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DATES

December

There will be no more Family Assemblies this year now.

Tues 12th—Swimming has now finished for the year
Thurs 14th—2pm & 6pm, Whole School Christmas Production (see page 2)

Fri 15th—PM: whole School Theatre Visit

Mon 18th—3.15-5pm FOWS Christmas Movie Night **(Please pay for snacks & refreshments by Thursday)**

Thurs 21st—Christmas Dinner, break up for Christmas!

Friday 22nd—Inset Day - School closed to Pupils

Christmas Holiday Monday 25th—Friday 5th January

January

Mon 8th—School opens for the Spring Term

Fri 15th—Reception 2024 application deadline

We are delighted to be hosting two trainee teachers from the University of Chester. Miss Sysum and Miss Essen will be working in classes 2 and 3 under the mentorship of Mrs Downey and Miss Baines. As a School, we are committed to supporting the next generation of teachers.



St Luke's Christingle Service

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christingle Service at St. Luke's Church. Your presence truly made a difference, and it was heartwarming to witness so many families rallying behind our children. Despite the chilly weather, the enthusiasm of the children quickly warmed everyone's spirits, creating a joyous and festive atmosphere. I'm delighted to share that, thanks to your generous contributions, we raised an impressive £170.14 for the Children's Society. Your support will directly contribute to the transformation of the lives of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. Your kindness and commitment to making a positive impact are deeply appreciated. Thank you for being a part of this community event.



School Hub meals are now available for advance ordering, allowing parents to pre order up to 3 weeks ahead.

FoWS Christmas Raffle

FoWS are very excited to launch our 2023 Christmas raffle! Priced at just £1, tickets will be sent home on Monday, and we thank you in advance for selling these and returning monies and completed stubs to school.

Full details of the amazing raffle prizes will be revealed via our new Facebook page (scan the QR code to find us), but here is a sneak peak at the companies who have so kindly donated prizes. From luxury hampers to vouchers, thrilling days out to food and drink, we have prizes for everyone.

Every penny raised goes back to support our school, so please do ask us for more tickets for family and friends!



Bonus Ball Lottery

Results the last few weeks

11/11/2023 32 ROLLOVER
15/11/2023 4 ROLLOVER

25/11/2023 49 Dawn Addison £25

29/11/2023 13 Charlotte Pitchford £25



Please **Pay by Thursday 14th December**. This will help FoWs to purchase the correct number of refreshments.

FOWS Christmas Movie Night

Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) will be holding a movie night for the children on: This will be for school pupils only. Thank you to the 29 parents who have already paid for their snacks and refreshments.

Monday 18th December

At the School

3:15pm - 5pm

£4 for refreshments

Please do not book any holidays during school time. Parents are reminded that Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 have statutory tests in May and June.

Paper copies are available from the school office and it can also be found on our website.



School Holiday Dates 2024/25

September 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35							1
36	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
37	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
38	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
39	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
40	30						

October 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40		1	2	3	4	5	6
41	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
42	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
43	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
44	28	29	30	31			

November 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44					1	2	3
45	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
46	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
47	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
48	25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48							1
49	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
51	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
52	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	30	31					

January 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1			1	2	3	4	5
2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5	27	28	29	30	31		

February 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5						1	2
6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9	24	25	26	27	28		

March 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9						1	2
10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
13	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
14	31						

April 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14		1	2	3	4	5	6
15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	28	29	30				

May 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18				1	2	3	4
19	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22							1
23	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
24	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
27	30						

July 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27		1	2	3	4	5	6
28	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
29	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31	28	29	30	31			

 School Holidays
 Bank Holidays
 Inset Days

Bank Holidays 2024/25 UK

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday

Winter Mini Challenge

Ready, Set, Read!

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Following the success of Ready, Set, Read Summer Reading Challenge, the theme has been extended into the Winter Mini Challenge. With the holidays approaching, now is the time to encourage your children to tackle the holiday reading 'dip'. Join in at wintermini.org.uk from 1 December 2023. More information on the Challenge can be found on the website wintermini.org.uk



Royal Life Saving Society UK issues winter water safety advice

Urgent Winter Water Safety Message

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

1. Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet
 2. Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service
- What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water

Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

What to do if you see someone fall through the ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone the emergency services – call 999 or 112
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way

If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

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