



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

Our vision is to inspire all with a life-long love of learning.

Mrs Moore would like to say.....

What a rollercoaster of weather we are having. One minute I am waxing lyrical about the bright blue skies and the next lamenting the snow and ice. Thank you for your understanding regarding the closure of the school yesterday; this was a first and it was an extremely difficult decision to make. Thank goodness the weather did not thwart the Reception nativities today! Almost all the children were there, and they sang and performed with such confidence; it certainly brightened up my day and with it brought a sense of why school can be such a magical place.

Not long until the holidays now so hopefully I will see you before we break up.

Parent Network

Thank you to all the class representatives who have attended our meetings this term; they have been extremely productive – notes have been distributed to the reps and I am sure that some key headlines will be shared with you. It is pleasing to note that the items on the agenda raised highlight things that are going well as well as well as outcomes that are developmental for the school.

For your information.....

Singing Club News!

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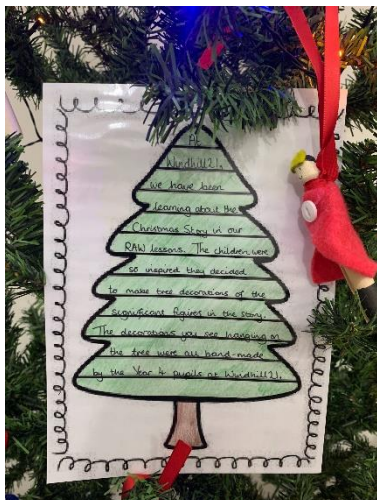
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Holy Trinity Church Celebration

Here are some photos of the Windhill21 tree which is on display at the Holy Trinity Church. Both Shakespeare and Rowling have worked so hard on these amazing Christmas Story figures, so if you're walking by do pop in and have a look!



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School Clubs

We are in the process of finalising our school club offering, for the Spring Term 2023, and wanted to make parents and carers aware of some recent changes with regards to the way clubs will be booked going forward, see below for more details:-

- At a recent parent representative meeting, it was decided that the best time for clubs to be **released on Arbor would be 8pm** in the evening. It was agreed that this would work better for parents and carers, rather than morning or afternoon as we have tried in recent years.
- The parent representatives also suggested a way for clubs to be shared more fairly across pupils, and it was agreed that children will only be able to be booked onto a maximum of two free school run clubs each term. Paid clubs run by outside providers will not be included in this allocation.
- The Spring Term Club timetable will be emailed to parents during the day on next **Friday 16th December**.
- Spring Term Clubs will be bookable from 8pm on **Monday 19th December**

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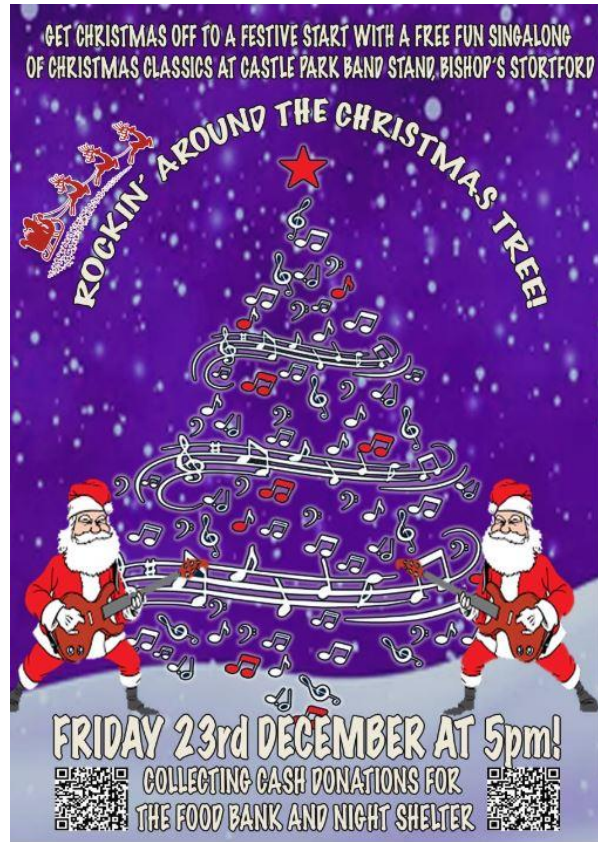
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Retune



Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree!



No Nuts Policy

A reminder that as a school we have a **strict no nuts policy**. Within school there are a number of children who suffer from severe nut allergies and are at risk of anaphylactic shock should they have any contact at all with nuts. It is therefore imperative that **no products containing nuts** are brought onto the school site or included within pack lunches or snack items. Thank you for your continued support with this.



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Dates for your Diary*		
Date	Event	Action
DECEMBER 2022		
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Puppets Galore – 9.30am Reception and KS1	Christmas assembly
Wednesday 14th December 2022	Nursery Nativity 10am and 2pm	Ticket information email sent to parents 30/11/22
Wednesday 14th December 2022	Shakespeare Class Swimming to start	Information sent to parents
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Hey Ewe	For your information only. No parents to attend.
Thursday 15th December 2022	Mrs Moore’s Tea Party	Selected Children by Invitation Only
Friday 16 th December 2022	Year 1 Nativity – Hey Ewe - Final Performances 10am and 2pm	2 tickets have been allocated per family for each performance.
Friday 16th December 2022	Year 4 Holy Trinity Church local visit	No action required
Monday 19th December 2022	Santa Dash Marathon Fundraiser. Reception – Year 6	Santa Dash on the school field in aid of Barnardos and Parkinson’s UK. £1 donation in exchange for an xmas accessory.
Tuesday 20th December 2022	Christmas Dinner Day	Email sent to parents 25/11/22. Fill out the form if a special or vegetarian lunch is required
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day	Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers for the day
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	Pantomime Visit to School Sleeping Beauty	Information email sent, £4.25 to pay on Arbor by Friday 16 th December

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Wednesday 21 st December 2022	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
JANUARY 2023		
Thursday 5 th January 2023	INSET DAY	
Friday 6 th January 2023	INSET DAY	
Monday 9 th January 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 9th January 2023 – Friday 20th January 2023	Extreme Weather Week In the Eye of the Storm.... Are You Ready....?	More information to follow
Monday 16 th January 2023	Year 6 Young Voices at O2	Child places confirmed. Parent/Carer tickets available from Arbor school shop until 9am 15.10.22
Thursday 19 th January 2023	Celebration of Learning Event 3pm – 4.15pm Reception – Year 6	More information to follow
Friday 27 th January 2023	Open Morning for Nursey September 2023 Intake	Bookings are now open to attend the open day. Please contact the school office to book your space.
FEBRUARY 2023		
Thursday 9th February 2023	Mrs Moore's Tea Party	Selected Children by Invitation Only
Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	HALF TERM	
Thursday 23 rd February 2023	Open Morning for Nursery September 2023 Intake	Bookings are now open to attend the open day. Please contact the school office to book your space.
MARCH 2023		
Tuesday 14th March 2023	Year 6 Big Bang Science Fair at Herts & Essex	More information to follow
Monday 20th March 2023 – Wednesday 22nd March 2023	Year 4 Residential to East Mersea	Instalment payments to be made on Arbor. Final two on: 15/01 and 15/02
Thursday 30th March 2023	Mrs Moore's Tea Party	Selected Children by Invitation Only
Friday 31 st March 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
APRIL 2023		
Monday 3 rd April 2023 – Friday 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays	
Monday 17 th April 2023	TERM STARTS	

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MAY 2023		
Monday 1 st May 2023	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 8 th May 2023	Extra Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation – School Closed	
Thursday 19 th May 2023	Year 6 Crucial Crew	More information to follow
Monday 29 th May 2023 – Friday 2 nd June 2023	HALF TERM	
JULY 2023		
Thursday 20 th July 2023	TERM ENDS	
SEPTEMBER 2023		
Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET DAY	
Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 11 th September 2023 – Friday 15 th September 2023	Year 6 France Residential (Current Year 5)	Instalment payments to be made on Arbor. Three instalments remaining - Payments to be made on: 15/02, 15/03 and 15/04
OCTOBER 2023		
Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023	HALF TERM	
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	TERM STARTS	
DECEMBER 2023		
Thursday 21 st December 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
JANUARY 2024		
Thursday 4 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Friday 5 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Monday 8 th January 2024	TERM STARTS	
<p>* In Bold – Added new this week. * Please check the school website for updates www.windhill.herts.sch.uk</p>		

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Attendance		
<p>Windhill21 is working in partnership with parents to improve school attendance.</p> <p>We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.</p>	Armstrong	96.9%
	Jemison	96%
	Seacole	82.41%
	Nightingale	82%
	Greta	98.28%
	Attenborough	96.67%
	Beatles	86.9%
	Handel	87.59%
	Shakespeare	93%
	Rowling	94.67%
	Mandela	96.45%
	Malala	97.5%
Da Vinci	96.33%	
Kahlo	97.49%	

Secret Agents		
<p>Secret Agent week ending:</p> <p>Friday 9th December 2022</p> <p>AGENT OPEN MINDED</p> 	<p>Armstrong</p> <p>Jemison</p> <p>Seacole</p> <p>Nightingale</p> <p>Greta</p> <p>Attenborough</p> <p>Beatles</p> <p>Handel</p> <p>Shakespeare</p> <p>Rowling</p> <p>Mandela</p> <p>Malala</p> <p>Da Vinci</p> <p>Kahlo</p>	<p>Dylan</p> <p>William</p> <p>Tilly</p> <p>Eric</p> <p>Everyone!</p> <p>Everyone!</p> <p>Ariana</p> <p>Senora</p> <p>Shakespeare</p> <p>Alex N</p> <p>Curtis</p> <p>Riley</p> <p>Viktor</p> <p>Lewis</p>

House Points

				
Mexico w/e 09/12 130 points	Canada w/e 09/12 159 points 1st place	Sweden w/e 09/12 131 points 3rd place	France w/e 09/12 128 points	India w/e 09/12 145 points 2nd place

A world of possibilities