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The Heads Up

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Thursday 27th November 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week so far. Since my last Heads Up it has continued to be a really busy time in school, with all of the classes taking part in a wide variety of different activities and experiences. Unfortunately, as well as the incredibly busy schedule, I also know that we have had more than our fair share of sickness in school, which has impacted on our families and staff alike. As we edge ever closer to December and the start of our Christmas celebrations, I hope that we will all soon return to full health, so that we can enjoy the last few weeks of term together. In our assemblies we have continued to think about our value of 'respect', with a particular focus on the importance of not judging people and being careful not to make assumptions based on our first impressions. The stories of **Mr Big** and **Some Dogs Do** helped us to think about the impact on others when we make judgements without knowing the full facts about people. As always, it has been a great few weeks in school and I know that I am very lucky to be part of such a caring community. Have a great weekend and I will see you very soon.

Mr Horsfield

Internet safety workshop

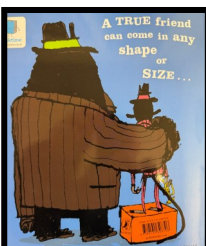
On **Wednesday 3rd**

December at 7.30 pm we will be hosting a free internet safety parent workshop which is being delivered by Papaya Talks.

They will discuss various themes which will include:

- screen time
- social media
- cyber bullying

This workshop is open to anybody who would like to come along. Having heard Papaya talk at other events I would highly recommend it. If you are interested, please email the office asap so that we have an idea of attendance numbers.



PTA Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated a gift for our Christmas hamper raffle and the wrap-a-gift stall at the disco. The response was amazing and people have been so generous with their donations. These have already been turned into some fantastic hampers which can be won by purchasing some raffle tickets.

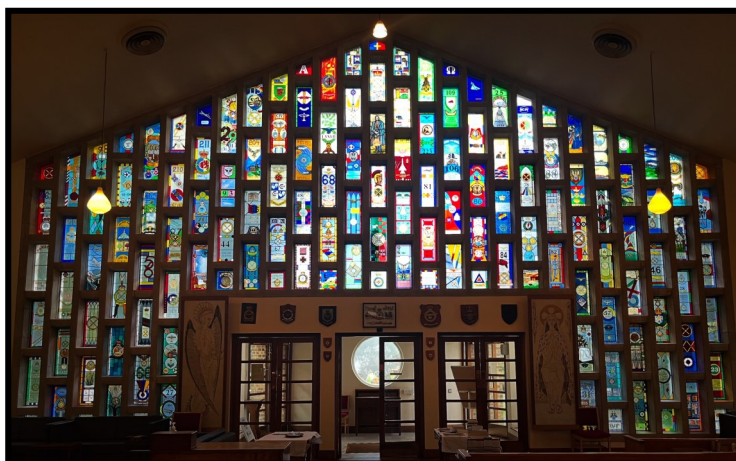
Tickets are on sale now and be bought from Parent Pay as a repeated item:

1 ticket = £1, 5 tickets = £5 and 10 tickets = £10.

Tickets will also be available at the Christmas performances, on Treat Fridays after school and at the PTA Christmas Disco.

Thank you to all of the PTA for organising this and to Jess Butler for making the lovely hampers.





Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol service

This year, we will be hosting a Christmas Carol service for all of the children and families of our Key Stage 2 classes. You are all invited to join us on **Tuesday 16th December** at St George's Church at RAF Halton. The service will begin at **2.00pm** and will finish at **3.00pm**. We will send you more details next week and I really hope that you will be able to join us.

Punctuality

Please can I remind everyone of the importance of your children arriving to school on time. We are seeing a significant increase in the number of children arriving after their class has gone inside and whilst I know that the traffic recently has been difficult, this cannot be the reason for continuous late starts. Learning starts straight away and your child will be missing out if they are regularly late. If you do have any queries or long term issues regarding attendance and punctuality, please see myself or Mrs Allen and we will do our best to support you.

Year 6 visit to the Trenchard Museum

Last week, as part of their World War 2 topic, Year 6 visited the Trenchard museum at RAF Halton. It was an action-packed morning where the children got to learn about life as an evacuee, as well as rationing and censorship. This experience has fed directly into some writing that the children have started to plan and has also really fed into their enthusiasm for this topic. Thank you to Ms Bates for organising such a great trip and to all of the volunteers who came along to help. Anyone can visit the Trenchard Museum, use the following link to book yourself a visit: <https://www.trenchardmuseum.org.uk/>



PTA Christmas Disco—Thursday 18th December

Tickets are available to buy on Parent Pay for this year's PTA Christmas Disco. It promises to be lots of fun and the perfect way to finish off the autumn term.

6.00pm—7.30pm

Tickets are £4 per child (under 2's go free)

Disco provided by Disco Tom from Motion Entertainment

'Wrap a gift' room for children to purchase gifts for parents

Hotdogs, snacks and treats

Licensed bar and soft drinks available

Games, activities and prizes to be won.

Buy your tickets now! Any queries, contact your PTA rep via the class WhatsApp group.



Friday 19th December Last day of term pick up times

Pre-school: 12.30pm,
Bluebells: 1.15pm,
Years 2, 4, 6: 1.20pm,
Years 1, 3, 5: 1.25pm



Key dates for this term

Wednesday 3rd December

Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am

Internet Safety parent workshop 7.30-9.00pm

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm

Wednesday 10th December—EYFS visit to St George's Church

Tuesday 16th December

KS2 Carol Service at St George's Church, 2.00pm

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day

PTA Christmas disco 6.00-7.30pm

Friday 19th December – School closes **early** for Christmas holidays

1.15pm: Reception

1.20pm: Years 2, 4, 6,

1.25pm: Years 1, 3, 5

Tuesday 6th January – School and Kids Kapers reopens



Children's tech

Buying guide

As a parent it can sometimes be difficult to know which devices may be suitable for our children and which may pose particular risks.

The following guide by Internet Matters is a very detailed piece of work to help you consider all of the important factors if you are considering buying a piece of equipment for your child. Click the link below to access this great guide:

[Buying Tech Guide](#)

We are always available to help and we can be contacted at any point if you have a safeguarding concern.

Don't forget about the Internet Safety workshop which is taking place on **Wednesday 3rd December** at **7.30pm**.



School dogs

You will know that Betsy, our school dog, has been coming along to visit us for a long time now and she has proven to be a very popular member of our community. Earlier this year, Betsy had some time away from school as she had hurt her leg and needed to have an operation which brought with it a long period of recuperation time. We were really excited to welcome Betsy back to school in September. Unfortunately, Betsy has suffered the same injury but to her other hind leg and needs to undergo another operation, again with a long period of recovery. We are really hopeful that Betsy will be coming back to us, we are just not sure when this will be. Mr Green has very kindly offered to bring in his dog, Rosie, to take over from Betsy whilst she is away. Rosie has visited us a few times already and next week will start coming in for whole days, spending time in various classes. If you have any queries, please see me or Mr Green.

Piano and singing lessons

We have recently welcomed a new piano tutor into school who is delivering lessons to those children who have booked through the Bucks Music Trust. He has availability for piano and singing tuition and you can find out more information or register for lessons via the following link:

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Joshua Franklin
Founder
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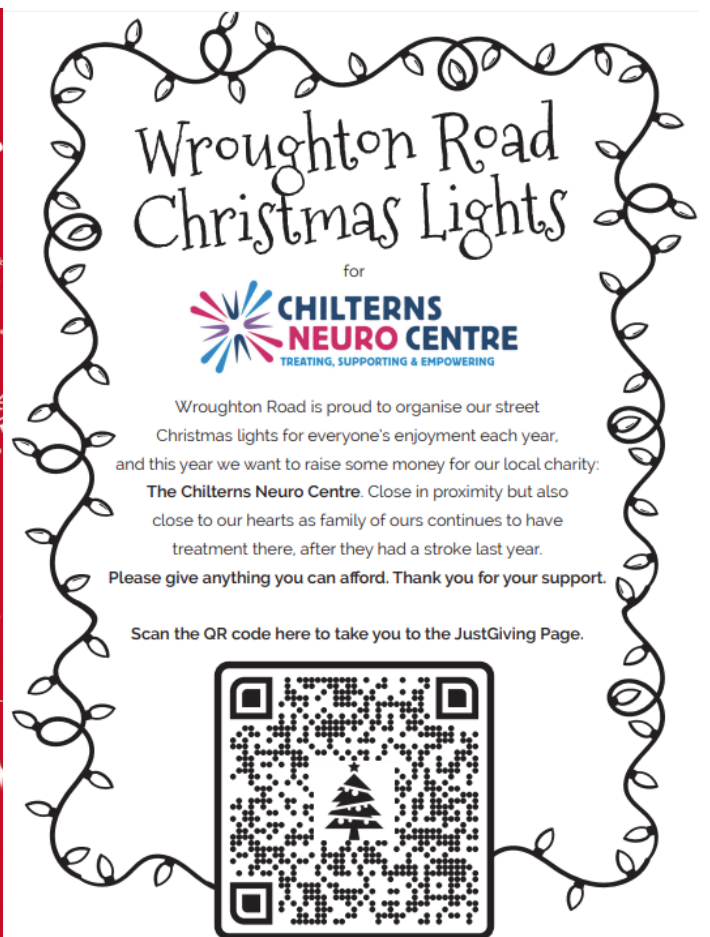
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We're delighted to share an exciting opportunity for families in the Aylesbury area! Both **Stoke Mandeville Stadium** and **Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre** are running a **special promotion** to help more children learn this vital life skill and grow their confidence in the water.

👉 **Join for just £1 and pay nothing until 1st January!**

This offer gives families an affordable way to get their children started on their swimming journey with expert, friendly instructors in safe, welcoming facilities. We'd love your support in helping us spread the word by **including this offer in your school newsletter** or parent communication channels. Learning to swim is a skill that lasts a lifetime, and this is a great chance for families to get started.

Find out more and register here:

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