



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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

Mrs Moore would like to say.....

The stage is up, the costumes are out and year 6 are filling the airwaves with carols in readiness for their performance at St Michael's church this evening. One has to take stock and appreciate the fact that school is truly back to normal this Christmas. It seems inconceivable that we went through a Christmas of COVID restrictions two years ago; even last year I remember having to take the tough decision of closing the school one day early. Let's enjoy the lead up to Christmas this year and be thankful for it. I look forward to seeing many of you at the productions in the weeks ahead where I am sure many parents will enjoy a feeling of pride.

For your information.....

Christmas Lunch Day

The deadline to fill out the Christmas lunch form is tomorrow. If your child would like a turkey lunch you **do not** need to do anything, and your child will be given a turkey Christmas lunch. However, if your child would like a HPL, vegetarian lunch (Quorn Fillet) or requires a special dietary lunch, you will need to complete the online form below by tomorrow at 9am. If you do not fill out the form, you will be charged:

[Christmas lunch form for vegetarian lunch, special dietary lunch and home packed lunch](#)

Help to Manage the Cost of Living

If you do not meet the criteria for free school meals but need some support to buy food or pay household bills, help is available. Contact [HertsHelp](#) for advice and practical support – call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net.

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Santa Dash Fundraiser

On **Monday 19th December**, children from Reception to Year 6 are being invited to participate in a 'Santa Dash' in support of two of our teachers, Miss Kilby and Miss Topcott who are bravely tackling the 2023 London Marathon. They are raising money for two worthy causes - Barnados and Parkinson's UK.

All children will be participating in the 'dash' around the field accompanied by festive tunes but we are asking parents and carers to donate £1 (or more if you would prefer!). This will allow your child to don a Christmas accessory (such as a santa hats, elf ears, reindeer antlers) to get into the festive spirit and all donations raised will go towards Miss Kilby's and Miss Topcott's fundraising goals. The £1 can be given to their class teacher on Monday morning. We ask that all children come to school on Monday 19th in their PE kit and bring wellies or a spare pair of trainers in a carrier bag.

School Photographs

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – EXTENDED DISCOUNT!

Pret-a-Portrait's EarlyBird discount (25% off!) for the recent photos is due to expire today, they have extended this until **Thursday 15th December** so you can take advantage of the discount for longer!

Head to their website <https://www.pret-a-portrait.net/> and enter your sitting ID, the discount will automatically be applied

If you've misplaced your sitting ID, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

Christmas Camps

Below are reminders of two Christmas camps which are running over the holidays.

To book your place, on the Live & Learn Christmas Workshop please click [HERE](#)

To book your place on the Next Education Tech Camp, please click [HERE](#)

Book now to avoid disappointment!



The poster is for 'Christmas Workshops' by Live and Learn. It features a festive design with a yellow background, a pink and yellow gift box at the top, and a string of colorful bunting. The text on the poster includes: 'WWW.LIVEANDLEARN.TUTORINGSERVICE.CO.UK', 'Christmas Workshops', 'CHRISTMAS THEMED ENGLISH - MATHS ACTIVITIES - GAMES - CRAFTS', 'DECEMBER 22ND & 23RD 2022', 'WINDHILL 21 PRIMARY SCHOOL, BISHOPS STORTFORD', '9:30-3:30PM', 'Year 1 - 6', and '£25 PER DAY'. At the bottom, it says 'Run by two qualified teachers' and 'To book: <https://bookwhen.com/liveandlearn.tutoring>'. There are also small photos of children and a Christmas tree illustration.

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Next Thing Education Camps Presents

XMAS TECH CAMP

Ages 8-11

Light Up Cards, Elf Engineering, Rocking Robots, Pixel Programming, Comet Crackers, Festive Film Making, 3D Festive Decorations, Christmas Minecraft

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22nd - 23rd December 2022
28th - 30th December 2022
3rd January 2023

What's on?
We have brought the Christmas cheer to our holiday camps, with fun educational and festive activities focusing on STEM subjects, your child will be building lifelong skills and having a wonderful Christmas time!

Rocking Robots, Santa's Circuits, Snowy Science, Elf Engineering, Christmassy Creations

Example weekly themes only, please see website for your camp specific activities

What to bring to camp?

Packed Lunch and Snacks: Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch and snack for the day.

Water Bottle: Please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle to drink for the day.

Medication: Please ensure any medication your child needs is in their school bag for the camp leader to use.

Weather Appropriate Clothing: We try to run camps in all types of weather so please ensure your child brings warm clothes.

How to book

STEP 1: SCAN THE QR CODE

STEP 2: FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3: GET £5 OFF IF YOU BOOK BY 5 DECEMBER WITH CODE BELOW: 5DEC

www.nextthing.education
T: 01442 873150 E: info@nextthing.education

School Run Clubs Final Sessions

- Year 4 – 6: Hockey Club – Last Session Cancelled Today
- Year 6: Code Club – Last Session Today Monday 5th December
- Years 1 – 3: Mindful Colouring – Last Session Today Monday 5th December
- Year 4 – 5: Global Goals Club – Last Session Today
- Year 5 – 6: Mixed Football – Last Session Tuesday 6th December
- Year 1 – 2 Singing Club – Last Session Tuesday 6th December
- Year 5 – 6 Netball – Last Session Cancelled
- Year 4 – 6: Tag Ruby – Last Session Wednesday 7th December
- Year 3 – 6 Singing Club – Last Session Thursday 8th December
- Year 1 – 3 Lego Club – Last Session Thursday 8th December
- Year 4 – 6 Debating Club – Last Session Thursday 8th December

Information for the Spring Term Clubs will be sent to parents and carers before we break for Christmas with full instructions on how to book on our Arbor system.

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		
Monday 5 th December 2022	Year 2 Fire Fire! Show - Rehearsal	For your information only. No parents to attend.
Monday 5th December 2022	Year 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Michael's Church: Rehearsals – 1pm – 3pm Carol Service – 6.430 – 8pm	Children confirmed. Children to wear smart uniform for the evening performance
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Year 2 Fire Fire! Show – 10am and 2pm	2 tickets have been allocated per family for each performance.
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Year 4 – 6 Snow Centre Trip	Children now confirmed. Final payment due 9am Thursday 24 th November
Monday 12 th December 2022	Reception Nativity – A Miracle in Town - Dress Rehearsal	For your information only. No parents to attend.
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Reception Nativity – A Miracle in Town – Final Performances 10am and 2pm	2 tickets have been allocated per family for each performance.
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
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Hey Ewe	For your information only. No parents to attend.
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.
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.

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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
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 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	More information to follow
FEBRUARY 2023		
Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	HALF TERM	
Thursday 23 rd February 2023	Open Morning for Nursery September 2023 Intake	More information to follow
MARCH 2023		
Friday 31 st March 2023	TERM ENDS	
APRIL 2023		

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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	
Monday 11 th September 2023 – Friday 15 th September 2023	Year 6 France Residential (Current Year 5)	Information email sent 04.10.22. Deposit due by 15 th October
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	

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*** 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	98.97%
Jemison	93.33%
Seacole	93.1%
Nightingale	89.67%
Greta	98.28%
Attenborough	96.33%
Beatles	97.24%
Handel	92.76%
Shakespeare	95%
Rowling	96%
Mandela	90.32%
Malala	96.07%
Da Vinci	96.33%
Kahlo	98.39%






Secret Agents

Secret Agent week ending:

Friday 2nd December 2022

AGENT INQUIRER

Armstrong	Lily S
Jemison	Shiv
Seacole	Jude
Nightingale	Florence
Greta	Alonso
Attenborough	Henri
Beatles	Seb
Handel	Beth
Shakespeare	Emily
Rowling	Harrison
Mandela	Freya
Malala	Jessica
Da Vinci	Adam
Kahlo	Rafferty

House Points				
				
Mexico w/e 02/12 148 points	Canada w/e 02/12 164 points 1 st place	Sweden w/e 02/12 132 points	France w/e 02/12 141 points 3 rd place	India w/e 02/12 153 points 2 nd place

A world of possibilities