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#### Parent Survey

Thank-you if you have been able to complete the parent survey sent out at the beginning of the month. We have had a very positive response overall but would love a few more parents to tell us their views - not even 10% of parents have responded so far. Please follow the link below. The survey will close for the final time on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## https://forms.office.com/e/XPqYr4yCq3

Thank-you

## Children In Need

Thank-you to everyone who supported the charity, either by donating money or by encouraging their children to dress up to show their support for the day. There were a lot of excited 'super heroes' around!

So far, we have raised  $\pounds132.50$  in donations. We will leave the offer open on sQuid until the end of school on Wednesday, if you would like to donate and haven't done so yet.

Thank-you



## Santa Claus is Coming to Town (Tolladine!)

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Father Christmas (Santa) is taking the time to visit the children of Worcester. He will be parking his sleigh outside the Tolly Centre from 4.45pm until 6pm. He may have little treats for those who visit!





## <u>Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November</u> Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Clubs: netball, multiskills, Young Voices, cross-stitching, chess

Catch-up flu vaccinations

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Clubs: football, futsal, Christmas choir, drama, yoga

Family Learning (SEND) 1pm

Swimming Year 6

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Clubs: Tag rugby, forest school,

engineering, gardening, art.

Family Learning 1pm

Swimming Year 4 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

## Flu Vaccinations

Nurses will be in school tomorrow to give nasal vaccinations to children whose parents have indicated they want them. This is a 'catch-up' session from one held a few weeks ago.

If you haven't given permission, but you would like your child vaccinated, please contact the office and a nurse will call you. They will also call parents who have not replied to messages so far.

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ACHIEVE SUCCESS RESPECT FOR THE WORLD

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#### **Keeping Children Safe**

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs S Ricketts Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mrs A Donnelly Mr D Davies Mrs R Hussain Pastoral/ behaviour leads: Mr D Davies and Mr Ryan

#### Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO) Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services. <u>Children's Social Care |</u> <u>Worcestershire County Council</u>

In an emergency, always ring 999.

#### Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

• Check game age advisory notices

• Limit children's time spent online

• Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked

• Keep phones, tablets etc. out of bedrooms

#### <u>Attendance</u>

Year group	Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> November	This half-term	This Term
Reception	<mark>96.2%</mark>	<mark>97.6</mark>	<mark>96.3</mark>
Year 1	<mark>93.6</mark>	<mark>94.2</mark>	<mark>94</mark>
Year 2	<mark>95</mark>	<mark>94.4</mark>	<mark>90.5</mark>
Year 3	<mark>94</mark>	<mark>93</mark>	<mark>95.5</mark>
Year 4	96.5 🔀	<mark>96</mark>	<mark>95.9</mark>
Year 5	<mark>96.4</mark>	<mark>95</mark>	<mark>94.2</mark>
Year 6	<mark>96.4</mark>	<mark>96</mark>	<mark>96.5</mark>
Whole School (Rec – Y6)	<mark>95.4%</mark>	<mark>95.2%</mark>	95%

Well done, everyone – results were close this week. School attendance was good overall again last week - just a couple of year groups below the minimum 95%. Keep up the good work and let's see if we can improve even more this week!

#### Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

An email was sent to all parents/carers on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November from Worcestershire County Council. It contained information about the holiday activity and food programme run for children who are eligible for free school meals. An additional programme is available for children with special educational needs and disabilities who are also eligible for free school meals. As well as reading the email, you can find more information via the link below:

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme | Worcestershire County Council

If you haven't already, why not sign up?

#### **Eligibility for Free school meals**

If you receive certain benefits, or levels of benefit, your child could be eligible for free school meals. Even if they don't have a school meal, this eligibility will enable them to access other programmes such as the one above, and currently families receive food vouchers in the school holidays.

On average, half our pupils are eligible. Please check your status – if it comes back as "no," you've not lost anything.

Follow the link below to check your eligibility.

Online FSM Application



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#### Autumn Term Events

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: 2LR Class assembly 9.45am Parents of children in Mrs Davis-Lloyd's and Mrs Ricketts' class invited.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: 2HT Class assembly 9.45am Parents of children in Miss Hoare's and Mrs Train's class invited.

<u>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:</u> Christingle 5pm Children from Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in our annual Christingle service. Further details will be sent home with children in these year groups.

Nativity – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Friday 13th December 11.15am and 2.45pm Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Christmas Fayre More details will be sent but <u>school will close</u> for all children Reception – Year 6 at 1pm. This is to enable families to enjoy the Christmas Fayre together.

<u>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</u> School Christmas Dinner. ALL children will be invited to eat a tradition Christmas lunch together

Friday 20th December Christmas Parties for all children across the school.

# HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK? IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO VIA SQUID.

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#### What is my child learning? How can I help?

All children have access to age-appropriate educational websites. You will find their usernames and passwords for these in their reading diaries. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher. Three key sites are:







Oxford Owl

You will find links to appropriate sites on the school website, year group page. PLEASE you're your child to use these regularly. They will make such a difference to their reading and maths fluency and help a child feel confident in their own abilities.

## Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

Spring Term

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February

Monday 24th February - Thursday 10th April

Summer Term

Monday 28th April - Thursday 22nd May

Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July

On the following dates, school will be closed to children for staff training

Friday 14th February; Friday 11th April; Friday 23rd May, Monday 21st July

It is expected that children attend school every day that it is open, unless they are too sick or have an unavoidable medical appointment.

If you are not sure if your child can go to school, you will find advice here:

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Arriving to school on time is also important. The school learning day starts at 8.45am. This means children regularly arriving between 8.50 and 9am are missing a lot of school.