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The Heads Up

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Remembrance Day

This past week we joined the nation in paying our respects to all of those service men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and to all of those who have been impacted by war. On Tuesday, a group of service children led a Remembrance assembly in school, before children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Remembrance parade at RAF Halton. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year and to the Year 6 children who have given up their time to sell poppies over the past few weeks. Lest we forget.

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. Whilst it has been another very busy week in school, it has also been very poignant as we have all made the time to stop and pay our respects during this week of Remembrance. For as long as our school and RAF Halton have coexisted, we have always had a large number of service families within our school community and it is important that we all come together at times like these and reflect as a whole. I have been incredibly proud of everyone in school for their level of **respect** this week, as various events have taken place to mark Remembrance Day. It has also been Anti-bullying Week in school too, with all of the classes spending time together to think about the importance of empowering people to speak out about bullying. We have thought a lot about the role of the 'bystander' when situations of bullying occur and how these people could find their voice and help to resolve these behaviours before they escalate. On reflection, it has been a great week and the children have worked through some very important and very mature concepts. Well done everyone!

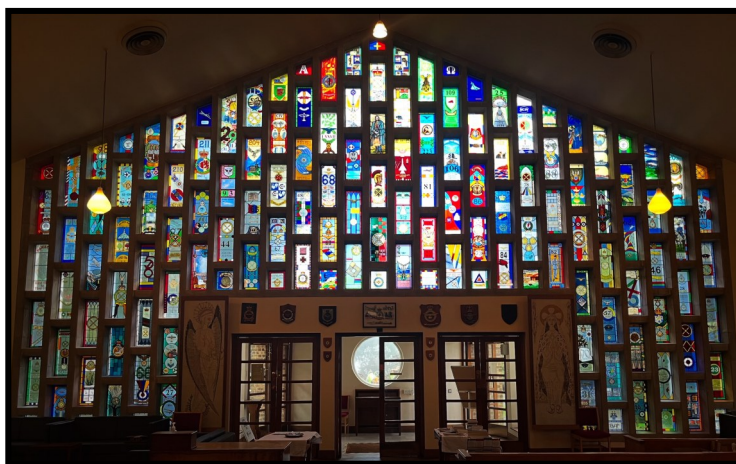
Mr Horsfield

PTA Christmas Raffle Mufti Day – Friday 21st November

This year, we will once again be hosting a Christmas raffle with a variety of prizes available to win. We would also like to run a 'wrap-a-gift' room at the Christmas Disco, where the children can buy presents for their family. Next week, on **Friday 21st November**, your child can come to school in non-uniform in return for an item to go towards the raffle or wrap-a-gift. These items could include: gifts, bottles, books, chocolate, bathroom products..... anything that you think would be a nice treat for someone this Christmas. We also want to have prizes that the **children** could win, therefore we require suitable items for **children** as well. Any queries, contact your class PTA reps.

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. This is open to anybody who would like to come. If you are interested, please email the office asap.



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 in the next few weeks and I really hope that you will be able to join us.



Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week—Monday 24th November

During the winter months, road safety becomes even more important for our pupils as the school run is often in the dark. This means children in dark uniform and coats are harder to see on a dull day and the visibility is much poorer for a motorist. As part of our School Travel Plan, we want to spread even more awareness of road safety and ensuring that your children can keep safe and easily be seen on their way to and from school. Mrs Dawkins will be leading an assembly on this and the children will be thinking about the importance of road safety throughout the week. Lookout for more information in next week's Heads Up.



Charity donation

This week we were delighted to receive a £500 donation from the Lionel Abel Smith Trust, a local charity who have supported us before with a wide variety of projects. The money is specifically for books and Ms Bates is already looking for books that we can buy with this very generous donation. The Lionel Abel Trust is always looking for people to help so if you live in Wendover and are in need of support, you can contact them directly. Click on the link below to find out more information about the charity and their work:

<https://wendovertrust.org/>



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.



Last day of term

An early reminder that we finish on Friday 19th December, with slightly earlier pick up times for all of our classes.

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

Key dates for this term

Thursday 20th November—Reception 2026 open afternoon and tour

Friday 21st November—Mufti Day for Christmas hamper donations

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



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Internet safety

UK Safer Internet Centre

The term 'internet safety' covers an extremely wide variety of different topics which concern children of varying ages. It can be difficult to know which topics you should be concerned about in relation to your child's age.

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** has been created this year to act as a hub for all areas of internet safety, offering advice, answering queries and providing you with professional help for a wide selection of potential risks to children when they are online.

To access this hub, use the following link:

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- JULIA.PURTON@ONEYMCA.ORG
- YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE (CHURCH NEXT TO HALTON SCHOOL)




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👉 **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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Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre: www.buckinghamshireleisure.com/aqua-vale-swimming-fitness-centre