

# WPA's Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Principal: Mrs Robinson

Dear WPA parents and carers,  
We have had such an exciting fortnight in school!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Kingsgrove Christmas Celebration last week. The WPA choir sang beautifully and I was incredibly proud of them performing in front of such a crowd!



Key Dates for the remainder of this half term (see full calendar below)

Date	Who?	Event
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Nursery parents	EYFS Christmas performance at 2:45pm
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	Reception and Nursery parents	EYFS Christmas performance at 2:45pm
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm and 5pm
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	All Pupils	Christmas Jumper Day
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils Rec- Y6	Christmas dinner
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	Last day for Nursery sessions
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 parents	Christmas carol concert 11:15am
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	All school-age pupils	School closes at 12 noon today. Christmas holidays

A reminder to check the Christmas dates carefully as there are one or two changes from the original date list sent out in September.

## Christmas Panto

The children had the most fantastic afternoon watching our festive pantomime – Cinderella! They were beautifully behaved and participated brilliantly! What a great start to the Christmas period!



## Christmas Performances

As you know, over the next two weeks, each of our children will be performing in a Christmas show or concert.

EYFS – Nursery and Reception Christmas performances- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:45pm

For our EYFS concert, for those children who only attend nursery in the mornings, parents are welcome to bring children in with them at 2:45pm to be part of the performance. This performance will last around 20 minutes.



KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas performances 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm and 5pm

We understand that this is the first time we have hosted an evening performance, but we feel it is vital that all parents have the opportunity to see their children perform. Please do ensure your child is here for both performances. Please either book after school club on this day and we will collect your child at 4:30 to prepare them for the 5pm show or take them home and bring them back to school for 4:30pm.

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Carol concert 20<sup>th</sup> December 11:15am. School finishes at 12:00pm so you may take your child home once they have collected their belongings from their classroom after the concert.

The KS1 and 2 performances will last between 30-45 minutes. At the end of the performances, the children will return to their classrooms to collect their belongings and/or change. You will then be able to take your child home.

For the 2:15 performance, you will only be able to gain access to the school through the pedestrian gate by the disabled by car park to the right of the school. This gate will be opened 15 minutes before the performances to allow you time to find your seats. For the 5pm performance, please drop your child at their classroom door and you're your way to the hall. Don't forget your wallets and purses as the PTA will be on hand offering some delicious festive sweet treats!



Please be considerate to our performers and take babies and young children outside if they are crying.

The children are looking forward to performing for you

## Boccia Tournament

Congratulations to Avery, Freya and Grace who represented WPA at a Y3/4 TASS Boccia competition at Millbrook School on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We are very proud of you!



## Reception Applications

A reminder that the window for Reception place applications is open. Parents of children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2025. All Reception place applications must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

## Parent Courses

We would like to highlight our new 2025 FULLY FUNDED (FREE) courses to parents, carers and staff at your school. We are working with The EFSA (Education Skills Funding Agency) and have full funding for our six-week online intensive courses, available to parents and carers in your school's area. We understand that it can be difficult for most parents and carers to further their education, which puts them in a better position for a job role that fits in with their families. So, we have created new intensive courses that are based online, with full tutor support, running within school hours and in term times ONLY.

This is a six-week course, available in level 1, 2 & 3, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm. Our next course starts on 6<sup>th</sup> January. The deadline to enrol is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December!

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**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**  
**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

**www.studysmartuk.online**



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**Xmas Post**

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**40p**  
per card



**Scouts**

**WANTAGE & GROVE SCOUT POST**

**With delivery to Challow, Hanney  
and other local villages!**

Post boxes are available in the following places:

*Wantage*

Barnards Way Post Office, Campbells Opticians  
Charlton Garden Centre, Sainsbury's  
Waitrose, Wantage Health Centre

*Grove*

Smiths DIY, Co-op

Post boxes will be in position from  
**10am Saturday November 30th to  
5pm Friday December 20th**

Postage costs **40p** per card and should be deposited into  
the post boxes along with the cards. We aim to deliver as  
soon as possible but we may not be as quick as Royal Mail.  
All post will be delivered between 15<sup>th</sup> December and  
Christmas Eve.

All proceeds go to the local Scout Groups.  
Should you need any details please call 760889.

Registered charity no's: 300516 and 277162



**£1 per  
entry**



**Entries  
due  
13 Dec**



Friends of WPA  
invites you to

# Decorate a bauble!

All proceeds will go to FoWPA



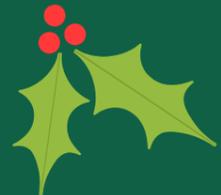
Buy a blank decoration at reception  
or from your class teacher from  
Monday 9th December



Submit entries to your class  
teacher with name & year group  
on the back by  
**Friday 13th December**



Prize per year group by end of term!





# FRIENDS OF WPA

## 2024/25 COMMITTEE

To get involved email [pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org](mailto:pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org)  
or scan the QR code below to join our WhatsApp group!



**CHAIR**



**VICE CHAIR**



**VICE CHAIR**



**TREASURER**



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**COMMITTEE MEMBER**



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# CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY

18<sup>TH</sup> DEC

## FATHER CHRISTMAS'S FABULOUS FESTIVE FEAST

*Roast chicken, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, peas, carrots, brussels sprouts, stuffing balls and optional gravy*

## WINTER WONDERLAND WELLINGTON

*Butternut squash in a puff pastry parcel, roast potatoes, peas, carrots, brussels sprouts, stuffing balls and optional gravy (V)*

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL COOKIE

*Christmas sprinkle chocolate cookie (VG)*



Orders must be placed **before 9am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** via your Meal Manager account. If you need any help or do not have a log-in please contact [support@freshstartcatering.uk](mailto:support@freshstartcatering.uk) or call us on **01280 360653** **before Mon 9<sup>th</sup> December**



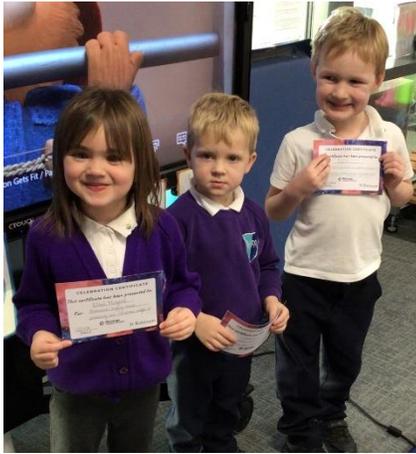
## Next Week's Learning

Here is a short overview of the learning that will be taking place in each class next week. This enables parents to be more informed about what their children are doing in school and support where necessary. Please continue to read daily and carry out homework.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>L: Retelling the Nativity story using the stick puppets, animals, stable etc. Sequencing pictures of the Nativity story.</p> <p>EAD: Making Christmas cards.</p> <p>EAD/PD: Making a stable using lollipop sticks.</p> <p>EAD: making our Nativity character headbands.</p> <p>M: matching numerals to amounts.</p>	<p>Phonics: ff and ss</p> <p>Literacy, CL, UWE and EAD: The Story of Hanukkah</p> <p>Maths: Alive in 5! Composition of numbers within 5, one more and one less and addition within 5.</p>	<p>Phonics: adjacent consonants</p> <p>English: writing Newspaper reports</p> <p>Maths: Addition and subtraction calculations involving money</p> <p>History: Wantage in different time periods</p> <p>Science: Observing the weather associated with the four seasons</p> <p>DT: Where does our food come from?</p>	<p>English: Planning and writing an information text about London in the past</p> <p>Maths: Addition and subtraction problems</p> <p>Science: Experimenting with the shape of solid objects</p> <p>Geography: Climate &amp; Weather forecasts</p> <p>Spanish: Numbers 1 to 10</p> <p>RE: Showing love</p>	<p>Topic - We have a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop.</p> <p>English - We are looking at the key words and features to include in a set of instructions.</p> <p>Maths - We will be looking at the 8 times tables and answering word problems.</p> <p>Science - We will be looking at magnetic strength.</p> <p>Computing - We will be creating our own code to make a scene that moves.</p> <p>PSHE - We will be looking at compliments.</p>	<p>Spelling: Statutory Year 4 Spellings</p> <p>Maths: Area, Multiplication, Division</p> <p>English: Plan/write/ed it a setting description</p> <p>DT: Design a Moving Monster</p> <p>Art: Shades/Hues/Tints</p> <p>Science – Sound</p> <p>Computing: Animation</p> <p>PHSE: Recognising differences</p> <p>History: Anglo-Saxons</p> <p>Spanish: Creating a zoo of animals</p>	<p>English - Continuing with Setting description</p> <p>Maths - Continuing with Fractions adding fractions</p> <p>History - Egypt</p> <p>Spellings - Year 5 and 6 Spellings</p> <p>Science - Air Resistance</p> <p>Computing - Coding and Scratch.</p> <p>Spanish - Learning the names of animals.</p> <p><b>Swimming - Survival techniques - children to wear pyjamas.</b></p>	<p>English: Write a persuasive holiday brochure.</p> <p>Maths: Convert unit measurements.</p> <p>Art: Yulia Brodskaya inspired peacock</p> <p>History: Use maps to study how Ancient Greeks planned trading systems</p>

## Celebration Assembly

A big well done to Ethol and Jacob, Blake and Seraphina (Reception) Harry Z and Olivia (Nursery), Dawid, Emilia and Frankie (Year 1), Maryam, Ruhan, Lilah and Oliver (Year 2), Bali and Lila (Year 6), Lilia, Amelia and Noah (Year 5), Emily and Eva (Year 4), Alice and Oliver (Year 3) for featuring in our celebration assemblies over the last two weeks!



Have a great weekend!

All the best,

Hannah Robinson (Principal)

