



# Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2024

## **Decorating the Early Years School for Christmas (27/11)**

Please come enjoy decorating the Early Years School with the Early Years children and other parents. You can help the children make Christmas balls and hang them around the school. The PTA will also be serving hot chocolate and home-made cookies. We will begin at drop-off time.

## **Money Collection for Domov Sedlec (starts 27/11)**

Riverside School and Primary PTA are raising money for the daycare centre for adults in Sedlec. It is a non profit centre for people with mental disabilities ([www.sdmsedlec.cz](http://www.sdmsedlec.cz)). A collection box will be located in the Primary office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## **Early Years Angel Tree (29/11 - 11/12)**

This year we would like to help children from FOD KlokaneK. Please see the "Angel Tree" in the Early Years entrance, choose an angel and take the opportunity to make a Christmas wish come true for a child in need. See Ms. Tereza or Mrs. Falk if you have any questions.

## **Primary School - Parents Decorating the School (29/11)**

Please come and join the Primary PTA as we decorate the Primary School. You are welcome to join us for as much or as little time as you have available. We will start decorating at 9:00 am.

## **Junior and Senior High Door Decorating (29/11)**

On Friday, 29th Of November, the Junior and Senior High students will mark the beginning of the Christmas season with the traditional decorating of the classroom doors. PTA is going to serve hot chocolate and cookies at both schools. You are welcome to pop in on the run up to Christmas and admire their artwork. We would like to invite Junior and Senior High parents to join us for the morning (from 8:30am), to help serve cookies and hot chocolate, meet other parents and see the students enjoying time with their teachers and friends.



## **Key Dates**

27/11	Decorating the Early Years
27/11 -11/12	Money Collection for Domov Sedlec
29/11 -11/12	EY Angel Tree
29/11	Primary School Decorating
29/11	JH and SH Door Decorating
29/11	Senior High Christmas Disco
29/11 - 2/12	Y6 Future Leaders - Christmas Bundle Clothing Drive
1-11/12	Angel Tree at the Primary
2/12	PS & HS Old Town Square Christmas Concert
2-3/12	Primary Book Fair
4/12	Junior & Senior High Concert
5/12	Mikulas Visit in Early Years
5/12	Wreath Making for Parents
5/12	St. Nicholas Day at Primary
5/12	End of Early Years and Primary Clubs for Term 1
6/12	Christmas Market & Santa's Grotto
9-13/12	JH & SH - International Week, Holiday Edition
9/12	Junior High School Disco
10/12	Primary Christmas Show
11/12	Early Years Nativity
11/12	Christmas Lunch
12/12	Early Years Christmas Class Parties
12/12	Primary Christmas Party Y 1-2
12/12	Primary Disco Y 3-6
12/12	End of Junior and Senior High Clubs for Term 1
13/12	Christmas Jumper Day & Last Day of Term (school ends at 12:00)
6/1	First Day of Winter Term



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## **Senior High Christmas Disco (29/11)**

Senior High students are looking forward to their annual Christmas Disco which will take place on one of the Prague Boats, whilst cruising on the Vltava River, from 8.00pm - 11.00pm. Students must be ready to board the boat by 7.45pm (Dvořákovo nábř., 110 00 Prague 1). There will be an open buffet, a dance floor, and countless Christmas hits to sing and dance along to whilst soaking up the beautiful river views. The event is intended to be formal, but white and red coloured clothes are especially encouraged.

## **Y6 Future Leaders - Christmas Bundle Clothing Drive (29/11 - 2/12)**

Join our Year 6 Future Leaders in supporting those in need this Christmas.

New or slightly used men's clothing can be dropped off at the Riverside office until 2nd December. Organised in cooperation with Charity Wardrobe. Thank you and Merry Christmas

## **Angel Tree at the Primary School (1/12 - 11/12)**

For our Angel Tree this year, we invite you to support the local orphanage, Klokánek Hostivice, by purchasing Christmas gifts for their children. [Klokánek Hostivice](#) provides temporary shelter for vulnerable children and is part of the Fund for Endangered Children, which encompasses a network of 15 orphanages throughout the Czech Republic. This is an opportunity for the Riverside community to support those less fortunate during the Christmas period. Please click on [the link](#) to choose a child from this list. The present collection will be at the Primary Office.

## **Book Fair (2/12 - 3/12)**

We welcome back 'Children's Booksellers Worldwide', who will set up a Book Fair in the Primary School, where you can come and see the books and purchase them on the day. The fair will take place on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of December. A wide range of children's books will be on offer, and have a huge variety of activity and sticker books. The school will receive a percentage of the total order value back in credit for us to use on buying new books for the libraries, therefore, your purchases also benefit the school, and help us in promoting a love of reading in our students. The fair will take place in the Primary Library and will be open to the students and parents all day from the morning drop off until the afternoon pick up.

## **PS & HS Old Town Square Christmas Concert (2/12)**

The Primary, Junior High and Senior High students will perform this year again on the Christmas Stage in Old Town Square. This fabulous show will begin at 17:30. We invite all Riverside families to come along to the Square and give them your support.





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## **Junior & Senior High Concert (4/12)**

The Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas together, combining their musical talents in a concert at the Foerster Hall (Prague 7, Na Maninach 1525/32a). All Junior High students will be performing along with the Senior High musicians, Choir, Band and Orchestra. Parents are invited to attend the concert which will begin at 13:00 and a video with some 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.

## **Mikulas Visit (5/12)**

On Thursday, 5th December, the Early Years will celebrate St. Nicholas Day with a surprise visit from St. Nicolas. As part of the Czech Christmas tradition, he will be accompanied by an angel and the devil to deliver treat bags to all the children. We look forward to seeing our parents dressed up in costumes to offer the treats.

## **Wreath Making for Parents (5/12)**

On Thursday Dec 5, we would like to invite parents to a Wreath-Making gathering, where interested participants will be given the time, space and materials and directions needed to make some wonderful wreaths for the holiday season. Further details, sign ups and links will be shared in the coming days.

## **St. Nicholas Day at Primary (5/12)**

Students from our Junior High and Senior High school will visit the Primary dressed as the traditional Czech Mikuláš and Angels for St Nicholas Day. This will take place on the Primary School Playground after school from 15:15.

## **Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto (6/12)**

A great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts, enjoy live music while sampling some homemade treats and fresh coffee. This will take place in the Primary School, Sports Dome on Friday, 6th December from 3pm to 5pm.

There will be an opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts for the children (and parents) for Mums, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and friends.

We will have a great variety of stalls, including:

Craft Items \* Stationery \* Toys \* Books \* Photos \* Baskets \* Food and Wine \* Handmade accessories \* Paintings \* Christmas Decor \* and much much more.

Santa also plans to make his annual visit to Riverside School at the Christmas Market Grotto! Tickets are going to be on sale at the Early Years and Primary School Offices.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, you may pick them up from their classrooms before the end of the school day to avoid the queues. Please notify Riverside Transport and your teacher if you plan to pick up your child early. Parents and students from all four schools are warmly invited to take in the atmosphere.





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## **Junior High School Disco (9/12)**

The Junior High disco will take place at the Czech Inn from 6 pm to 8 pm. This offers Junior High students an opportunity to celebrate the festive period with their friends in a Christmas-themed Disco. The Student Council will also be running some fun events through the night. The cost is 250czk payable on SchoolsBuddy. The price includes pizza, drinks, snacks and a DJ.

## **Junior & Senior High School - International Week, Holiday Edition! (9-13/12)**

This year, the Junior & Senior High School will have a very special International Week, celebrating holiday traditions from around the world. Students are encouraged to dress in traditional costumes and/or colours representing home countries on Monday, 9 December and bring a dish to share for our annual shared international lunch on that day. We invite parents to volunteer on Monday, 9 December to support the shared lunch as well.

## **Primary Christmas Show (10/12)**

"LIGHT'S, CAMERA, CHRISTMAS!"

This year's show is about how a quiet primary school "Riverstone Academy" becomes a bustling hub of excitement, as their usual annual Christmas nativity performance has been chosen to be part of the prestigious "National Christmas Show Competition". Mr Smith, affectionately known by the school as Mr Showbiz, is an eccentric teacher of Performing Arts, who works at the school alongside Miss Bell, a kind and caring teacher who is always there for those who need her. With the pressure mounting for the competition and rehearsals in full swing, the students must navigate not only learning their lines and songs for their nativity performance, but also their growing nerves. Has the school's young cast got what it takes to achieve national glory? Or will they leave the competition with something far more valuable than a trophy?

The show takes place at 17:30 outdoors on a stage set at the Primary football pitch. Refreshments will be available, cash payment only. More information will soon follow.

## **Christmas Lunch 11/12**

A traditional Christmas lunch will be available for all children and staff on Wednesday 11th 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

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 6th 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 5th December noon.

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







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## **Early Years Nativity (11/12)**

Riverside Early Years presents to you 'A Nursery Rhyme Nativity'.

Mary and Joseph went on a long ride,  
To Bethlehem town with no room inside.  
In a stable so small, baby Jesus was born,  
Bringing love and light on that first Christmas morn.

Join the Early Years children as they share the special story of Christmas through songs and rhymes. The show will take place on Wednesday, 11th December at 10:45am at the Riverside Arts Centre at Hradčanská.

## **Early Years Christmas Class Parties (12/12)**

Nursery and Reception classes will be having class Christmas parties. We will play party games and enjoy a festive snack together. Children are welcome to bring a seasonal snack to share with the class and are encouraged to wear party clothes.

## **Primary Christmas Party Y 1-2 (12/12)**

Our Y1-2 students will enjoy their Christmas party and discos while in school from 2.15pm to 3.15pm in the Jidelna. Our teachers will have many games, songs and activities planned for all. We look forward to an amazing Christmas atmosphere!

## **Primary Disco Y 3-6 (12/12)**

The Year 3-6 students will have the chance to dance, socialise and play games from 3.30pm to 5pm in the Primary Jidelna/Dining room. The Jidelna will be transformed into a disco club, full with lights, DJ Booth and resident teacher DJs. Snacks and drinks will be available to all students. Those attending will have to be collected by parents after the Disco concludes. A "relax" room will be available for those students who need a quick break. We will also have a movie room for Y1 and Y2 students who are siblings of those students attending the disco. Parents can then make arrangements to pick up all children at the same time. Students are allowed to bring their own Disco clothing to change into before the event begins.

## **Christmas Jumper Day & Last Day of Term (13/12)**

**The last day of school ends at 12:00 on Friday.** Lunch will not be served on this day and parents will have the option to pick their students up after the Whole School Assembly, or have students take their normal mode of bus transport from 12:00. There will be only one round of buses departing the Primary at 12:15.

Students can also wear a Christmas Jumper to school, should they wish. We would ask for a 30 czk donation that will go towards the International Committee of the Red Cross.





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**First Day of Winter Term (6/1/2025)**

We wish you and your family  
peaceful and enjoyable  
Christmas!

The Riverside staff and PTA

