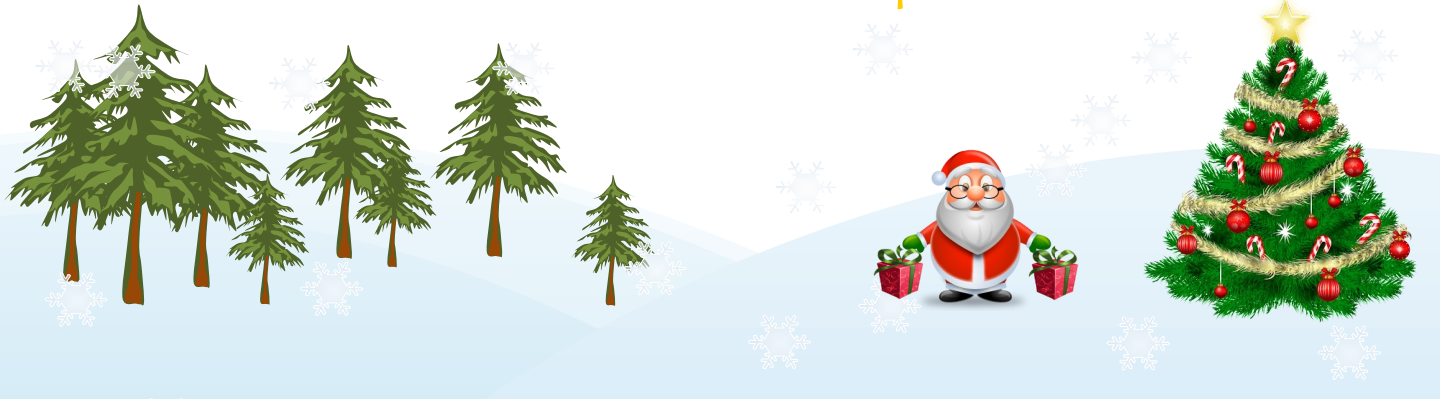


# The Christmas Season Is Upon Us



## Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2021



25th November

We would like to summarise the activities we are planning for the coming weeks and trust you and your children will be part of them.

SUBJECT TO THE MOST RECENT COVID MEASURES

### Key Dates



26/11	Decorating the Early Years
29/11	Early Years Angel Tree begins
03/12	Junior High and Senior High Decorating
06/12	Primary School Christmas Decorating
06/12	Christmas Post Box starts
06/12	Primary Angel Tree begins
06 – 07/12	Usborne Books Fair starts at the Primary
07/12	Junior & Senior High Concert
10/12	End of Primary Clubs for Term 1
10/12	End of Early Years Clubs for Term 1
14/12	Primary Christmas Concert/Nativity
15/12	Early Years Nativity in the garden
15/12	Christmas Lunch
16/12	Early Years Christmas Celebrations
16/12	End of Junior and Senior High Clubs for Term 1
17/12	Christmas Jumper Day
17/12	Last Day of Term - school ends at 12pm
25/12	Junior and Senior High—Soup Kitchen
18/12/2021- 9/1/2022	Christmas Break
10/01	First Day of Winter Term

Upon arrival for the Early Years Nativity programme or for the Primary Nativity programme adults (18 and over) will need to demonstrate one of the following:

- Be 14 days from the end of the second vaccination (through a vaccination certificate)
- Be within 180 days of the onset of COVID 19 (through a certificate of recovery)
- Children aged 12-17 may provide these same documents or may provide a negative PCR test.
- A PCR test is acceptable for those who have had a first dose of the vaccine or those who have written confirmation from a health care provider that they should not have the vaccine.

All guests will be asked to temperature check and hand sanitise at the entrance gate.

Please wear your masks for the entirety of your time with us, unless you are enjoying refreshments.



You will receive further information via email closer to the date or should there be any changes.

## Decorating the Early Years for Christmas (26/11)

The children and staff will decorate the Early Years building for the holiday season.

## Early Years Angel Tree (29/11–17/12)

This Christmas we will support a local orphanage for our Angel Tree outreach. The Angel Tree will be set up outside the Early Years front door. Please help your child choose an angel and take an opportunity to make a Christmas wish come true for a child in need. See Ms Tereza or Mrs Evans for more information.



## Junior and Senior High Door Decorating (03/12)

On Friday, 3rd December, the Junior and Senior High students will mark the beginning of the Christmas season with the traditional decorating of the classroom doors.



## Primary School Students Christmas Decorating (6/12)

Primary students will decorate their rooms and the trees on this day.

## Giving Tree at the Primary School (06/12–17/12)

The Primary School PTA would like to invite you to support children in foster care by donating a gift of their choice. Historically, a Christmas or Angel tree, displaying the names and gift suggestions of children less fortunate, would be located in the parent's room for adults to access. Due to restrictions, the Angel Tree is now online.

Please click [here](#) to view the ANGEL TREE with the list of the children and their wishes. It is not necessary to buy gifts from the published shop and the gift itself can be purchased anywhere. Please choose a child you would like to support and reserve the gift. The gifts (wrapped and labeled with the child's name) should be delivered to the Primary School by Friday, 17th December. Students using the bus system can give the gifts to Mr. Dagan and Mr. Chisholm can receive gifts from those entering Riverside from the car park. The handover of the gifts is organised by St. Thomas' Church in Prague 1.

## Junior & Senior High Concert (7/12)

The Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas together, combining their musical talents in a concert at the Municipal Library Theatre. The event will be attended by the Junior High students and a video of the performances will be made available on YouTube for parents and the wider Riverside community to enjoy. The concert video will be released to parents in the final week of the term.

## Christmas Post Box - Primary School and Early Years (starts 6/12)

From Monday 6th December children can start putting their Christmas cards, for Riverside children and staff, in the Christmas post box located in the Primary, Riverview or Early Years hallway. Children will collect their class' post at the end of each day.



## Usborne Books Fair at the Primary (6/12 - 7/12)

We welcome back Usborne Books, who will set up a Book Fair in the Primary School, where you can come and see the books and purchase them on the days. The fair will take place on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December.



Usborne are renowned publishers of children's books, and also have a huge variety of activity and sticker books.

The Book Fair will take place in the bubble. On Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th, parents are welcome to enter through the main car park gates to visit the fair in the bubble. To enter the bubble, parents should enter the school grounds, walking along the path to the bubble doorway which is located beside the Year 1 & 2 entrance. Parents may choose to do this after drop off or when collecting their children (Please collect your children first). All adults and students should be masked at all times at the book fair.

More information will follow soon.

## End of Primary Clubs and Early Years Clubs for Term 1 (10/12)

The last day for Skills for Life activities in Early Years and Primary School will be on Friday, 10th December.

### Primary Christmas Nativity (10/12)

Mark your calendar and get excited for **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. This year's Primary Nativity show is called 'Didn't You See Me?' and it is an adaptation of Tolstoy's Papa Panov's Special Christmas. The show takes place at 17:30 outdoors on a stage set in the Primary playground. More information will soon follow.



### Early Years, Primary, Junior High and Senior High School Christmas Lunch (15/12)

A traditional Christmas lunch will be available for all children and staff on Wednesday 15th December

- \* In the Early Years Jídelna and Reception Room,
- \* in the Primary Jídelna or Riverview Jídelna
- \* in the Jordan Building Cafeteria for Junior High students
- \* In the Senior High Gallery in take-away boxes



Students who order hot lunches every day will be automatically included if there is a sufficient balance on the account unless you decide to cancel.

Students who order irregularly need to place the order online or via email. Online orders need to be placed by Friday 10th December noon.

All other students/ staff are welcome to participate on this occasion and lunch orders should be sent via email to [eva.kulhankova@zatisigroup.cz](mailto:eva.kulhankova@zatisigroup.cz) no later than on Thursday 9th December noon.

There will also be a vegetarian option or an allergen free option.

More details will follow soon.

## Early Years Nativity (15/12)

Riverside Early Years' Nativity is going to take place in the Early Years garden this year. Parents are welcome to attend on the 15th December at 10am. The performance will take about half an hour. Refreshments will be available.

## End of Junior and Senior High Clubs for Term 1 (16/12)

The last day for Skills for Life activities in Junior and Senior High will be on Thursday, 16th December.

## Christmas Jumper Day (17/12)

On Friday 17th December Riverside staff and students at all schools will join thousands of people from around the world and put on a Christmas jumper for a great cause – to help create a brighter future for children. Participants donate 30 CZK to Save the Children, a charity that promotes children's rights, provides relief and helps support children in developing countries.



## Last Day of Term (17/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday, 17th December and school will finish after the morning session at 12pm for all students. Those who have children in both Early Years and Primary can collect their children from the Early Years from 11.45am to 12.15pm. Please contact [transport@riversideschool.cz](mailto:transport@riversideschool.cz) to make any changes to your shuttle bus schedule.

### Riverside Calendar

Please check out the calendar on the Riverside School web-site. It will be updated with the important events that are taking place at Riverside. You can access the school calendar through the following link:

<http://www.riversideschool.cz/news-events/calendar/>

## Soup Kitchen – Junior & Senior High (25/12)

Each Saturday morning, Riverside students have the opportunity to serve the homeless community of Prague by preparing sandwiches and handing out food at the soup kitchen (located in the St. Thomas church at Malostranské náměstí).

On the 25th December, the students will help distribute special Christmas meals. Please contact Ms Reilly (JH) or Mr Clarke (SH) if you would like more information about this service opportunity.

**Christmas Break – 18/12/2021 – 9/1/2022**

**First Day of Winter Term - Monday, 10/1/2022**

*We wish you and your family a most enjoyable  
and peaceful Christmas!*

*The Riverside Staff and PTA*

