



NEWSLETTER – Issue 0013 – December 2024

INTRODUCTION

Hello to all you lovely Junior Blues,

I hope you're all excited and looking forwards to Christmas and the school holidays! Who's got a nice, new Southend United shirt on their Christmas list?

It was good to see so many of you at the recent Junior Blues Christmas Party, and we were really grateful to c2c for providing some sponsorship for the event.



Unfortunately, we had 6 no shows on the day, which was a shame, as we had a waiting list for this event and some of those on that list could have been given the chance to go. We did have one cancel due to illness, on the day, but were able to re-sell that space and refund the cost because the parent let us know.

If you don't let us know, then we can't do so, and other members miss out.

We're delighted that Bim Pepple is proving such a popular signing for the season, one Player of the Month award already under his belt and looking highly likely to be getting a 2nd in a row! And, we're pleased to welcome centre back, James Golding, on a short term loan from Oxford United to cover injury.

Finally, please look out for a special Christmas message in your emails in the lead up to Christmas – we'll give you a little nudge on social media nearer the time!

Have a Great Christmas!

Sammy 🎄 🎅



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The Player of the Month award for September was won by **Gus Scott-Morriss**, his 2nd in a row! And he was presented with his award by **Junior Blues** member, **Ruby Baker**.

And, our Player of the Month award for October, was won by **Aribim Pepple** who was presented with his award by **Junior Blues** member, **Oly Smith** – nice photo bomb by yours truly!



MEET THE PLAYERS DAY

Our annual **Meet the Players Day** took place during October half term at Roots Hall – this year we had allowed for an increased number of members to come along and have the opportunity to be involved.

Thank you to Kev, Darren and Benno and all the players who were happy to spend time having photos and chatting to our members!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We were happy to host our Christmas Party at Kingpins in Southend on 5th December, and extremely grateful to SUFC front of shirt sponsors, c2c, for making a contribution to this event. We were also delighted to welcome “**The Grinch of Southend**” along, who greeted all the children on arrival.

A full gallery of photos can be found on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/thejuniorblues>

and we would like to thank **Jack Bridge, Oli Coker, Cav Miley, Noor Husin, Jack Wood, Keenan Appiah-Forson** and **George Wind** for giving up their time to come along and bowl with our youngsters.





AWAY TRAVEL



Book a place by visiting the Trust website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp or call **Lesley Hicks** on 07892 905338.

Online bookings now require payment to be made at the time of booking.

This season, **Junior Blues** will once again be entitled to **one free travel** per season to a league game of their choice, on the official travel coaches organised by the Shrimpers Trust. They **MUST BE** with an accompanying adult, and may travel for the fantastic bargain price of just £10 at other times!

***All under 18s must be accompanied.**

A full set of Away Travel Terms and Conditions can be found at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

First two away matches of the season are as follows:



YORK CITY

SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2024

Adult, Student & OAP members - £35
Non-members - £40
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10



BRAINTREE TOWN

WEDNESDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2025

Adult, Student & OAP members - £15
Non-members - £20
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10

TOP TRAVELLER

This season's competition is underway, and our Top Travellers so far, are as follows:

In 1st place, is **LUCAS MONK**, who has travelled a total of 3,562 miles

2nd **Lewis Phillpot** 3,188 miles

3rd **Danny Axcell** 844 miles

And, in joint 4th place, all on 694 miles we have **Toby Joscelyn**, **Lily Neil** and **Toby Neil!**

So, well done to Lucas, and to Lewis, who is not far behind!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We'd like to point out that your Junior Blues membership does not run by season. If you would like us to check when your membership runs out, then please drop us a quick email to juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Membership can be renewed at any time during the season, so, if you want to take advantage of the free sign up gift and the free coach travel to any one away game on a Shrimpers Trust coach as early as possible, then you can renew by doing so on the Shrimpers Trust website by following the link below:

<https://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/junior-blues/junior-blues-join-here/>

We will be contacting everyone due to renew over the Christmas break.

SOCIAL MEDIA

You can follow the **Junior Blues** on social media, with dedicated platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

This is the best place for up to date news.....for announcements of events and whether we are looking for flag bearers so PLEASE make sure you or your parents/carers are following us! We also post pictures of our flag bearers here in reasonably quick time – sometimes even LIVE!

You (or your parents/carers) can find us and give us a follow here, it's where information can be found quickly about events, flag bearers etc:



<https://www.facebook.com/thejuniorblues>

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BIRTHDAYS

SENDING BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR JUNIOR BLUES WHO HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER AND IN JANUARY:

16 – Oliver Redgrave

15 – Bray Baker; Callum Freemantle; Grace Locke; Erin Radley; Luke Tiller; Ethan Williams & Jake Williams

14 – Leon Brooks; Lauren Cockell; Abigail Darkin; Alf Gibbons; Arben Gjolenja; George Lawrence; Will Manley; Grace Murdoch; Jamie Saw & Alfie Smith

13 – Alfie Ashworth; Jacob Clarke; Sidney Davis; Megan Denford & Mitchell Drew-Bennett

12 – George Assiter; James Blackman; Phoebe Chapman; Dylan Phillips-Frontin; Harley Norton; Ruben Ramsey; Sophie Robins; Malachi Ruddy; Tabitha Simkins; Ned Unstead & Daisie-Mae Wakeling

11 – Sienna Bibby; Chloe Dixon; Harmony Howe; Harry Howe; Jake Reid; Hayden Roche; Matthew Saw; Teddy Turnidge & Jack Whiteley

10 – Thomas Blackman; Emilie Davison; Maisie Davison; Jasmine Hampton; Charlie Luck & Elsie Young

9 – Ofori Boateng; Harry Clarke; Otis Kirk; Hugo McClay; Elliott Montero; Jake Regan; Harry Slade; Callum Southgate; Logan Twomey; Sam Whiteley & Finley Wicks

8 – Arthur Bailey; Aedan Ford; Oliver Ingram-Palmer & Owen Kempson

7 – Charlie Bibby; Oakley Gaitens; Marley Redbourn & Teddy Richards

6 – Joshua Aldridge; Ruby Baker; Amelia Hutchins & Ivy Monk

5 – Jack Edwards; Lyra Hollington; Poppy Johnston & Hector Wallace

4 – Holly Byford

2 – Oluwayosimi Iwalehin-Ikuesan

1 – Leon Barker; Edward Johnson & Isabella Martin

