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Newsletter Issue 2 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

With advent calendars the talk of the school this morning, we are now into our Christmas season. As I write, the school decorations are being removed from the loft and will be up in time for our festive events over the next two weeks. Please check all the times and dates contained in this newsletter.

Following our appearance on BBC Children In Need (Where we raised £480) and a wide variety of school days, evenings and events in November (please take a look at the school website for the latest pictures) we are already starting to think about the new year and I know many parents (and staff) have been asking about TD days in 2024/25.

In making our decision for 2024/25 we have looked at the Swindon Borough Council dates and also considered the possibility that by the end of this academic year we would have hopefully converted to an academy and become part of The Blue Kite Academy Trust (our application will be considered at a South West Regional Board meeting in early February). We've also discussed the impact of our local secondary schools having different dates to ours and the implications for parents. Ultimately, we have decided on what we think works best for our school.

TD days for 2024/25:

Monday 2nd September

Monday 21st October

Tuesday 22nd October

Wednesday 23rd October

Monday 24th February 2025 (Blue Kite Academy Trust Collaboration Day for all staff)

Thursday 24th July 2025

Andy Drury

Christmas Service

We are returning to St Andrew's Church for our Christmas Service this year, which for many, will be their first experience of this since joining the school. The children and staff will be using all of seating at the front of the church, so parents should use the seating towards the back, and of course with it being Christmas, there might be a need for some adults to be standing in the wings.





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School Uniform

As we head into winter may I remind parents to check what our winter uniform requirements are, but also to alert you to a couple of changes which are highlighted below.

Our school uniform policy is on the school website and in the latest school prospectus – we will add these updates in due course.

Winter options

- Black/grey pinafore, skirt, culottes, trousers
- Yellow polo shirt
- Black sweatshirt/cardigan (**plain black fleeces can be worn indoors only in Terms 2/3**)
- Sensible black shoes/**boots (boots must have a low heel and be no more than a couple of inches above the ankle)**
- Black or grey socks/tights
- Coat/jacket for outdoors (**not the fleece that might be worn inside during Terms 2/3**)

Smartwatches

A reminder to all parents that smartwatches should not be worn in school. Any device which has access to the internet, contains a camera, or has gaming functions will be removed immediately if found in school with parents being asked to collect them from the office at the end of the school day.

Drop Off in the mornings

A reminder that children shouldn't be arriving on their own to school until shortly before the gates open at 8.15am. Children who arrive on their own earlier than 8.15am should remain off the school site until the gates are opened and staff are present (as before that time we are unable to supervise, but yet have responsibility as it is on our school site). I will also endeavour to open the gates at the stroke of 8.15am or just before from next week!

After School Club

Please remember to use the door bell on the side gate if you are collecting your child from After school club and you cannot get the attention of a member of staff. Please do not pick up your child using the main school office entrance.

Children are also welcome to bring in extra food (Nut Free) for Afterschool club if they are booked on until 6pm

From the 3rd January 2024 we will be offering Afterschool club from 3pm –5pm for a cost of £12.50 a day. Booking forms will be available on our website shortly.





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Football

Congratulations to the school football team who played their first games of the season in the Swindon Small Schools E.S.F.A Competition at Foundation Park yesterday afternoon. The team finished 3rd overall in a very competitive league.

Can I also thank Mr Luckhurst who kindly took the team in my absence.

The results and scorers were as follows:

Wanborough 2 – 0 Tregoze (Harrison/George)
Wanborough 0 – 0 Chiseldon
Wanborough 3 – 0 South Marston (Dehain/Ben/Savannah)
Wanborough 3 – 0 Rodbourne Cheney (George x 3)
Wanborough 0 – 1 Bridlewood
Wanborough 0 – 1 St Catherine's

A big well done to Jacob, Josh, Neo, Theo, Savannah, Harrison, George, Dehain, Ben and Jack.



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Isaac (Y5) won 1 x silver medal (25m butterfly) and 3 x bronze medals (25m & 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle) in the Swindon Dolphins novice meet.



On Saturday 18th November, Thomas and Mark took part in a tennis festival at Delta tennis centre. They both played amazing for their team Wanborough Wizards.



It's a class affair for the U7's Wanborough Wasps with 7 of the 10 players on the team coming from Y2. On a very warm and sunny October Sunday afternoon we saw Daniel, Ayda, Lucian, Jonah, Ella and George take part in their first ever U7's North Wiltshire Youth Football League winter festival for the Wanborough Wasps. They played so well as a team, we saw some amazing goals, brave defending and superb goal saving at Foundation Park. They were in the mix to win the tournament right up until the last game. With only a draw required to secure the trophy, it all came down to the final game. It was all very exciting but unfortunately just was not to be. We are all very proud of them.



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Diary Dates:



28th November—World Beat (Wear country colours to school— email sent to parents)

4th December—Y4 Roman Wow day (Wear Roman style clothes)

7th December—Whole school panto (Bring in packed lunch and Panto snacks)

8th December—Christmas jumper day (Wear Christmas jumper to school)

11th December R/Y1 Nativity play

12th December—R/Y2 Nativity play

13th December—KS2 Christmas dinner

14th December— R/KS1 Christmas dinner

14th December—Christmas service at St Andrew's Church in Wanborough 9.30am

15th December—School finishes at 1.30pm

Wc 16th January—Y6 Bikeability

19th January—Young Carers awareness day (Wear Bright colours and £1 Donation)

(<http://www.wanboroughprimary.org/termdates.html>)

PE days for Term 1/2

Reception - Monday and Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 - Thursday and Friday

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Thursday and Friday

Teacher Training Days 23/24

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 (School closed)

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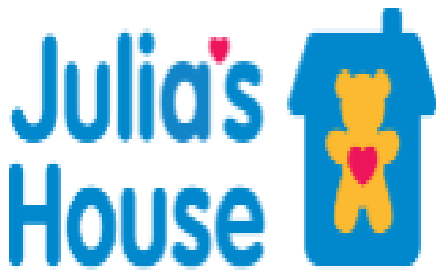


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On the 19th January, we will be celebrating Young Carers Awareness Day.
We would like all children to wear bright colours (non uniform) and
donate a £1 each.



Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices

We Raised an amazing.....

£1,067.75

Thank you to Miss Watts for organising , the children for
taking part in the challenge and to everyone that sponsored
the children.

Value of the month for November—Compassion

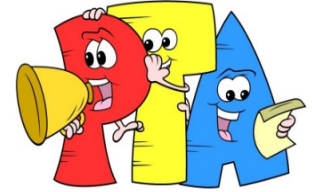
In November we focused in school on the value compassion. Within this we were
discussing the importance of trying to understand how others might be feeling and to
try our best to help. You could discuss as a family how you can show kindness to one
another.





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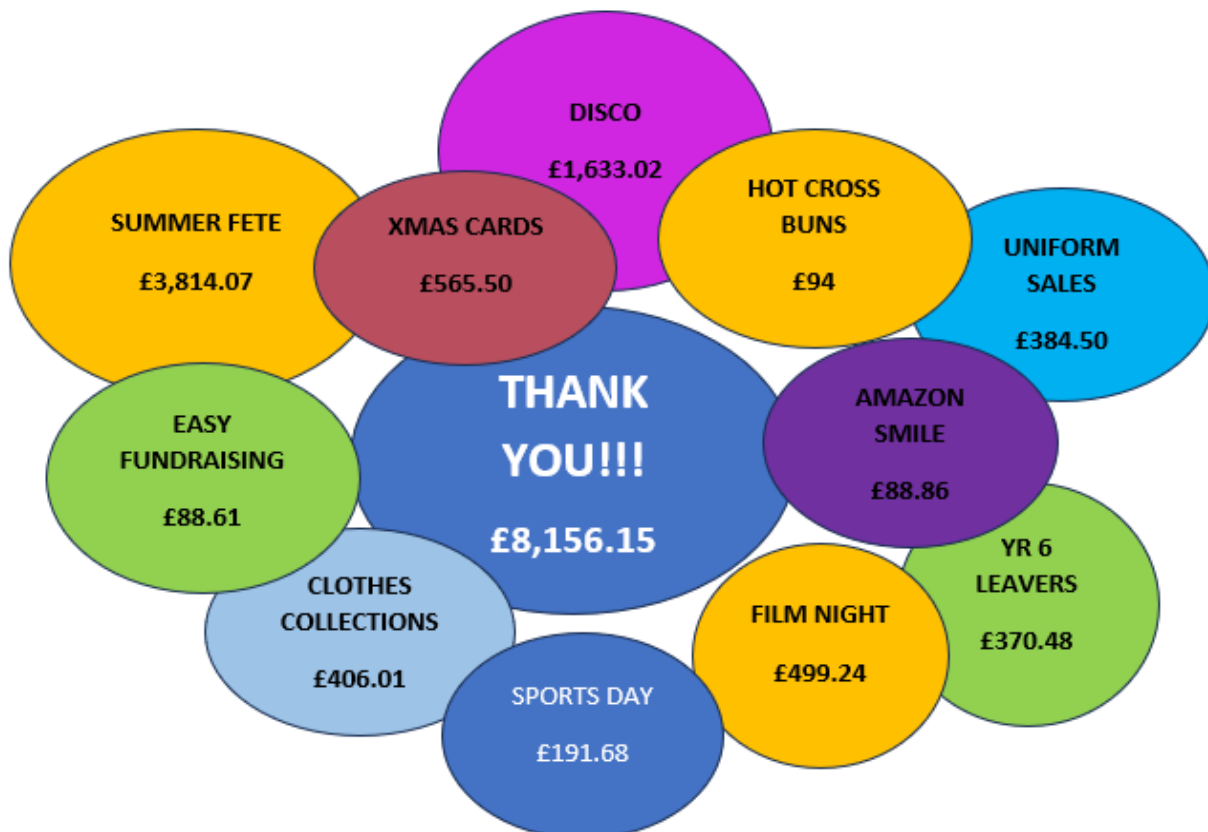
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Sorry we have been a bit quiet recently, however we have been busy behind the scenes.

We held our **AGM** on Wednesday the 15th of November at the school, closely followed by our first planning meeting on the 16th of November in our usual meeting place, the pub. At the AGM we reflect over the last year and report upon our accounts, whilst also setting our vision for the upcoming year. You can find our AGM presentation on the school website. At the AGM we also vote in our committee, unfortunately one of our Chairs Christian made the difficult decision to step down from the role and we thank him for all the work that he carried out last year. The committee voted unanimously to re-elect Mel Rodriguez and Becki Martin as co-Chairs. In addition to the election of co-Chairs the committee also elected (unanimously) our lovely new Treasurer Helen Fletcher, Helen is brand new to the PTA and we are very excited to have her, she will be supported by Becca Butler, as at times there are a lot of pennies to be counted! Helen takes over this role from Anil Lall who has been the treasurer for the PTA for several years. Anil requested to step down at least a year ago but has stayed on to help us out while we found someone to take on this important position. The PTA would like to thank Anil for all the work he has put in over the years. So as you can see it has been a period of change for us..... However the future looks bright, and we are very excited.

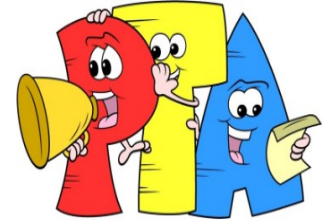
Money Raised last academic year:





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Thank you to everyone who purchased a pack of cards, gift tags, mugs, tea-towels, reusable bags, cuddly toys etc., etc., in October. We know its early to be thinking of Christmas however all these orders have helped the PTA to raise **£443.89**.

Plans for this academic year. We are hoping to run another Christmas film night in the week before the Christmas break after the success of last year we are just trying to ensure that we have enough volunteers to make it run smoothly and iron out the final details, so watch this space for more news on this. Can you volunteer with the PTA? Having more people who can volunteer their time at these events or in the planning of these events means that we would have the capacity to ensure these events can be run. If you would like to join us email.

In addition to this we have plans for an end of Christmas term morning event, Key Stage 1 Winterfest disco in February, and a Key Stage 2 Summerfest disco later in the year. Other events that we hope to be able to plan are a fun run, quiz night, summer fete as well as end of long-term morning events, and supporting sports day. Can you help us to achieve all our plans? Are you a budding quiz master? Events planner? Or someone who just wants to get involved and help out? Want to ensure that your child(ren) have fun events to go to. Drop us an email on contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org or contact us through the Facebook page.

Join our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Wanboroughprimarypta) for details of our upcoming events, what we have been up to, the money we have raised and what we have spent it on
Wanborough Primary PTA.

Key Dates

27.11.2023 – Christmas Jumper Sale

13.12.2023 – Film Night (ELF)

15.12.2023 (To be confirmed) – PTA Breakfast

02.02.2024 – Key Stage 1 Disco

05.02.2024 – Rags2Riches4Schools Collection



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2023 SWINDON CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE

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PLEASE CLEARLY address cards including POSTCODE and post in the Special Green Scout Post Boxes.

4.00pm on Tuesday 12th December

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- Colleshill
- Cricklade
- Greatfield
- Hampton
- Hannington
- Highworth
- Hodson
- Inglesham
- Liddington
- Lydiard Millicent
- Purton
- Royal Wootton Bassett
- Swindon
- Salthrop
- Sevenhampton
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COMMUNITY CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

OUT THE FRONT OF WANBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL (INSIDE IF WET)

20 DEC 2023 • 1800 - 1930

MULLED WINE / HOT CHOCOLATE / MINCE PIES ETC.
EVERYONE WELCOME - WRAP UP WARM
LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR 1ST WANBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP



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Contact: FORCE@Ridgewayschool.com



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AT CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON OLD TOWN

Get in the Christmas spirit and join us for traditional carols, music, mulled wine and mince pies.



Caring for local families this Christmas

By attending our Carols by Candlelight evening, you'll be helping Julia's House children's hospice provide a lifeline of care for families of the most seriously ill children in your community.



Book tickets at juliashouse.org/swindoncarols Kindly sponsored by Catalent

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Tickets: £10 adults, £5 children, U5s free



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CHRISTMAS AT STEAM



10am to 5pm
2 & 3 December 2023



STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway
Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2EY

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*For an extra charge.

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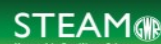
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STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway
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Dear Wanborough Primary School,

Cool Milk is excited to announce our 2023 Christmas Card Design competition for children in your school. We're inviting all young artists to create a festive milk-themed design that will be printed on our official Christmas Card and sent to hundreds all over the UK. Imagine their artwork being sent to our suppliers, partners, and even local MPs! To enter, all they need to do is fold an A4 sized paper in half to create a card. Then, children can create their designs on the front of the card.*

Once the designs are ready, schools can scan or take a picture of their three best designs and email them to marketing@coolmilk.com by 4th December or parents can also email the designs if done at home.

The winning school will receive a £100 Amazon gift card for school supplies, and the child who designed the card will also receive a £100 Amazon gift card. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your school's talents and get into the festive spirit. We hope your school will participate in this exciting competition. Good luck!

*A printable flyer can be found [here](#) to include in your newsletters and to put up in your reception area.

Terms & Conditions:

- Entries can be submitted by the school or by parents.
- Entries must be received by 5pm on 4th December by email to marketing@coolmilk.com.
- Please write child's name, age and school in the body of the email.
- Entries must be on folded A4 and coloured in pencil, pen, marker or paint (no glitter or cotton wool) as the design must be flat for printing purposes.
- By emailing in your entries, you are confirming that you consent for them to be shared on Cool Milk's website and public platforms.
- The winning design will be used exclusively on Cool Milk's Christmas card for 2023 (a copy will be sent to contacts of the Cool Milk Group as well as to the winner).

Kind regards
The Cool Milk Team
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 Whitsun: 28th - 31st May 24

Age: 5- 11 08:45-16:15 £20.99 Per Day

PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water
 Suitable clothing
 Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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Winter Holiday Fun Workshops



Park South Community Centre,
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ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GAMES • SINGING • DANCE & MOVEMENT
- DRAMA • ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sessions are free for eligible HAF recipients, £20.00 per session for Non-HAF recipients
Sessions are £20 for children who do not receive free school meals

To enrol, please go to www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swindon. For any questions, email us at office@revolutionpa.co.uk or call us on 01793 792983 or text us on 07799691328



Great Ideas?

are you a budding entrepreneur?

To mark 10 years of the Community Centre @ Christ Church, we are running a competition and asking young people to come up with an innovative fundraising idea or event.

The top 3 entries chosen from each age category will have the opportunity to pitch their idea to a panel of local business professionals including Nick Hewer of Apprentice and Countdown fame on 20th January 2024.

The winner of each age category will have the opportunity to bring their idea to life and will of course win the top prize. Prizes to be confirmed.



Age categories are:
8-11 (junior school)
11-16 (secondary school)
17-18 (college students)

Closing Date: 8/12/23
For an application pack please email:
chris@christchurchswindon.co.uk



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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CYCLE SESSIONS!

Thursday 21 December 2023

9AM - 12PM - CHRISTMAS PROGRESSION PARTY!

This session is perfect for those riders who have just learnt to ride a bike or who would like to build confidence with new essential skills. We'll play on-bike games, have competitions and, of course, the prize box will make an appearance! *Riders must be able to ride without stabilisers.* This session will be playground based and we'll confirm location nearer the time. Prizes for best festive dress and/or decorated bike! Special Christmas price of £20 per rider.

1PM - 4PM - CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE RIDE!

This session is ideal for those riders confident on two wheels. We'll ride about 10 miles, taking in festive sights with the usual challenge competitions on the way. Drop off and pick up point to be confirmed and we'll stop for snacks and drinks on the way. Prizes for best festive dress and/or decorated bike! Special Christmas price of only £25 per rider.



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