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School Diary Dates

December

- 12th R/KS1 Nativity 2pm/5:30pm
- 14th KS2 Carol Concert 5pm
- 15th Nursery Christmas craft/song
- 15th Open Day
- 19th Carol Service Church 2pm
- 20th Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th Pantomime Cinderella R-Y6
- 20th Christmas Lunch Day
- 20th Late night shopping
- 21st Break up for Christmas
- 21st School closes at 3:15pm
- 25th Merry Christmas

January 2024

- 1st Happy New Year
- 8th Back to school
- 25th Forces workshop Y5/6

February 2024

- 1st Safety Central Y5/6
- 8th Scholastic Book Fair
- 13th Chester Zoo Trip Y1/2

Attendance of the week

Foxes 96%

Happy Birthday to you

We have no birthdays this coming week. Instead we wish everyone a wonderful weekend.



"Let your light shine"

Matthew 5:16

This term we are celebrating Compassion

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,

May this second week of Advent bring us peace.

Help us to find comfort and peace within our families and our homes at this special time.

As we are reminded how you became the Prince of Peace, may your teachings show us how to live in peace every day

Amen

Childcare for 2 year olds

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application. To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the Childcare Choices website, where you can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Late Night Christmas Shopping

On Wednesday 20th December we are offering you the chance to leave your child at St Oswald's until 8pm to enable you to finish any last minute Christmas Shopping.

The price is £20 per child, cash only, to be brought to the office. This price includes pizza and chips, ice-cream, festive crafts and more.

For more information or to book please contact the office

Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fully into the festive spirit now at St Oswald's and putting the finishing touches to our Christmas productions for next week! We hope you can join us to help celebrate this very exciting time of year!

Christmas Fayre

We've had such wonderful feedback from the community, parents, staff and pupils regarding our Christmas Fair last weekend! The atmosphere was amazing and everyone had a great time, and even Santa himself said what a lovely, polite and well-mannered school we were! Huge, huge thanks to all who were involved in organising and running the event; Karen in the kitchen deserves a special mention for coming into school at 7am on Saturday to cook the turkeys (and a great job she did too!). Another thank you to all who donated and attended too!

Advent Calendars

We hope you have all been enjoying the 'Real Advent Calendars' that were gifted to each child in school last week. These were really kindly donated through the church, the Worleston Trust and some local residents and members of the Parish who wanted each pupil to have an advent calendar to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. We are so grateful for such a kind gift!

After School Clubs

Please remember to book on from next week to all of the usual after school clubs including yoga, Kids with Bricks club and Stage Stars. We will also be offering cricket on a Wednesday afternoon (more details to follow from Cheshire Cricket) as well as the usual football with Lyndon on a Thursday. We are also taking booking for Oswald Owls after school club and breakfast club. A further reminder that after school club is not available on Thursday 21st December and school will close at 3:15pm that day.

Christmas Events

Please take care when bringing children to the church and school next week for evening events. A torch might be a good idea, as will a warm jumper too! We will have a collection basket available at the end of all our services for parents and families to make a donation if they would like. These will go towards a charity that the Ethos Team will be choosing later next week.

Don't forget to check the diary dates on the first page of the newsletter—there is lots happening in school on the run up to Christmas! We will also be updating facebook and Class DoJo throughout this busy month.

Have a great weekend, and if you need to speak to me or contact me for any reason, please don't hesitate to telephone or email principalstoswalds@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,

Louise McDonough

Let Your Light Shine, Our Stars of the Week



Mrs McDonough 's Star of the Week - Eleri for great teamwork in PE, Poppy and Gwyn for their fantastic phonics efforts, and George E for his beautiful festive singing

Owls - Olivia for doing some super writing on her Christmas List, also Henry for doing some beautiful singing whilst practising Christmas songs

Deers - Ted for great work in maths, also Marcella for excellent writing

Hedgehogs - Maddie for her lovely poster about the Northern Lights, also Eleanor for trying so hard with her painting

Foxes - Sienna H for always trying her best in lessons, also Layla for her fantastic attitude and participation in PE

PE Star of the Week - Herbie and Connie-Rae for outstanding sportsmanship in PE this week

Wraparound care star of the week - Amelie for always having a smile on her face

Christian Value - Compassion

Owls - Obi for always being so kind and compassionate towards others

Deers - Eva for always being a lovely friend

Hedgehogs - Edward for playing so nicely with his friends and sharing toys

Foxes - Phoebe for always showing kindness and compassion to others

Top 10 Mathletes of the Week

Ziggy	Herbie
Cara	Aggie H
Edward	George E
Daniel	Jamie
Leonardo	Joseph M

Mathletics

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School Lunch price increase from 01.01.2024

Due to increased costs, the price of a school lunch will be increasing to £2.75.

The price of a Friday bacon bap and a drink will also be increasing to £1.60.



Urgent Winter Water Safety Message

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

1. Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet
2. Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

What to do if you see someone fall through the ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone the emergency services – call 999 or 112
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

[Winter water safety | Staying safe on our canals | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](#)



A CHRISTMAS BUTTON BATTERY SAFETY MESSAGE



What should I do if my child swallows a button battery?

If you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, seek medical advice immediately. Remember that the saliva in their body will react with the battery and so time is very much of the essence.

It is sometimes difficult to know whether a child has swallowed a button battery. Great Ormond Street Hospital has provided helpful information about the signs you can look for:

- 1. Vomiting fresh, bright red blood. If your child does that, you absolutely have to get them immediate medical help.**

Other symptoms can include:

2. Suddenly developing a cough, gag or drooling a lot
3. Appearing to have a stomach upset or a virus
4. Being sick
5. Pointing to their throat or stomach
6. Having a pain in their tummy, chest or throat
7. Being tired or lethargic
8. Being quieter or more clingy than usual or otherwise "not themselves"
9. Losing their appetite or have a reduced appetite
10. Not wanting to eat solid food/be unable to eat solid food.

For further resources videos and posters

<https://www.rosipa.com/policy/home-safety/advice/product/button-batteries>
<https://capt.org.uk/button-batteries-understanding-the-risks/>



#HAFWINTER2023



N.A.R

Winter CAMP



Free...
For children in Rec
to Yr6 on IRFSM
Income Related
Free School Meals

JANUARY
2024



**Art, Games, Sport &
Adventure**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday - Friday
Day 1 - Jan 3rd
Day 2 - Jan 4th
Day 3 - Jan 5th



Central Venue:
Wistaston Academy Trust



Department
for Education

BookYour space at:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5333>





NORTHERN TELEVISION

CHILDREN'S DRAMA ACADEMY



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20 YEARS OF CASTING CHILDREN'S TV SHOWS FOR: BBC, ITV, CHANNEL 4, CHANNEL 5 AND DISNEY +. MEMBER OF CASTING DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION UK AND CASTING SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

★ THE NTCDA ARE RUNNING A TELEVISION ACTING WORKSHOP FOR **AGES 7-18 YEARS**. GROUPS ALLOCATED BY AGE. NO PREVIOUS TV OR DRAMA EXPERIENCE NECESSARY ★

DATE: SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

LOCATION: PEAR TREE SCHOOL, NANTWICH, CW5 7GZ

DURATION: 2HRS (12-2PM, 2PM-4PM)

COST: £25

★ TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US ★



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