



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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

Mrs Moore would like to say.....

Dear parents and carers

The snow has melted and the Christmas productions have ended; the run up to Christmas Day has begun! The last days at school are 'all things Christmas' featuring our Santa Dash, Christmas dinner, panto and parties along with our end of term assembly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful Windhill21 staff who are so committed and hardworking; there is a great sense of camaraderie and professionalism amongst us all which is vital to be the best school ever. The Christmas break is well-deserved for all.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when we return back to school refreshed. Don't forget our Open Afternoon on the 19th January when your child can celebrate their work with you.

A very merry Christmas to you all!

For your information.....

School Clubs Opening for Booking Tonight

A reminder that our free school run clubs will be available to book from 8pm today, Monday 19th December.

Please log in to your child's Arbor Account - <https://login.arbor.sc/>

Scroll to the bottom of the screen to 'Activities'

Click on 'Clubs'

Select the club you would like to book and follow on the on-screen instructions to confirm the booking.

Maximum of 2 clubs per child. Please also note the following:-

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- If your child has been selected for an Invite only club, this will show on their Arbor account from 8pm, Monday 19th December and you will need to confirm via Arbor that they would like to attend.
- If your child had a place on a club for the Autumn term that is continuing with the same children in the Spring term, this will show on their Arbor account from 8pm Monday 19th December and you will need to confirm via Arbor that they would still like to attend.

That's a wrap!

A huge well done to our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes for their wonderful Christmas Nativity performances over the last couple of weeks. They all performed wonderfully and really enjoyed themselves and certainly got us all in the Christmas spirit.

Year 1 – 'Hey Ewe'



Reception – 'A Miracle in Town'



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Garden Competition Winners!!!

The children at Windhill21 have developed a love for outdoor learning this year. They have weeded and cared for the garden, planted an abundance of crops that they have later harvested, cooked with the food they have grown and even eaten it! All of their hard work has not gone unnoticed, after discussions with the students about what they would like to see improved about the school garden area; we compiled a design to enter the Stansted Airport Eco-garden competition. We are pleased to announce that not only were we winners, but we have won the amazing sum of **£10,000!** Well done to everyone who has helped in the garden so far and to those that helped create an outstanding design. We can't wait to get started and bring your ideas to life over the upcoming year.



Well done to all our Gardeners and especially Miss Topcott for sharing her love of gardening with the children and making it all happen:-

Global Goals Club: Sam C and Sophie

Video creators: Jaza, Milla, Lucas, Sam R, Eddie and Yara

Preparing and harvesting the garden: Alice, Ricardo, Olivia, Emily, Tiah, Blue and Mattia

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Santa Dash

Despite the school closure earlier today, all year groups apart from Year 6 managed to take part in our Santa Dash in support of two of our teachers, Miss Kilby and Miss Topcott who are bravely tackling the London Marathon next year! A fantastic amount of **£330.42** has been raised for Barnados and Parkinson's UK, two very worthy causes. Thank you to everyone for your generosity! Year 6 will be 'dashing' tomorrow instead!



Holy Trinity Church

On Friday our Year 4 children were lucky enough to visit the local church. They went on a Christmas symbol trail, made Christingles, and even helped put the church nativity together. Thank you to Reverend Rachel for such a warm welcome!



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Extreme Earth Week

The whole school will be immersed in our themed week in January called 'Extreme Earth'. The pupils will be partaking in engaging drama workshops, practical science and geography activities alongside writing in the role of a reporter! Please see below a list of the different year groups and the natural disasters they are going to be looking at in detail during the course of the week:-

Year 1 and 2 - Australia - Wild Fires

Year 3 - Turkey - Earthquakes

Year 4 - Austria - Avalanche

Year 5 - New Orleans - Tornado

Year 6 - Thailand – Tsunami

More information to follow in the new year!

Tea Party with Mrs Moore

The children had an amazing time celebrating with Mrs Moore on Thursday at their Christmas themed tea party, filled with crackers, corny jokes and Christmas songs! The following children were chosen for all their hard work and being all round super stars this half term:- Farran, Henry, Anthony, Delilah, Mia, Flynn, Clara Tommy-Lee, Scarlett, Izabella, Ashley, Elliot, Ana, Finlay, Alfie

Bishops Stortford Library

Are you aged 8+?
Come and join us to complete
fun activities, chat about
books and make new friends!



Bishop's Stortford Library
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

18th January – Chinese New Year

Discover the story, make a dragon and write your own fortune cookie message.



25th January – Zebra Day

Find out some fascinating zebra facts in books and online and play a zebra making game.

1st February – National Storytelling Week

Use special dice to create your own story and tell it to each other.



8th February – St. Valentine's Day

Who was St. Valentine? Find out and make a Valentine picture frame.

£2.50 per session. Places limited please book at the library.

Inspired

Further details: 0300 123 4049

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



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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.



Dates for your Diary*

Date	Event	Action
DECEMBER 2022		
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Christmas Dinner Day	Email sent to parents 25/11/22
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
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 9 th January 2023 – Friday 20 th January 2023	Extreme Weather Week In the Eye of the Storm.... Are You Ready....?	See attached poster
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 9 th 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 14 th March 2023	Year 6 Big Bang Science Fair at Herts & Essex	More information to follow
Monday 20 th March 2023 – Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Year 4 Residential to East Mersea	Instalment payments to be made on Arbor. Final two on: 15/01 and 15/02
Thursday 30 th 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	
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	

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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	
* In Bold – Added new this week. * Please check the school website for updates www.windhill.herts.sch.uk		

Attendance

Windhill21 is working in partnership with parents to improve school attendance.

We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.

Armstrong	96.55%
Jemison	97.92%
Seacole	96.55%
Nightingale	95%
Greta	98.28%
Attenborough	97.5%
Beatles	94.4%
Handel	88.79%
Shakespeare	90.83%
Rowling	85%
Mandela	91.13%
Malala	92.41%
Da Vinci	83.33%
Kahlo	86.69%

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Secret Agents

Secret Agent week ending:

Friday 16th December 2022

AGENT PERSEVERANCE



Armstrong	Alba
Jemison	Henry
Seacole	Aidan
Nightingale	Jacob
Greta	Jospah
Attenborough	Lucas
Beatles	Everyone!
Handel	Dua
Shakespeare	Nico
Rowling	Farida
Mandela	Lilly
Malala	Liam
Da Vinci	Harry
Kahlo	Aubrey

House Points

				
Mexico w/e 16/12 123 points	Canada w/e 16/12 137 points 2 nd place	Sweden w/e 09/12 130 points 3 rd place	France w/e 09/12 137 points 2 nd place	India w/e 09/12 149 points 1 st place

A world of possibilities