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The Heads Up

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Friday 7th November 2025



Next week is Anti-bullying Week, a national initiative that we have participated in for several years. The theme for this year is "Power for Good," and in our lessons we will be thinking about how we can empower ourselves against bullying, and why it is so important to speak out. Like every year, Anti-bullying Week starts off with Odd Socks Day. If the children would like to, they can wear odd socks on Monday as a way of recognising and celebrating our differences. There is no charge for this, simply turn up on Monday in your odd socks!

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school following the half term holidays and whilst the weather may be grey and gloomy outside, it has certainly been bright and vibrant inside school! We have started this half term off already with a wide variety of activities, including the amazing performance of Beauty and the Beast, which everyone in school got to see. I would like to thank the PTA once again for their very generous contribution for this, which allowed the children to see professional theatre at a very cheap cost. With a new half term comes a new school value and this time we are thinking about **respect**. With Remembrance Day taking place next week, we will be thinking about how we can be respectful to those people that we know and love, but also how we can respect people whom we may never meet. I know that as the half term progresses, we will get the opportunity to share lots of examples of respect as we understand the value of it inside and outside of our community.

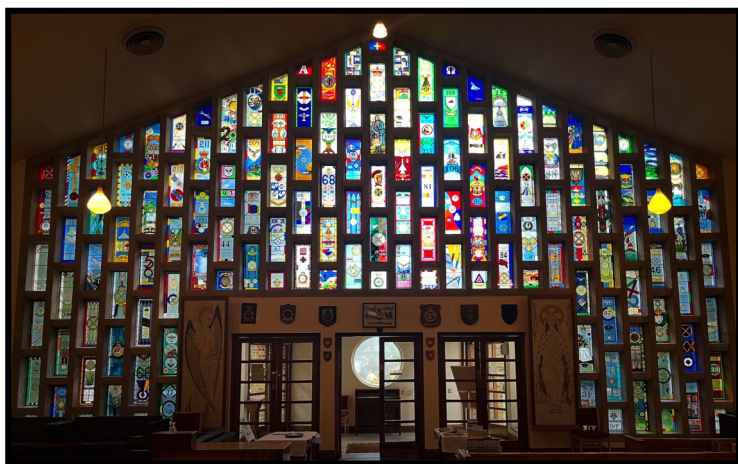
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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already helped us to support the Poppy Appeal. We will continue with this next week and you will be able to purchase a poppy in the lead up to Remembrance Day. Some of our service children will be selling poppies before and after school and they can be bought from the main office throughout the school day.





Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol service

Last week I shared the news with you that 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 after half term and I really hope that you will be able to join us.

Internet Safety parent workshop

Wednesday 3rd December, 7.30pm - 9.00 pm

Last month I attended a seminar which was focusing on children's use of Smartphones, social media and the health impacts of screen time. As a parent of two children, it really opened my eyes and whilst I don't claim to be an expert, I thought I knew a lot about the risks and the importance of setting boundaries for tech use, social media use and screen time.

On **Wednesday 3rd December** we will be hosting a free parent workshop which is being delivered by Papaya Talks, the company who led the seminar I went to. This is open to anybody who would like to come. If you are interested, please email the office asap so that we have a realistic idea of numbers. I highly recommend it!

<https://www.papayatalks.com/>

Road safety

I would like to remind everyone again about numerous rules that we have in place to try and ensure that you and your children are kept safe, particularly during the very busy parts of the day and now that it is darker earlier.

- Please do not walk across the staff car park at any time of the day.
- Please do not 'stop and drop' your children outside of the school gates, please use the car park by the Post office and walk down.
- Please do not park in the layby where the "Don't Park" signs are.

We have had a number of complaints from parents and staff of both our school and Woodlands, all worried about the safety of their children. I ask that everyone follows these rules to keep us all safe.

PTA News!

The Christmas Disco will be taking place on Thursday 18th December, 6.00pm-7.30pm . Ticket information and an activity list will be available very soon.

Non-uniform day coming soon!

We are organising a Christmas Hamper raffle again this year and we will be in need of some gifts and prizes to go into the hampers, items such as chocolates, bottles, bathroom gifts, candles and books. It would also be great to create some children's hampers too. On **Friday 21st November**, school will be having a 'mufti day', where children can come into school in non-uniform, in return for a gift for our hamper raffle.

Any queries, please contact the office or your class PTA rep via your class WhatsApp group.

The PTA website page has been updated and you can find out more information about the PTA, upcoming events and information for how you can help.

Key dates for this term

Wednesday 12th November—Reception 2026 open morning and tour

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



Internet safety

Choosing appropriate apps

During downtime and breaks from school, children often spend more time on their devices. You can help them to balance their screen time, to find new interests and manage their wellbeing.

Most children who like to watch content might use [TikTok](#) or [YouTube](#) while those who game often use [Roblox](#) or [Fortnite](#). As such, they might fall into the habit of spending time online the same way each time. Furthermore, this might make it hard for them to see other opportunities available online.

Helping your child try out new apps and games during their downtime gives them the opportunity to try new things. This could in turn open their eyes to new possibilities. It's important to set limits on how much time your child spends playing particular games and using particular apps. This helps them balance their screen time and limits passive scrolling or gaming.

Here are some tips to help children develop new interests with their phones or tablets:

[Choosing appropriate apps](#)

Don't forget that myself, Mrs Allen and Mrs Dawkins are all Designated Safe-guarding Leads. We are always available to help and we can be contacted at any point if you have a safeguarding concern.



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