



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 you 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 you 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

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, Flyn, Clara Tommy-Lee, Scarlett, Izabella, Ashley, Elliot, Ana, Finlay, Alfie

Bishops Stortford Library

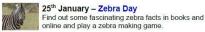




Bishop's Stortford Library Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

18th January – Chinese New Year
Discover the story, make a dragon and write your
own fortune cookie message.





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.



Further details: 0300 123 4049

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries





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 20th December Email sent to parents Christmas Dinner Day 2022 25/11/22 Tuesday 20th December Christmas Jumper Day Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers for 2022 the day Wednesday 21st December Pantomime Visit to School Information email sent, 2022 Sleeping Beauty £4.25 to pay on Arbor by Friday 16th December Wednesday 21st December TERM ENDS at 1.15pm 2022 JANUARY 2023 Thursday 5th January 2023 **INSET DAY** Friday 6th January 2023 INSET DAY Monday 9th January 2023 TERM STARTS Monday 9th January 2023 -Extreme Weather Week See attached poster Friday 20th January 2023 In the Eye of the Storm.... Are You Ready....? Monday 16th 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 19th January 2023 More information to follow Celebration of Learning Event 3pm - 4.15pm Reception - Year 6 Friday 27th January 2023 Open Morning for Nursey Bookings are now open to September 2023 Intake attend the open day. Please contact the school office to book your space.

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Windhill21 Monday 19th December 2022

| FEBRUARY 2023 | | |
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| 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 31st 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 1st 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 follo | |
| Monday 29 th May 2023 – Friday 2 nd June 2023 | HALF TERM | |
| JULY 2023 | | |
| Thursday 20 th July 2023 | TERM ENDS | |
| SEPTEMBER 2023 | | |
| Friday 1st 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 |
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| OCTOBER 2023 | | |
| Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023 | HALF TERM | |
| Monday 30 th October 2023 | INSET DAY | |
| Tuesday 31st October 2023 | TERM STARTS | |
| DECEMBER 2023 | | |
| Thursday 21st 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 | |

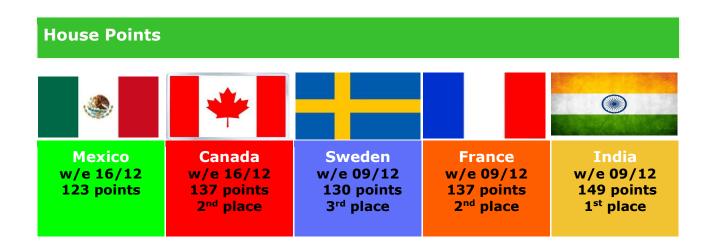
^{*} In Bold - Added new this week.

^{*} Please check the school website for updates www.windhill.herts.sch.uk

| Attendance | | |
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| Windhill21 is | Armstrong Jemison | 96.55% 97.92% |
| working in partnership with parents to improve | Seacole Nightingale | 96.55% 95% |
| school attendance. | Greta | 98.28% |
| We would like to congratulate the | Attenborough Beatles | 97.5% 94.4% |
| many parents who make sure their | Handel | 88.79% |
| children attend school regularly. | Shakespeare Rowling | 90.83% 85% |
| , | Mandela | 91.13% |
| | Malala | 92.41% |
| | Da Vinci Kahlo | 83.33% 86.69% |

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| Secret Agents | | |
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| Secret Agent week ending: | Armstrong | Alba |
| Friday 16 th December 2022 AGENT PERSEVERANCE | 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 |



A world of possibilities