



Dear Parents/Carers

As the end of this term draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful array of events and activities that has taken place this term that we have shared together. Beginning with Harvest Festival, Autumn Lights, Xmas Fayre, Concerts, Nativity Plays, Parent Workshops, Uniform Sales, Book fairs not to mention the laughter, and learning that has taken place.

Last night's Year 6 Carol Service was a magical highlight of the season. Our talented students poured their hearts into creating a beautiful performance that truly captured the spirit of Christmas. The joy and enthusiasm they brought to the event were infectious, and it was heart-warming to see our school community come together to celebrate the festive season.

And finally, I want to take a moment to applaud the incredible efforts of our dedicated staff. Despite some unexpected and mischievous visitors causing a bit of chaos around the school, our staff has gone above and beyond to ensure that our pupils have had fun and engaging lessons.

You may have heard whispers about these unexpected guests – mischievous troublemakers causing a bit of holiday havoc. Fear not, for our vigilant staff, armed with their creativity and determination, have been on the case. I, too, have joined the mission with my trusty "Elf Detector glasses," allowing us to catch these playful rascals red-handed.

As we break for the holidays, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all families. May this Christmas be a time of joy, peace, and love for each and every one of you. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Mrs Kathy Jefferson
Primary Head Teacher



Please scan the QR code for
our special performance or
click [HERE](#)

THANKYOU

As we approach the end of the year, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible support and generosity you have shown towards our community food share initiative.

Your kindness has truly made a significant impact on the lives of those in need within our community. The outpouring of donations we have received from parents and carers like you has allowed us to create a robust and sustainable food share program that addresses the basic needs of individuals and families.

A surprise visit from Santa took place this afternoon. The children from Reception were very excited to meet him, and his Elves were working hard too!



Housepoints

Balmoral	1830
Sandringham	1505
Buckingham	1605
Windsor	1590

ASSEMBLY

This week marked our highly anticipated rewards assembly. Mrs Jefferson joined us to present our courtesy awards upon deserving children. The recipients of the courtesy award for this half term, showcased exemplary behaviour, consistently adhering to our school values. Additionally, merits were celebrated and distributed within each classroom, recognising the dedication and effort of many. Congratulations to each one for their outstanding achievements and commitment!



On Monday 11th December, Year 5-6 played a netball match V Uplands Primary School. We won 7-6.

Players of the match: Avaani P and Milan C

Well done to all!



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



The talented pupils of 3RC Diya, Harman, Letaya & Bonnie & Arjun 4LD paid a special visit to Mrs. Jefferson, as they showcased their outstanding achievements in mathematics. Congratulations to them all!



We are thrilled to share some fantastic news that fills us with pride and excitement. Our talented cheerleaders, Ruby and Scarlett from 5ED, have soared to new heights by securing the coveted 1st place in a recent cheerleading competition.

Felix 4CC for his fantastic homework on the Blue Abyss

Congratulations to Sara, Tyrell & Nya-Rae 5RK for their exceptional achievement in the realm of creative poetry writing.



Shreenidhi 5ED for amazing English writing, 5RK Noah JM for trying hard, Thomas for showing the school values, and Keely for hard work in Maths. Well done to all!

Special Visitor to The Royal School

We had a barking good time this week when Mrs. Bates brought her furry friend, Poppy a therapy dog to school for the day!

The excitement was palpable as the children eagerly anticipated a day filled with canine companionship.

From the moment Poppy wagged her tail into the school, it was clear that she had won the hearts of both pupils and staff alike.

The children's faces lit up with joy as they got the chance to interact with this adorable four-legged guest.



Nativity Reception to Year 1

This week, our school halls echoed with the joyful sounds of laughter, music, and the heartwarming retelling of the timeless story of Christmas. Our young stars took centre stage in a series of enchanting Nativity plays, and what a week it has been!



SayHi

The "SayHi" app is a tool available for free download. It offers a unique way to engage in conversations across two languages. What sets it apart from Google Translate is its use of the microphone function. This feature enables both you and the parent/carer/child to speak in your/their home language directly into the app. The app then translates the conversation into the chosen language, reading it aloud and displaying the written translation on screen.

For parents/carers interested in exploring further, the website below provides access to further information in the language of their choice by selecting from the drop-down menu highlighted below.



<https://www.sayhi.com/en/translate/>

SayHi Translate: Voice Translation for iOS and Android

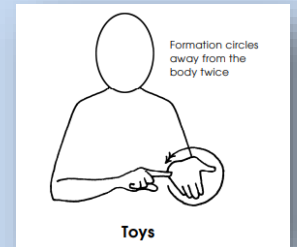
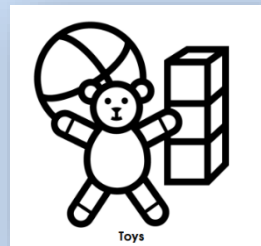
SayHi Translate lets you have a conversation in two languages and easily understand each other. Just tap a button and start speaking. 101 languages and dialects are available on iOS and Android.

www.sayhi.com

Diary

- 15/12/23 – Break up for Christmas return to school Wednesday 10th January 2024
- 10th January – Year 4LD Viking Workshop
- 11th January – Year 4HE Viking Workshop
- 11th January – Yr 5 Tudor Workshop
- 11th January – Yr 2 Musical Workshop
- 11th January – Yr 2 Reading Workshop for parents 15:45pm to 16:45pm – Primary Hall
- 12th January – Yr 4CC Viking Workshop

Makaton sign of the week



Message from PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre last week. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the festivities, taking part in stall games and crafts and enjoying hot food and treats.

We hope you enjoyed our line-up of very talented performers and of course visiting Santa!

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all the students, volunteers and staff that ensured the event was a great success. Without volunteers and prize donations from generous parents, it simply wouldn't be possible to run PTA events.

The Christmas fayre raised **£1250**, which will be spent on providing additional educational items, helping to enhance pupil's extracurricular experiences and memories. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

[Click Here](#) for photos of the event.

**Anyone in posed photos gave consent to be in the newsletter.*

Year 4 Reminder – Viking Workshop

Don't forget your costumes for the Viking Workshop!





Travelling or parking your vehicle in an unfamiliar place?

Here are a few additional tips to help keep you and your vehicle safe:

- Check your fob has done its job - do not assume your vehicle is secure, always check doors are locked before you walk away
- Take your dash cam or sat nav with you when leaving your vehicle, remove the cradle and wipe away tell-tale suction pad marks
- Never leave valuables on display or in the glovebox
- Don't leave shopping on view in your vehicle - lock everything in the boot, out of sight
- Fit an alarm or immobiliser
- If you have access to a garage, use it for your vehicle
- Use an anchor and chain for your motorbike
- Park your van in a well-lit area with CCTV or against a wall so the sliding or back door is blocked
- If using public parking, try and use one that displays a Park Mark or has visible security and good lighting

One of the most effective ways to stop someone stealing your vehicle (keyless or not) is to use a steering wheel lock. That way even if thieves manage to open your car door they won't be able to drive your vehicle away. We've partnered with Disklok, who are offering a 15% on their products exclusively to drivers in the West Midlands Police area. To get the discount sign up to our [FREE WMNow alert service](#) - the discount code can be found in your welcome email.

Selecta DNA offer a property marking kit for many different types of vehicle:

- SelectaDNA Vehicle Kit
- SelectaDNA Van & Commercial Vehicle Kit
- SelectaDNA Off Road and 4x4 Kit
- SelectaDNA Classic Car Kit
- SelectaDNA Motorbike, Scooter & Moped Kit
- SelectaDNA Off Road & Quad Bike Kit
- SelectaDNA Motorhome & Caravan Kit
- SelectaDNA Trailer Kit

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Burglary

Protect your home against opportunist burglars by remembering to 'lock up' and check on your neighbours. Dark evenings can provide perfect cover for burglars who can easily spot an open window in an unoccupied room, see your valuables through open curtains or blinds, or try their luck with an unlocked door while you are distracted.

Lock up - Protect your home

Here's some tips to try and make you and your home less vulnerable to thieves. More information and advice can be found on our dedicated burglary prevention website: <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/27stationroad>



Attendance Week Commencing Monday 11th December 2023

Week Beginning 11th December 2023																				
5RK	2GB	3RC	6LS	5KG	5ED	6SH	3KM	3KH	2HD	4CC	1ER	RAG	4LD	2AT	6EP	RSD	IAC	1KN	RAR	4HE
99%	99%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	93%	92%	91%	90%	90%	89%	88%

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at
The Royal School



As the festive season embraces us with warmth and joy, we take a moment to extend our heartfelt wishes to each and every member of our wonderful Royal School family. May this Christmas bring you moments of love, laughter, and cherished memories shared with family and friends.

To our parents, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership in the journey of education. Your involvement and dedication play a crucial role in creating a nurturing and thriving community at The Royal. May your homes be filled with the magic of the season, and may the coming year bring you prosperity and fulfilment.

