



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**



# NEWSLETTER

25 November 2022

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## Article 28

Every child has the  
right to an education

### Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

#### Ashwood Park Christmas Trees

Treetots have provided a Christmas Tree for The Glass Cone. The display is open until 6th Jan. 10.00 to 15.00 Mon to Fri 11.00 - 16.00 weekends. The Cone is closed 23rd Dec to 3rd Jan.

We will also have a tree at the Holy Trinity Wordsley Community Christmas Tree Festival more details on page 4.



If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever, do seek medical help as soon as possible.

Early treatment with antibiotics is important as it helps reduce the risk of complications and the spread of the infection to others.

We do not have any cases in school but we wanted to raise awareness due to the news today. (Source—BBC NEWS)

Thanks.

#### Children in Need Friday 18th November

Thank you to everyone supported Children In Need. We collected a marvellous £360.59



#### Fluenz Vaccinations

The catch up session will be on Tuesday 29th November PM. Please contact the school office if you haven't completed the e-consent form and would like your child to have the nasal vaccine. We will collect your contact numbers and the nursing team will try to contact you when they come to school on the 29th Nov.

#### PRaise AWARDS

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:

#### W/C 14 November 2022

##### Key Stage One

RR Foxes  
RT Hedgehogs  
1/2B Squirrels  
1/2D Moles

Frankie  
Billy  
Kaiden  
Finley

##### Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder  
3/4R Oak  
4D Chestnut  
5E Beech  
5/6H Holly  
6RB Rowan

Connor  
Sienna  
Lilly-Mai  
Isabella  
Devontae  
Imogen

**WELL DONE ALL !**

#### School Dates

##### 2022 Autumn Term

Fri 2nd Dec HSA Christmas Fayre 3.30 pm  
Tues 6th Dec 9.30am KS1 Christmas performance  
Tues 6th 2.15pm Nursery pm and Reception Christmas performance  
Wed 7th 9.30am Nursery am and Reception Christmas performance  
Wed 7th Dec 6.00pm KS1 Christmas performance  
Wed 14th Dec Christmas lunch day.  
Wed 14th Dec KS2 Carol concert at Holy Trinity Wordsley 6.00pm  
Term Ends Fri 16th Dec Christmas Jumper Day

##### 2023 Spring Term

Term starts: Tues 3rd January Inset Day  
Wed 4th January Children return to school  
Half Term Mon 20th to Fri 24th Feb  
Term Ends Thu 30 March  
Fri 31st March INSET day school closed

##### 2023 Summer Term

Term starts: Mon 17th April  
Mon 1st May May Day Bank Holiday  
Thu 4th May Local elections school closed  
Fri 5th May INSET school closed  
Mon 8th May Bank holiday  
Half Term Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June  
Term Ends Tues 25th July

#### Cars

Reminder the speed limit on school premises is 5MPH.

**No cars are allowed to park on the Staff Car Park. Staff only.**

**Please only park in a marked bay either along the school drive or by KS1.**

Unfortunately unless these requests are adhered to, it will be necessary to limit access to only those parents/carers with blue badges. This is for the health and safety of all our children.

#### Scarlet Fever/Strep A bacteria infection.

Scarlet fever or Strep A is a highly contagious bacterial infection that can be extremely serious - although it is treatable with antibiotics.

In England and Wales it's a notifiable disease meaning health professionals must inform local health protection teams of suspected cases so they can be treated quickly and possible outbreaks brought under control. Spread in coughs and sneezes, cases occur most often in the winter. Symptoms include a rash, a sore throat, flushed cheeks and swollen tongue-known as 'strawberry tongue' because of its appearance.



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#### Friday 16th December

We will be supporting "Save the Children" this Christmas and invite the children to wear something Christmassy in return for a donation to this very worthwhile charity. Uniform not required.

## HSA Christmas Fayre

The HSA are appealing for outgrown Christmas jumpers with a view to having a stall at the Christmas Fayre to recycle them. Please bring the jumpers to the school office. Thanks for your support.

## Calling Ashwood Scientists!

Did you get Mrs Bunn's science challenge correct?



The object that was zoomed in on was a **soap bubble!**

Bubbles of air can happen in many different ways but they don't all float like soap bubbles. For example, when you swim underwater, the bubbles you produce just remain in the water and don't last long. You may have also seen bubbles in carbonated drinks, which are made from carbon dioxide as it rises to the surface of the liquid. However, bubbles made from soap and water are the most fun as they can float in the air!

### Try it at home!

Can you devise your own investigation based on producing the best bubble mixture using water and washing up liquid? Which ratio of these ingredients will make the best bubble? How will you define 'the best bubble?' (i.e. long lasting, biggest, etc). How will you make this a fair test? How will they measure results? Mrs Bunn would love to see your investigations that you do at home. Send any photos and work to [rowan@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:rowan@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk)

## School Lunches

### Dinner Information

**All dinners must be booked through School Money. Dinners must be booked on School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues with the booking process.**

To apply for **Free School Meals** please complete the online form at [www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals). Please apply even if your child is in Year 1, 2 and Reception.

## Menu WC 28 November (Week 2)

### Monday

Cheese and tomato pinwheel  
Battered fish  
Herby diced potatoes, spaghetti  
hoops in tomato sauce, mixed  
vegetables

Fruit cheesecake

### Tuesday

Spaghetti bolognese & garlic bread  
Vegetable fingers  
Fish finger  
Creamed potatoes, sweetcorn & peas

Chocolate crunch & chocolate  
custard

### Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken  
Halal chicken  
Vegetarian meatballs with pasta in  
tomato sauce  
Fish goujons  
Roast & boiled potatoes, broccoli &  
mixed veg

Apple shortbread & custard

### Thursday

Mediterranean chicken wrap  
Halal Mediterranean chicken wrap  
Cheese & potato pie  
Fish bites  
Potato wedges, baked beans,  
sweetcorn & coleslaw

Pineapple upside down cake &  
custard

### Friday

Hot dog in a roll  
Cheese and tomato pizza  
Fish cake  
Chipped potatoes, baked beans &  
peas

Strawberry mousse

### Available Every Day

Grab bags which contain a sandwich  
either cheese, tuna or ham filling.  
Salad bag.  
One from a cake, biscuit or yoghurt.  
Fresh fruit  
Water

Jacket Potato with a choice of  
cheese, beans or cheese and beans.

Fruit jelly, yoghurt

# O.S.C.A.

### Breakfast at School

**Why not come along and have  
breakfast with us?**

7.30am-8.45am

£3.50 per session

All cooked breakfast food needs  
to be ordered by 8.00am.

### Afterschool Club:

3.15pm-4.30pm

£3.50 per session

3.15pm-6pm

£7.00 per session

(Healthy snack/drink included)

4.30-6.00pm( after sports clubs)  
£3.50 per session

### BOOKINGS

**Due to safeguarding requirements  
all bookings must be made at least  
a week in advance via School  
Money.**

**No last minute bookings will be  
accepted except in a dire  
emergency.**

**Please book early as places are  
limited and it is extremely popular.**

## KS1 News

This week, in Geography, some of the children have been on a walk around Ashwood Park looking for different features of the local area. They spotted different houses and street types, post-boxes and shops. The classes who haven't been yet will be going next week! We have also been creating a picture using a weaving technique in Art - the children were very successful and were very proud of their work. Next week we will be continuing our rehearsals for the Christmas show. The children can't wait for you all to see it!

## Key Stage 2 News

The children have been working really hard this week to continue to learn the songs for their Carol Concert. Look out for a letter with further details next week.

Years 3 and 4 children have been enjoying their electricity topic in Science and have been working practically with the equipment to make circuits. It is a shame that the weather has meant that we have had to postpone our library visits, but we have at least already been able to reschedule Mrs Rice's class visit to 30.11.22. We will update you with a new date for Mr Dimmock's class as soon as we have one.

In years 5 and 6, the children have been researching some of the major towns and cities found in the South West of England. They have enjoyed finding out the names of different famous people who were from these places, including- Jacqueline Wilson who was born in Bath. Hopefully the rain will not stop our other classes from going to the library. You still have time to return your child's library registration form, if you wish for us to sign your child up.

TTRS in 3/4

1. Yuvraj M
2. Scarlett P
3. Hoor-Ain L



Dates

Library visits for KS2

28.11.22 - 5E

29.11.22 - 6RB

30.11.22 - 3/4R

2.12.22 - 5/6H

TBC - 4D

14.12.22 - KS2 Carol concert. 6pm  
at Wordsley Holy Trinity Church

## Early Years

This week you should have received tickets for the Early years Christmas play 'We're Going On a Baby Hunt.' As always, there is a limit on tickets due to fire restrictions on number in the hall. Please don't forget your ticket for the performance you come to watch, they are labelled with the date. In Reception we have been enjoying the story 'Stick Man' and have been learning one more and one less. Nursery have continued with their Dinosaur topic.

## Tree Tots

Forest school was lovely and the children really enjoyed making reindeer food and pine cone Christmas tree decorations. Next week it's our Christmas party and the clay we made will be available to pick up. Toddlers then finishes for the year and will return 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## RBD News

This is such a busy time of year for all children in school. Please do check the dates on the school newsletter for events coming up before the end of term. There are some lovely trips to the library, Red House Glass Cone as well as Christmas Performances. We know that the children are very excited about these!

Sign of the week: **Football**

There is a film clip on the Ashwood RBD YouTube channel about 'Football World Cup 2022.' To watch please follow the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52bNT-QAffg>

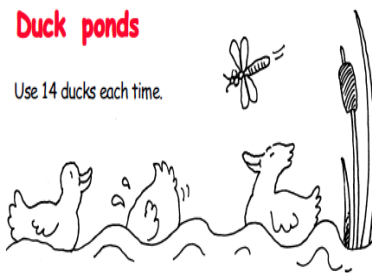


**football**

## Maths Challenge

### Duck ponds

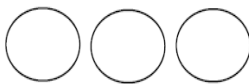
Use 14 ducks each time.



1. Make each pond hold two ducks or five ducks.



2. Make each pond hold twice as many ducks as the one before.



3. Make each pond hold one less duck than the one before.



## Holy Trinity Wordsley

### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Tree Festival

**Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December**

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December 10am-2pm

**Sunday Afternoon Organ Music**

**Sunday 4th December, 3.00pm**

**Thursday 15th December, 7.00pm**

**Carols at The Lawnswood Pub**

**Holy Trinity Carol Service**

**Sunday 18th December, 6.30pm**

**Crib Service-Christmas Eve 4.00pm**

**First Holy Communion of Christmas**

**(Midnight Mass) 11.30pm**

**Holy Communion - Christmas Morning**

**9.30am at Holy Trinity**

**Wordsley Choral Society Performance**

**Saturday 14th January, 7.00pm**

**Christingle Service**

**Sunday 30th January, 3.00pm**





# COME AND SEE THE TREES AT THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

At Holy Trinity Church,  
High Street, Wordsley

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
12 noon until 4.p.m.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
10:00 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
11:00 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Organ Recital  
3:00 p.m. until 3.45 approx.

Christmas Tree Festival Opens again  
4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Please visit our Christmas Fayre  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.  
In the Church Hall