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Items for Action:

- Dates for the calendar

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- 2024-2025 Term Calendar dates
- Winter Wonderland

Dear Parents and Carers

We started the week with Year 3 visiting the River and Rowing Museum at Henley on their school trip. They had an interesting walk along the River Thames and a workshop on Wind in the Willows. Lots of learning and fun was had by all. Year 1 have been building their own castles this week – learning about construction and how to make their structures strong, they also added lots of details to their castles. They certainly looked very impressive.

Today Saturn were the House winners of our first week of House points. Congratulations to Saturn!

Again this week we have had children representing us in football, multi skills and on a sport leadership programme. We are very proud of all our children who represent our school so brilliantly. Thank you also to the wonderful teachers who support them with these events.

The weather has really turned wintry this week and there is more to come. The children will need coats, hats and gloves for playtime (named too please) as we'd like everyone wrapped up warm on the playground. Thank you.

We're looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday for Parents Evening – your children have done lots of wonderful learning in school and it will be lovely to share it with you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday!

Best wishes



Head Teacher



2024 – 2025 Term Calendar Dates

Thursday	28/11/24	Yr 1 Windsor Castle Trip
Friday	29/11/24	Yr 3 Sycamore Class Assembly
Monday	02/12/24	Parents Evening (3.45-6.15PM)
Tuesday	03/12/24	Yr 4 Viking Day
Friday	06/12/24	KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal
Friday	06/12/24	Winter Wonderland (PTA Event)
Monday	09/12/24	Year 1 Christmas Play AM
Monday	09/12/24	Year 2 Christmas Play PM
Tuesday	10/12/24	Year 2 Christmas Play AM
Tuesday	10/12/24	Year 1 Christmas Play PM
Monday	16/12/24	EYFS and Nursery Concert / Nativity
Wednesday	18/12/24	Christmas Lunch
Friday	20/12/24	Last day of Autumn Term 1PM close
SPRING TERM		
Monday	06/01/25	Inset Day
Tuesday	07/01/25	First day of Spring Term
Monday - Friday	17/02 – 21/02/25	Half Term
Monday	24/02/25	Inset Day
Friday	04/04/25	Last day of Spring Term 1PM close
SUMMER TERM		
Tuesday	22/04/25	First day of Summer Term
Monday	05/05/25	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday	23/05/25	Inset Day
Monday - Friday	26/05 – 30/05/24	Half Term
Wednesday	23/07/25	Last day of Summer Term 1PM close



This Weeks Awards

Unicorn Awards			Values Leaf Awards		
Charlie	R	Acorns	Erin	R	Acorns
Sofia	R	Conkers	Hugo	R	Conkers
Delilah	1	Holly	Alex	1	Holly
Alfie	1	Silver Birch	Suhansh	1	Silver Birch
Ivy	2	Aspen	Aspen Class	2	Aspen
Ashveer	2	Maple	Theodora	2	Maple
Sycamore	3	Sycamore	Betsy	3	Sycamore
Theo	4	Willow	Seb	4	Willow
Jacob	5	Beech	Isha	5	Beech
Sahana	6	Oak	Grayson	6	Oak

Weekly Birthdays

We wish the following children, a very happy birthday for this week:

Frankie
 Florence W
 Amara
 Daniel B
 Tegan
 Niv
 Lillie-Mai



Weekly Attendance Cup Holly Class



Parking – Polite reminder

Please refrain from parking in the residents and visitor car parks on the residential roads near the school.

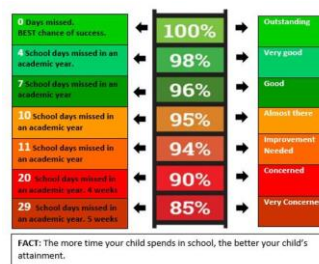
Several people have had an idea that may help the traffic flow through the school and on Baston Road. If all drivers could make a left hand turn onto Biggs Lane where it meets Baston Road (after exiting the school). This may help the flow of traffic leaving the school site not come to a standstill.

By driving down to the roundabout and coming back up Biggs Lane it may actually save time for everybody.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Bateman

Attendance

In the Government's document 'Working together to Improve Attendance' it states: 'All schools have a continuing responsibility to proactively manage and improve attendance across their school community. Attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils. This is why we continue to set expectations about attendance levels for our children. **However, we work with all families, and especially those with children who have SEN or medical needs, to support them with any attendance concerns regarding their children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if support would be helpful.**



Playground at Pickup

Please note that the Pirate Ship and Adventure Playground should not be used outside of the school day. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that your younger children do not play on these whilst you are collecting your school children.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Bateman

Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has been sick (vomited) or had an upset tummy (diarrhoea) they cannot return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness.

Please see NHS guidelines here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Leave of Absence Forms

If your child requires time off school for any medical appointment, please ensure that you complete a Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from our website or paper copy from the Office Reception.

Disabled Parking Bays

A polite reminder that disabled parking bays are for parents, grandparents and visitors who require these specific bays. Please do not park in these bays unless you are a blue badge holder. The disabled bays have designated space around the parking bay to allow for easier access. Please also consider that there are a wide range of impairments or conditions not necessarily visible to others, please be considerate and respect others.





FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2024



CHRISTMAS ACCESSORY DAY

This week our elves are on the hunt for chocolates (for the Chocolate Tombola).

In exchange for any chocolate donations children will be able to wear a Christmas accessory to school on Friday 29th November.

Please drop donations in the room opposite the school office and help us make Winter Wonderland extra special!

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WINTER WONDERLAND DONATION APPEAL

WE'RE PREPARING A WONDERFUL WINTER WONDERLAND FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT EXTRA SPECIAL!

We're kindly asking for the following donations

- Books for children
- Good quality soft toys
- Books for adults!
- New or like-new unwanted gifts
- Quality toiletries

Please leave all donations in the room opposite the School Office. Thank you for helping us spread the festive cheer!

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WINTER WONDERLAND 2024 ONLINE AUCTION IS NOW LIVE!

The Farley Hill Primary School Online Auction is officially open for bidding!

Amazing promises are up for grabs—perfect for everyone!

- Visit auctionofpromises.com/FarleyHillWinter2024 to place your bids now
- Bidding closes soon – don't miss your chance to get involved!

All proceeds go to Farley Hill Primary School PTA (Registered Charity no: 1041931). Thank you for your support!



**SCAN ME!
TO MAKE YOUR BID.**



**FARLEY HILL
PTA**

The Auction includes donations from:



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Resident Reception is to act as a one-stop shop for people to get help and information directly on a range of subjects, as well as being helped to find support elsewhere if needed.

Sessions will be held 10am to 1pm at:

Woodley Library
On 1st Thurs of Month
Starting 3rd October

Wokingham Without
On 2nd Thurs of Month
Starting Date & Venue TBC

Swallowfield Parish Hall
On 3rd Thurs of Month
Starting 19th September

At Arborfield Green Centre
On 4th Thursday of Month
Starting 26th September



Organisations taking part include:

Citizen's Advice Wokingham

A local charity that offers free, confidential and impartial advice and information to anyone living or working in Wokingham Borough. Advice areas include benefits, debt, energy, housing and employment.

citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk

First Days Children's Charity

Supports families suffering from financial hardship, offering emotional, practical and peer support and coaching to families who are struggling to thrive.

firstdays.net

The Cowshed

A compassionate charity providing free quality clothing and essential items to individuals of all backgrounds facing personal crises. It supports those affected by issues such as domestic abuse, emergency rehousing, health-related poverty, homelessness and more, ensuring everyone has access to basic necessities.

thecowshed.org

Involve Community Services

An infrastructure charity supporting the third sector and local community. Runs a Community Navigation scheme which is an information giving and signposting service that helps to connect residents to services and interest groups.

involvecommunity.org

Community Wellness Outreach Wokingham

Encourages residents to get a free health check, aimed at helping them to better understand their current health and access advice and information on how they can improve their health and wellbeing.

wokingham.gov.uk

The council's Adult Social Care team and Community Engagement teams will also be present. The Adult Social Care services support people aged 18 and over living in Wokingham Borough who need extra help due to care and support needs, illness, disability or frailty.

WBC Consulting on school admission numbers

We are looking to reduce the number of school places offered to reception pupils in eight primary schools in the borough to help schools to better plan for future resources.

We want to make sure people have the chance to have their voice heard, so please see our [consultation document](#) for full details.

The changes would be in place for the school year 2026/27 at the following schools:

- Radstock Primary School
- Robert Piggott CofE Infant School
- The Colleton Primary School
- Gorse Ride Infant School
- Gorse Ride Junior School
- Bearwood Primary School
- Winnersh Primary School
- Walter Infant School

There are currently significantly more primary school places in Wokingham borough than are needed.

This is due to a decline in the birth rate, which is steeper in the borough than the national average. Families moving into new housing as well as other demographics of local areas mean not all schools have experienced the same decline in applications.

These changes have a major impact on school operations, as funding received is per child, not per class.

By reducing school places offered, these proposals will allow schools to structure and plan more effectively and be more financially stable, all leading to better quality education.