



Monday 1st December was the beginning of advent, the Christian season of preparation - getting ready for Christmas and celebrating the birth of 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.

We work hard to support our wider community 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, we know they would be very grateful. Please send it in to the Infant School 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. 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.

Please join us as we wish Mrs Willett all the best as she heads off on maternity leave. Mrs Piper, a longstanding teacher across both schools, will be covering the Owl's class in her absence with Mrs Hosking. With so much going on we can all forget to pace ourselves yet advent is about patiently waiting, counting the days slowly and preparing for Christmas. We hope you all enjoy this wonderful run up to Christmas and that we get to see you all at one event or another across the remaining weeks of term.



The collaboration between parents and staff to produce a marvellous Christmas Fayre is a great example of our values. This was a huge undertaking, a courageous one, that Mrs Joyce, Mrs Yeates Pearce, Mrs Sinfield and the PTA team should be congratulated for making it truly wonderful. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. At this time we believe that in excess of £9,000 has been raised.

On Saturday 15th November 2025, St Mary's Church held its annual concert, which was a sell-out. The Junior School choir performed alongside the Wargrave Community Choir, Appollo 5, solo singers and musicians. The church was packed, and the children received a wonderful reception from the crowd. The children were fabulous and hopefully enjoyed every minute.



TAKING TO THE STAGE



Last night the Year 6s travelled to the Troubadour Theatre at Wembley to see their fellow classmate Mila Isaacs, perform her role of Control in the Show Starlight Express. Afterwards they were invited on to the stage for a photograph with her in costume. They were great ambassadors for our school, demonstrating our values perfectly, with members of the public commenting on their good behaviour.

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.

SPORTING UPDATE

This term has seen a host of sporting fixtures for the Junior School including cross country, football, tag rugby and an SEN Inclusion event.

All participants have done really well and showed great courage throughout. The support of the parents at these events has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Miss Gilkes for accompanying the children on these events and to Mrs Dehaes for helping with the organisation.



We are very lucky to be able to offer a wide array of external clubs across both schools each term. This term has been no exception with our schools offering nearly 20 clubs covering a huge range of varied activities from art through to streetdance . We have even seen a breakdance demonstration at the Junior School.

Details of booking for next term will be coming out soon and most clubs will also be open to the Reception class too. A club newsletter will be sent by email early next week.



Attendance

Infant School 97.2%

Junior School 96.2%

Attendance expectation 96%

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

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

AUTUMN DATES

- 8th Infant Salvation Army Gift Assembly
- 9th Infants to see The Comet at Norden Farm
- 9th Year 6s delivering presents in the village
- 10th Dental Survey at Infants for 5 year olds
- 10th 10am Year 4/5 Violin performance
- 10th 1.30pm EYFS local walk to postbo
- 12th 8am School Council
- 12th 10am Year 3/4 Carol Service at St Mary's Church
- 12th 2.45pm EYFS stable exhibition (parents welcome)
- 12th 3.15pm PTA/Doves Class Cake Sale
- 15th 2pm Infant Nativity (toddlers & young children welcome)
- 15th Juniors Interhouse Carol Competition
- 16th 9.30am Infant Nativity 2 adults per child welcome
- 16th Junior Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- 16th 6pm Year 5/6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church
- 17th Juniors to see Mother Goose at South Hill Park
- 17th Infant Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- 17th Reports sent home
- 18th Infant Christingle Assembly in school
- 18th Infant Santa Live Read
- 18th End of Term 1.20pm Juniors/1.30pm Infants

DECEMBER

BLING YOUR BIKE SCOOTER OR BACKPACK

Add some festive bling to your bikes, scooters or backpacks for a Christmas competition - be as creative as you like!

Once you've finished adding some dazzle to your active journey, take a photo and send your creations to us before Friday, 19 December 2025.

There's a £50 book voucher for the winner and a £25 book voucher for the runner-up.

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Girls and Boys

in Y2-3 are invited to apply to attend one of our

Chorister for a Day

events to be held on

Sunday 18 January & Sunday 25 January 2026
from 12.30pm to 6.30pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

Advance booking is essential, with priority given to children in Year 3.
Closing date for applications: Sunday 11 January 2026
Please contact Francesca Alden Email cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org
www.stgeorges-windsor.org/events/cfad2026

Chorister for a Day is a wonderful opportunity for girls and boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents and carers to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of children and professional adult singers. New choristers typically join the choir at the start of Year 4 and this event is designed to help potential choristers find out more about life as a chorister ahead of auditions in February. The programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The Choristers are educated and board part-time at St George's School on generous scholarships, and limited means-tested bursaries may be available. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices, and receive instrumental and theory tuition. More information on all aspects of being a chorister will be available at *Chorister for a Day*.

The Choir was founded in 1348, and is now a choir of mixed girl and boy choristers and adult lay clerks (both male and female who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts). The choir sings regularly in the presence of His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal family, at annual events such as Garter Day and Easter Sunday Mattins, and at special events. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In September 2022 the choir sang at the Committal Service for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St George's Chapel. The choir released a CD of Christmas music in 2019 on the Hyperion label which was met with critical acclaim, and a recording with the Band of the Household Cavalry was released in November 2022. The choir has also broadcast on radio, most recently in May 2024 with Choral Evensong (BBC Radio 3), and given concerts in the Windsor Festival and the Thaxted Festival.

It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage - we are looking for children between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

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November

29TH WARGRAVE NORTH 6-8PM

Highfield, Blakes, Ridgeway, Purfield, Fidlers Walk

30TH WARGRAVE SOUTH 4-6PM

Victoria, Silverdale, Braybrooke



6TH TWYFORD CENTRAL 6-8PM

Malvern Way, New Rd, Wargrave Rd, Yewhurst, Weavers Way

7TH SPRINGFIELD PARK 4-6PM

Orchard Estate, Ruscombe In, Milton Way, Highgrove, New Rd, Northbury Ave, St James Close

13TH BROAD HINTON 4-6PM

Harrison, Gooch, Cotterell, Poundfield, Hubbard

13TH BROADWATER 6-8PM

Broad Hinton South, Hurst Park

14TH CHARVIL - EAST PARK FARM 4-6PM

The Hawthorns

14TH CHARVIL - NORTH - 6-8PM

Strathmore, Park Ln, Park view, Kingsley, St Patricks

17TH LAST CHANCE AROUND TWYFORD - 6:30-8PM

December

3RD COLLETON 6:30-8PM

Paddock Heights, Winchcombe, Colleton Drive, Wessex Gardens

5TH TWYFORD VILLAGE FAIR 6:30-8PM



6TH TWYFORD NORTH 4-6PM

Hilltop, Amberley Drive, Chaseside Ave, Longfield, Kibblewhite

7TH HERMITAGE DRIVE 4-6PM

Lincoln Gardens, Wensley, Sycamore, Penfields

10TH CHARVIL - GINGELLS & CHILTERN DRIVE 6:30-8PM

12TH HURST 6:30-8PM

Sawpit, Martineau, Barber, School Rd, Broadwater Ln, Tape In



PLEASE NOTE SANTA AND HIS HELPERS/ELVES MAY NEED TO CHANGE ROUTES OR TIMES AS THEY HAVE A LOT TO DO AT THE NORTH POLE TO BE READY FOR CHRISTMAS