RETFORD BUSINESS FORUM

RETFORD ILLUMINATE WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHT 2026

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Retford
Christmas Market & Lights Switch-On

Retford Christmas

Sunday 29th November 2026
10.00am - 6.00pm

Over 90 market stalls in Retford Market Square and Carolgate along with great town centre shops and cafés.

Santa will be in his grotto in the Town Hall from 12 noon, until he switches on the lights with his little helper at 5.00pm.

Live entertainment on-stage all day with a grand finale from Take That tribute: Rule the World!

Great street entertainment including the Frost Fairy, Evie the Elf, Rattlejag, Hathersage Brass Band and more...

Don't forget the Star Festival & Craft Fair at The Grove and the Christmas Tree Festival at St Swithun's Church.

There's lots to see and do, come join the festivities.

All subject to change.



STAGE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

10.30am - 11.00am	OPENING SERVICE WITH REV JULIE COATES. INCLUDING MUSICIANS FROM GROVE ST. METHODIST CHURCH & ELIZABETHAN ACADEMY CHOIR
11.15am - 11.45am	ELIZABETHAN ACADEMY.
11.45am - 12.00pm	WESS & ALEX.
12.00pm - 12.15pm	SANTA ARRIVES ON STAGE WITH WESS & ALEX.
12.15pm - 12.45pm	HEATHER TURNER DANCE TUITION.
13.00pm - 13.30pm	FAME ACADEMY RETFORD (FORMERLY MTS).
13.45pm - 14.15pm	MUSICALITY SINGERS.
14.30pm - 15.15pm	LCSD DANCE ACADEMY.
15.30pm - 16.00pm	THE PERFORMANCE HUB.
16.10pm - 16.30pm	JESSICA MARY BRETT.
16.45pm - 17.00pm	CIVIC CEREMONY & LIGHTS SWITCH-ON. SANTA AND HIS LITTLE HELPER SWITCH THE LIGHTS ON AT 5.00PM.
17.00pm - 18.00pm	GRAND FINALE - TAKE THAT TRIBUTE **RULE THE WORLD**.
18.00pm	EVENT CLOSES.

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