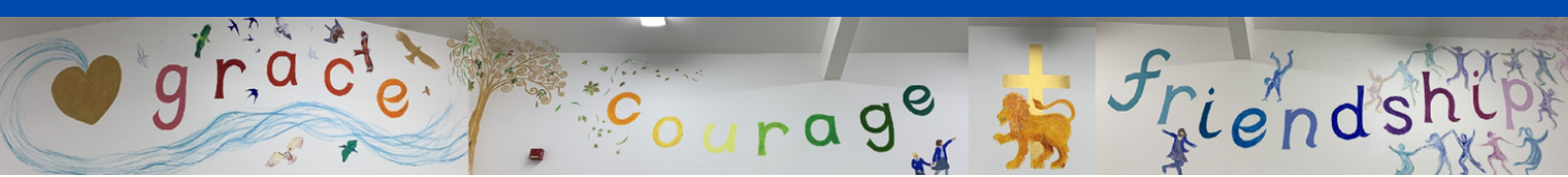




Robert Piggott CE Federation Newsletter

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Sunday 1st December was the beginning of advent, the Christian season of preparation - getting ready for Christmas and celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. Such a magical time in our schools as we reflect on the meaning of Christmas and how we can demonstrate our values of Grace, Courage and Friendship amidst the festivities.

The collaboration between parents and staff to produce a marvellous Christmas Fayre is a great example of our values. This is a huge undertaking, a courageous one, that Mr Murphy, Mr Maunsell and the new PTA team should be congratulated for making it truly wonderful. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

We work hard to support our wider community too at Christmas. We have been collaborating with the Salvation Army for many years and we are delighted that they are back at the Infant School again this coming Monday to receive our annual gift donations. If you can contribute a small gift, I know they would be very grateful. Please send it in on Monday morning, unwrapped, labelled whether it is for a boy or girl and the age group it is approximately for. Thank you as always for your amazing generosity to this organisation and the work they do in our community.

Closer to home, Year 6 children will be delivering presents to the elderly around the village. This is a lovely tradition started by the Parish Council who kindly donate the gifts.

Of course, the highlight for many of us is seeing the children enjoy performing and leading worship in their different ways as we approach Christmas. Whether a sheep or a shepherd, our children flourish in these situations, finding courage and often finding a hidden talent.

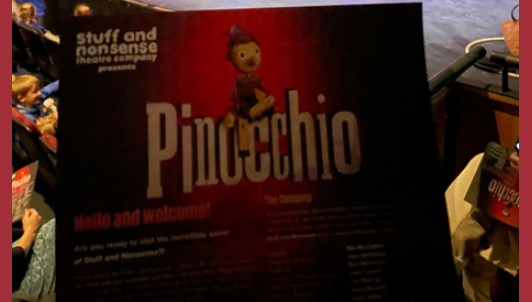
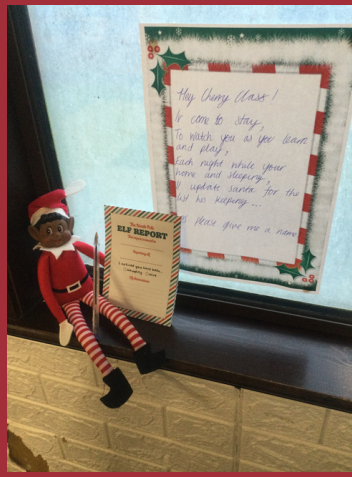
You can see the dates for all our events on the school calendar or in the following table.

STAFFING NEWS



Congratulations to Miss Storey and her partner James on the birth of Edwin "Ned" Batchelor. Please join us in wishing them all the best as they settle into family life.

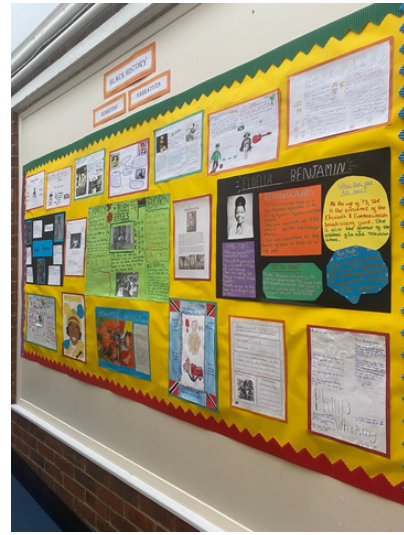
At the end of the Autumn Term we will be bidding farewell to Miss Dedman who has been with us for nearly 10 years. She is leaving for a new exciting role in the Fire Service.



Just this week, a mischievous elf has caused chaos in the Junior School library as their Christmas play rehearsals get underway. All of the Infant children took a coach trip to Norden Farm to see a production of Pinocchio. The PTA kindly paid for the transport. Friday saw the Infants busy sticking and glittering to make Christmas decorations for the Tree Decorating Assembly in the afternoon.

BLACK HISTORY

Mrs Johnson and Miss Khaliq led both schools in celebrating Black History in October. Mrs Johnson delivered assemblies at both schools and the Junior School pupils have produced this vibrant wall display acknowledging the achievements of Black people and their contributions to society, both past and present.



SPORTING UPDATE



This week has seen two home matches at Mumbery Field against Shinfield Junior School. First up on Monday were the Year 5/6 girls who fabulously won their game 4-1. Goals were scored by Maggie, Freya, Emma and Ivy. The Year 5/6 boys were next to play on Tuesday. Winning 2-0 with goals scored by Sonny and Jacob A. Both teams played excellent games and the parental turn out to support was lovely to see and much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CARD POSTAL SERVICE

We will have a Christmas post box at each school. The Infants will be just inside the main school entrance door and the Juniors will be outside the Heads' Office, if children would like to post their cards to their school friends for distribution.

Each day of the last week of term a different class will sort and distribute the cards.



Attendance

Infant School 96.5%

Junior School 95.4%

Attendance expectation 96%

The attendance for both schools has been improving and with your help and support we could reach the 96% mark by the end of term.

Should your child drop below 90% you will be notified by the School leadership team.



We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in applying to be included in the Tesco Stronger Starts for the chance to receive a grant to develop our playgrounds into more creative and inclusive spaces. If successful we would purchase some outdoor play resources for interactive play, role play and game playing.

The highest votes receive £1,500, second place receive £1,000 and third place receive £500.

Now we need your help. From 10th December, you will be able to place a vote at the following Tesco Stores: -

Henley On Thames Superstore RG9 4HA

Woodley Tesco Express RG5 4UL

Twyford Village Express RG10 9EH

You will receive a token when making a purchase which you can then place against us. Voting closes in April 2025.



KEY DATES

Monday 9 th December morning	Toy gift donations for Salvation Army assembly
Monday 9 th December	Phase 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th December 5.00pm	Phase 1 Nativity (Year 3 & 4 parents invited)
Wednesday 11 th December 2.30pm	EYFS Nativity Stable Exhibition (Doves parents invited)
Friday 13 th December	Reindeer Dash
Friday 13 th December	PTA Fundraiser Christmas Disco
Monday 16 th December	Interhouse Carol Competition (Juniors)
Monday 16 th December 2.00pm	Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal (parents with toddlers/prams welcome)
Tuesday 17 th December	Junior School to Cinderella at Reading Hexagon
Tuesday 17 th December	Infant School Christmas Jumper Day and lunch
Wednesday 18 th December 9.30am	Infant Nativity (2 adults per child invited)
Wednesday 18 th December	Junior School Christmas Jumper Day and lunch
Thursday 19 th December	Reading Athletics Club Fitness Test at Junior School
Thursday 19 th December 6.00pm	Phase 2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church for Junior School
Friday 20 th December	Christingle at Infant School
Friday 20 th December	Term Ends Juniors 1.20pm Infants 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS MAY COME EARLY

Smyths gift cards

UP FOR GRABS

PLUS 40% FREE CHILDCARE

Win £600 to Make Their Christmas Shine!

Get Active

Make Their Christmas Shine!

Christmas is about the little things the laughter, the excitement, the sparkle in their eyes.

We're giving away a £600 Smyths Toys voucher and £600 worth of free childcare to add just a touch more magic to their festive season.

It's free, it's fun, and it could be yours!

Winner announced on Monday 16th December.

Terms and conditions apply.

CLICK HERE to enter the giveaway or visit ...

<https://www.facebook.com/getactivegarden/competitions/>

IN AID OF
THAMES VALLEY HOSPICE & ST MARY'S CHURCH

WARGRAVE PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS
ON
MILL GREEN

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
4PM - 6PM

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
MUSIC | FOOD | DRINKS | RAFFLE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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WARGRAVE PRESENTS
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SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

With only a few weeks to go, we hope to see you down at Mill Green on **Saturday 7th December**. Here is a glimpse of what's in store and how you can join in the festive cheer.

We kick off at **4pm** where we'll embrace the Christmas spirit with delicious treats like mulled wine, mince pies and hot dogs generously provided by our sponsors for a donation. Treat yourself to festive refreshments from our vendors, offering everything from craft beer and fine wine to comforting cups of tea, coffee, and indulgent hot chocolate.

Mill Green will come alive with **festive music**, leading up to the blessing of our magnificent six-meter Christmas tree, donated by local resident Graham Trolley. Join us at 5pm for the magical moment when the Christmas lights come alive! Gather around the tree and sing your favourite carols, accompanied by the uplifting sounds of a **live brass band**.

For children, we have the perfect mix of creativity and sparkle. There will be **biscuit decorating** and **glitter tattoos** which you can do throughout the event. There will also be a **dancing competition**. We ask that children dress to impress in their festive gear, whether that be jumpers, dresses or costumes.

We shall also have the **Christmas Raffle** featuring some fantastic prizes. Tickets are just £1 each and will be available for purchase in advance from St Mary's Church Office - Monday to Thursday, 9:30am to 1pm - and Sundays after the 9.45am service. Raffle tickets will also be sold on the day, announced shortly after the carols.

All donations will go towards **Thames Valley Hospice and St Mary's Church**.

With so much to look forward to, this promises to be an unforgettable start to the Christmas season, with Wargrave at the heart of it. Whether you're here for the festive treats, the joyful music, or the chance to connect with friends and neighbours, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

So wrap up warm, bring your loved ones, and join us for an evening filled with community spirit and Christmas magic. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



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Woodley Concert Band

**Children's
Christmas
Concert**

An hour of
festive music and fun!

Sunday 15th December
at 3pm, The Bulmershe
School, Woodley

www.woodleyconcertband.org.uk

**ELF
ESCAPADE**

14th
DEC | 12pm-
5pm

Last entry to trail at 4pm

Entry fee: £3

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PUZZLE AT
WARGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL
TO FIND THE CHEEKY ELVES
AROUND WARGRAVE

MULLED WINE, MUSIC, MINCE PIES
& FESTIVE TREATS
AVAILABLE ALL DAY

WANT TO
CREATE AN ELF
FOR THE TRAIL?
SCAN HERE!

