Robert Piggott CE Federation

Newsletter

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It is hard to believe that there is only just one month to go until Christmas time! The Autumn term has some of the busiest weeks in the schools' calendars, but the festivities always provide a great opportunity to enjoy the close relationships we have with our school families and the wider community around us. Our key dates have been updated with pantomimes, nativities, carol singing, Christmas lunches and so much more festiveness.

We are always grateful for the amazing work that the PTA do for our schools, including the recent disco which was hugely successful. Next weekend is one of the biggest events of their calendar year when they will be hosting our Christmas Fayre at the Junior School from 12.30-3.30pm. Admission is free and we look forward to seeing lots of your familiar faces at the event.

Whilst we start to enjoy these merry times, it is important to reiterate some housekeeping rules so please do remember the importance of good attendance, completing homework and returning their reading books into school and in good condition. As the weather turns colder, winter bugs become more prevalent in school. Please make sure that if your child falls ill that you follow the guidance from Public Health England, remind them to wash their hands regularly and keep them at home until they are fully recovered.



Opportunities to gather together for reflection and worship are the lifeblood of a church school. Both schools held services to commemorate the men and women who gave their lives for their country. The children read poems, led their school community in prayers and displayed the poppy artwork which had been completed in both schools.



In keeping with our School ethos and vision, we wish to donate to the community. The School Council are keen to continue our tradition of supporting The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal. Every year, we hold a gift giving ceremony at the Infant School and this year is no different. The Salvation Army will come in on Friday 11th December in the afternoon and collect the gifts. There is a video explaining why it's so important to support others at Christmas time on the School Council page of our website. Gifts should be brought in to the Infant School on the morning of Friday 11th December (gift ideas can be found on The Salvation Army's website here). Presents should be unwrapped but with a label outlining the age the present would suit and if it's for a boy or a girl. We hope you will support us in this great cause.



AUTUMN DATES

NOV

27th Wellbeing Day (school closed to all)
30th Wellbeing Day (school closed to all)

DEC

1st Infant Tree Lighting Assembly (pupils only)
1st Year 5/6 Girl's Football match away (participation by invitation)
2nd Prospective parent tour @ 9.30am (booking essential)
2nd EYFS walk to post Christmas Cards @ 2.15 pm
3rd Breakdance show @ 7.45am Junior School
3rd Infant pupils to attend Tree Festival @ St Mary's Church
3rd Cross Country Race @ PM Reddam House (participation by invitation)
4th Year 5/6 Boy's Football match away (participation by invitation)
5th PTA Christmas Fair
7th Year 5/6 School Games Inclusion Festival (participation by invitation)
8th Year 6 Gift Delivery in the community
9th Infant Nativity @ 9.30am
10th Infant Nativity @ 9.30am
10th Phase 1 Carol Service @ 1.30pm (Year 3/4)
11th School Council meeting@ 8.00am Junior School
11th Infant Salvation Army Gift Assembly (pupils only)
11th Wargrave Advent Window
11th Woodpecker class/PTA cake sale
14th EYFS Stable exhibition @ 2.45pm in Doves
14th Year 5/6 Service @ 5.30pm St Mary's Church
15th Junior School Aladdin Pantomime @ Hexagon
15th Infant School Aladdin Pantomime @ South Hill Park
16th Junior School Christmas lunch and jumper day
16th Report cards emailed home
17th Infant School Christmas lunch and jumper day
17th Junior School Interhouse Christmas Carol Competition
18th Infant School Christingle Service in School (pupils only)
18th TERM ENDS Junior School 1.20pm Infant School 1.30pm

JAN

4th SPRING TERM COMMENCES usual school hours
6th Prospective parent tour @ 9.30am (booking essential)
15th School Council meeting@ 8.00am Junior School
15th Poplar class/PTA cake sale
29th INSET DAY school closed to pupils



This event will take place at the Care Home in School Lane, opposite the Junior School. There will be live reindeer to see and Santa's Grotto, with proceeds kindly being donated to Robert Piggott Schools.





The Winter Mini Challenge is back, giving children a fun and completely free way to keep reading throughout the winter holidays. The online Challenge is a bitesize version of The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge and continues this year's music inspired Read to the Beat! theme.

Children can choose whatever they love to read, log their books online and [unlock rewards/earn a special badge and certificate] as they work towards their reading goal. From stories and poetry to comics, fact books and audiobooks, all reading counts.

Read to the Beat! celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire and connect us through reading. Brought to life by award winning author and illustrator Harry Woodgate, the theme formed part of the Summer Reading Challenge 2026 continues into winter.

The Winter Mini Challenge is a great way for children to keep up their reading habits during the holidays or discover the joy of reading for pleasure for the first time. Families can also visit their local library to discover brilliant books to enjoy for free. The Winter Mini Challenge runs from 1 December until 21 February.

Join the Challenge for free at:
https://wintermini.org.uk

NATIONAL TREE WEEK NATURE ART COMPETITION

Create • Explore • Win a Tree!

Love nature? Get creative outdoors and make a piece of art using natural materials you can find around you.

What can you use?

🍂 Leaves 🌿 Twigs and sticks 🌰 Seeds and nuts 🌸 Petals and other natural items



Age Categories

ages 7 years and under
ages 8 to 11 years
ages 12 to 18 years

Prizes

🏆 The winner of each age category will win a small tree in a pot donated by Wokingham Borough Tree Wardens

How to Enter

📸 Take a photo of your nature artwork
📧 Email your photo to: libraryevents@wokingham.gov.uk include your name and age.

Closing Date

6th December 2026

Get outside, get creative, and help nature inspire your imagination!

Wokingham Borough Libraries
WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
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ASD Family Help

Autism & neurodiversity - embracing differences

WOKINGHAM WINTER DISCO

❄️ Winter Disco 🪩

EVERYONE WELCOME! TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Join us for a fun-filled Winter Disco celebrating our neurodivergent community! A welcoming, inclusive event for neurodivergent adults, children of all ages, families and siblings. **No diagnosis is needed to attend!**

🎉 **WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- DJ and disco with SNJ Entertainment
- Dancing, party games and music
- Simple craft activity
- Squash, tea, coffee and party snacks
- A chance to meet others and celebrate together!

📍 **EVENT DETAILS**

Date and Time: Tuesday 22nd December, 5-7PM
Venue: Radstock Community Centre, Radstock Lane Earley, RG6 5UZ
Parking: Free parking at the venue

🎟️ **TICKETS**

- £5 per child or adult
- Free tickets for accompanying parents/carers
- Free entry for children under 2
- One ticket is required for every attendee
- Advance booking only – no tickets available on the door.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS:

- https://tinyurl.com/WinterDiscoWokingham

💙 Come along, connect with others, have a dance and celebrate with your neurodivergent community! 💙



Important: Parents/carers must remain with their children throughout the event.

ASD Family Help staff will be there to welcome you and host the session.

Questions? Contact jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org

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