

28th November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Christmas at Brymore

I am writing to invite you to join the boys and staff at Brymore for our annual Christmas Carol Service at the end of term. As with the Harvest Festival, we have split the services in order that you may bring family and friends to celebrate Christmas with us. The **Year 9, 10 and 11** Carol Service will be on **Friday 12th December at 2.45pm at St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HA** and should finish by 3.45pm. Following the service, Year 9, 10 and 11 out-boarders are able to leave, and boarders can collect their belongings from their boarding house and sign out for the holiday. We will not be expecting them in school on Saturday. However, for boarding students who have a younger sibling staying for the Saturday service, they will be able to stay on Friday night.

The Carol Service for **Year 7 & 8 is on Saturday 13th December at 10.30am** and should be finished by approx. 11.30am, where all boys are able to leave for the Christmas holiday after collection of their belongings from their boarding house. School will start as usual at 8.30am on Saturday morning and **all** Year 7 and 8 boys are expected to attend.

Parking at, and around, the Church is limited so please arrive in plenty of time. Alternatively, you may wish to park at school and walk to the Church.

School transport will be as follows:

The Brymore bus to Minehead & Williton will leave at 4.00pm on Friday and 12.15pm on Saturday. If your son **does not require transport home**, please message the school by **Tuesday 9th December 2025**.

Transport provided by Somerset Council will leave at 12.15pm on the Saturday.

Boarders' Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 6.15pm and there will be no prep that evening.

On Wednesday 10th December there will be a Christmas lunch available for all boys to purchase, at a cost of £2.70. This is a great opportunity for boys who have not experienced lunches in the canteen to do so that day. Out-boarders who wish to have lunch will need to ensure sufficient funds are available on their canteen account and will need to notify the kitchen of any specific dietary requirements. It will also be our 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Any donations (food or cash) will be gratefully received and passed to the local foodbank.

Boarders' Christmas tea for Year 7 and 8 will be at 4.45pm on Thursday 11th December and Year 9, 10 and 11 will have their Christmas tea on the same day at 6.00pm.

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Finally, after Christmas, boarding students are expected to return on Monday 5th January 2026 between 6.00pm and 9.00pm and out-boarders on Tuesday 6th January 2026 by 8.30am.

For Year 8 parents there is a Parent Consultation, ***in person***, on Monday 5th January 2026 between 3.30pm - 7.30pm in the Teaching Block. Please note, due to staff training on the Inset Day there will be no-one available to assist with any late enquiries. If an issue arises on the day please email the member of staff directly (email addresses can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook on the website). There will be a separate email sent to parents of Year 8 boarders shortly containing further information about the return to School for their son(s).

I hope you are able to join us for the Christmas service this year as I know many parents see this as a highlight of the Brymore calendar.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan McHale', written in a cursive style.

Stefan McHale
Headteacher