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Christmas Gift Market

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Saturday 7th November

Christmas Gifts, Craft Stalls, Tombola, Mystery Gift Bags , Refreshments.



St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Cookham Road, SL6 7EG

11.00-3.30pm

Interested in having a stall email:
christmasgiftmarket@maidenheadlions.org.uk



2027 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Applying for a primary school place for September 2027 entry?

Do you have a child with a date of birth between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so, you should apply for a full-time school place from **11 November 2026**

The closing date for on-time applications is **15 January 2027**



How to apply:

Please use the QR code to visit our webpage
Please ensure you read the online guide for Admission into Primary School September 2026 **BEFORE** completing your application.

MORE INFO!

For any further guidance please call Customer Contact Centre on 01628 683870
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Free school meals

From September 2026 there will be three types of free school meals entitlement.

Some children may no longer be entitled to free school meals, whereas others may become eligible for the first time.

The three types of free school meals entitlement follow.

Targeted free school meals (TFSM)

Equivalent to benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit with annual household income under £7,400 (£616.67 a month)
- Families with no Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) subject to separate criteria

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time
- ✓ holiday activities and food programme (HAF) known as FUEL in Kingston, Richmond, and Windsor and Maidenhead
- ✓ other support that may be available at school (eg, free milk where provided)

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year.

Expanded free school meals (EFSM)

New criteria from September 2026

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit
- No limit on annual household income

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to:

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)

Who qualifies

- All children in primary school, regardless of family circumstances

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility checks are not required

If your child is affected by food insecurity over the school holidays and is not in receipt of targeted free school meals, please contact fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk

What parents and carers need to do

If you haven't already done so, please provide your details to your child's school.

- Your child's school will let you know if they need any more information from you.
- Your details are usually requested when your child starts or moves school.
- If you have any specific queries re school meal arrangements please contact your child's school directly.

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ROBLOX NEW ANNOUNCEMENT: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW!



Roblox is launching **Roblox Kids (5–8)** and **Roblox Select (9–15)** with more **content** reviews and age-appropriate experiences.
But safety isn't just about content — it's about how the platform is **designed.**

CONTENT SAFETY

Is the content harmful?

- Roblox says Kids & Select get extra reviews.
- Aims to reduce explicit, violent or sexual content.
- But Roblox's definition of "safe" is very broad.

VS.

STRUCTURAL SAFETY

Is the platform design encouraging harmful behaviour?

- Makes money from in-game purchases and ads.
- More engagement = more money.
- Drives addictive design, microtransactions & long screen time.

Parental controls and age restrictions can make content safer, but is Roblox really structurally safe?

ROBLOX KIDS (5–8)

More limited

CAN	CANNOT
Play curated games	Access Moderate content by default
Chat only if enabled	Use unrestricted chat
Use parent-set limits	Spend without approval
Parents can approve games	Freely access all experiences

ROBLOX SELECT (9–15)

More access

CAN	CANNOT
Play a wider range of games	Access Restricted / 18+ content
Use more chat features	Remove parental controls
Access Moderate experiences	Treat Roblox as risk-free
Parents can still set limits	Skip filters and safeguards

BOTTOM LINE: New labels don't equal true safety.
Look beyond the content and ask:

IS THE PLATFORM PUTTING YOUR CHILD FIRST?

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Christmas Drawing Competition

Help us share our fire safety messages!

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) is inviting children and young people across Berkshire to get creative and help us share some important fire safety messages this Christmas.

We are running a Christmas drawing competition, with young people invited to create a festive picture inspired by one of our fire safety tips.

We'll use selected drawings as part of our festive safety campaign, helping us to share these important messages with communities across Berkshire. Where a picture is featured, we would also like to recognise the young artist by including their first name and age alongside their artwork. By entering the competition, parents/carers should be aware that their young person's first name, age and artwork may be shared by RBFRS as part of our Christmas safety campaign.

Fire Safety Tips

We would love young people to choose one of the following safety messages and bring it to life in their own way:

Christmas tree lights
Check your Christmas tree lights carry the British Safety Standard sign and turn any lights off when you go to bed.
Drawing idea: a beautifully decorated Christmas tree with someone switching the lights off before heading upstairs to bed.

Smoke alarms
Test your smoke alarms weekly. They can provide a vital early warning in case of a fire.
Drawing idea: a family testing their smoke alarm together and giving a big thumbs-up when it works.

Cooking safely
Never leave cooking unattended.
Drawing idea: someone preparing Christmas dinner while keeping a careful eye on the oven or hob.

Open fireplaces
Take care around open fireplaces as clothing can catch fire.
Drawing idea: a family enjoying a cosy Christmas scene while keeping a safe distance from the fireplace.

Looking out for others
Take time to check on elderly friends and relatives this Christmas, as they may be at a greater risk of fire.
Drawing idea: a child and their family visiting an older friend, neighbour or relative and helping them test their smoke alarm.

A special prize for our winner!

The competition will run from now until 3rd December 2026. The winning drawing will be used as the **RBFRS Christmas Card** for this year, giving one young artist the opportunity to see their artwork helping us spread our Christmas message.

The winner will also be invited to visit their local fire station and meet their local firefighters as a special thank you for helping us promote fire safety this Christmas.

👉 How to take part

Each entry should include the young person's:

- First name
- Age
- School
- Christmas safety drawing

Please send entries to: communications@rbfrs.co.uk

Or by FREEPOST to:

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Freepost RTLB-REXS-JBXZ
Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Newsham Court Pincents Kiln
Calcot
Reading
RG31 7SD

Closing date: 3rd December 2026

Win a trip to Legoland as MP launches card competition



Josh Reynolds' Christmas card competition is back for another year. Ref: 137493-2

Maidenhead's MP is inviting primary school pupils to take part in this year's Christmas card competition to be in with a chance of winning a trip to Legoland Windsor.

As part of the annual competition, youngsters across the area are asked to come up with a design for his official Christmas card.

The closing date for entries is Monday, November 30, and the prize for the winning entry will be a day out to Legoland for five people with parking.

The competition has been running for more than 20 years, with Mr Reynolds continuing the tradition from former Maidenhead MP Theresa May, following his election in 2024.

Pupils aged 11 and under, who live within the Maidenhead constituency, are being asked to create a design, following the theme of 'Maidenhead at Christmas'.

"I'm so pleased to be launching my Christmas card competition for the third year running," Mr Reynolds said.

"I think it'd be good to be able to see variations of Maidenhead at Christmas and the festivities that we can put on for the town, but also a bit of creativity.

"Christmas cards that have been designed in the past had Santa rowing under Maidenhead Bridge which is really interesting.

"Something to show some of the real variety that we have across our town.

"There's a fantastic prize on offer.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the table covered in Christmas cards this year, same as it has been for the last two years, from a variety of places and schools and community groups that I know will want to take part again to continue this long-standing Maidonian tradition."

The suggested size for the designs is A5, and they need to be bold and bright and preferably done using paint, crayons and felt tips.

This is because coloured pencils do not reproduce well when printed.

Two-dimensional designs are preferred as materials such as glitter and cotton wool do not work when printed.

A winner and runners-up will be chosen.

The winning entry will be printed and sent across Maidenhead beyond.

Entries need to feature the full name, age and school or organisation (such as cub pack or brownie) of the entrant as well as the parent's name, phone number and address.

The competition entries should be sent to Maidenhead Advertiser, 48 Bell Street, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 1HX.

The cards will be judged soon after the closing date.

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Closing date: Monday 30 November 2026

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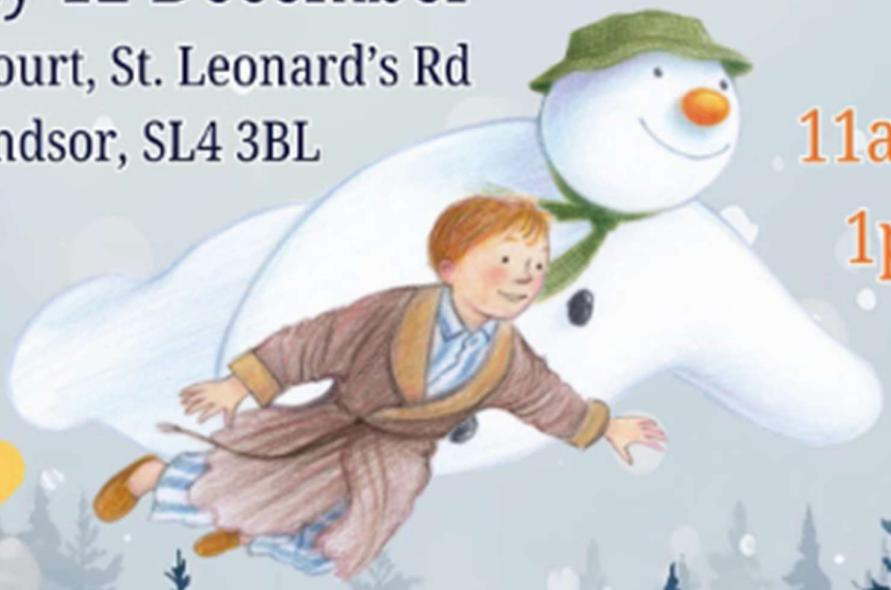
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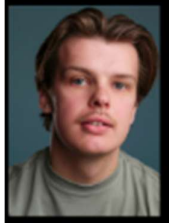
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Meet the Team!



Harmonie Lloyd is an actress, whose career began at the age of 8, in the 25th Anniversary Tour of Les Misérables. She continued to work professionally as a child, staring in BBC2 WPC56 and BBC Doctors. Harmonie graduated with a first class degree in musical theatre from the prestigious Emil Dale Academy. Since then, Harmonie has gained various television credits, including, BBC Doctors, Gunpowder Siege (Sky Showcase), Curry's Beyond Techspectation and Lockerbie: A Search for Truth alongside Colin Firth.



Callum Stephenson trained at East 15 Acting School and Emil Dale Academy. His work spans stage, screen and commercials, with recent appearances in national campaigns for Network Rail, the EFL x Sage campaign and the Etsy Christmas advert. Callum made his West End debut in Made in Dagenham: The Musical – 10th Anniversary Concert at the London Palladium and continues to work professionally across theatre & screen.

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