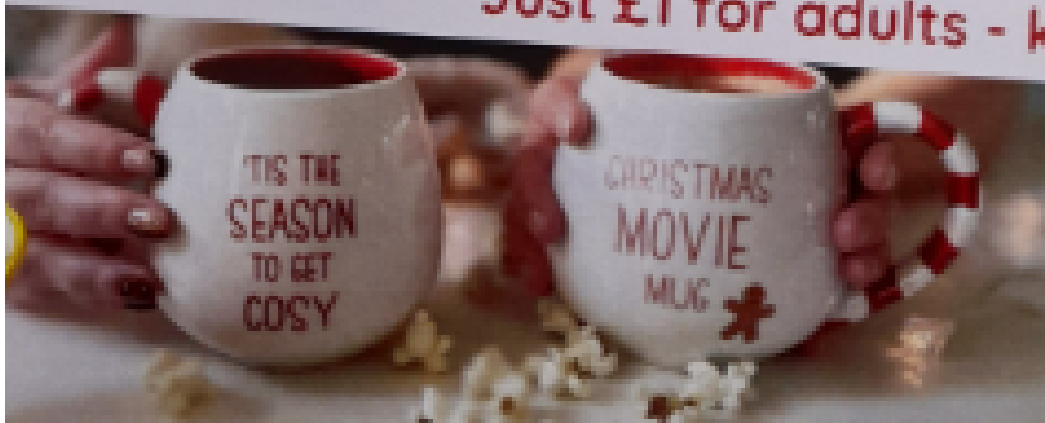
- Festive film is Elf
- Christmas crafts activities
- Mulled cider and hot drinks
- Hot and cold food available



Saturday 16th Dec  
10.30am - 1pm

- Festive film is The Grinch (2018)
- Christmas craft activities
- Christmas carol & bell ringing workshop
- Hot drinks and food available

Just £1 for adults - kids go free!



At the Southville Centre, Beauley Rd, BS3 1QG

book today!



### Bristol FOOD Clubs 2023

Day	Club	Contact
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>9.30-11am</b>	<b>Lockleaze</b> The Vench, Romney Ave, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9TB	Emily.vaughan@family-action.org.uk
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12.30-2.30pm</b>	<b>Broomhill</b> , St Peter's Methodist Church, 170 Allison Rd, Brislington.	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9.30-11.30am</b>	<b>St Pauls</b> Children's Centre Family Hub Little Bishop Street BS2 9JF	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12.30-2.30pm</b>	<b>Redcliffe</b> Faithspace, Prewett Street, BS1 6PB	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1-3pm</b>	<b>Barton Hill</b> Wellspring Settlement 43 Ducie Rd BS5 0AX	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
<b>Thursday</b> <b>12.30-2.30pm</b>	<b>Inns Court</b> Community & Family Centre, 1 Marshall Walk, Bristol BS4 1TR	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1-3pm</b>	<b>Oldbury Court</b> Children's Centre Frenchay Rd, Bristol BS16 2QS	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
<b>Friday</b> <b>10-11.30am</b>	<b>Hartcliffe</b> Methodist Church Mowcroft Road BS13 0LT	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
<b>Friday</b> <b>9.30-11am</b>	<b>Lockleaze</b> The Vench Romney Ave, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9TB	Emily.vaughan@family-action.org.uk
<b>Friday</b> <b>12.30-2.30pm</b>	<b>Speedwell</b> Speedwell Methodist Church, Bristol, BS15 1ES	<a href="mailto:eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk">eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk</a>
<b>Friday 1.30-3pm</b>	<b>Inns Court</b> Community & Family Centre, 1 Marshall Walk, Bristol BS4 1TR	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
<b>Friday</b> <b>3-4.30pm</b>	<b>Bedminster</b> United Reformed Church, 48 Stanley St S, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 3PG	Jackie Smith 01179231039 <a href="mailto:food@bs3community.org.uk">food@bs3community.org.uk</a>



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Mondays 12.30 – 3.00pm  
Start date: **8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



Parents attend different groups

For information and enquiries, please contact  
Emily on 07827 979616

✉ [relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk)

Or use this link to enrol <https://forms.office.com/e/YgdiRVmADg>

  
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