

News and Events

Friday 11th November

Dear Parents/Carers,



Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Thalia (Voyagers) for the value of koinonia, Archie L (Discoverers) for the value of wisdom, Max (Explorers) for the value of wisdom and Oliver (Shooting Stars) for the value of wisdom.

Congratulations to them all.



Another great week for our rock star wannabes! Lots more certificates were awarded today. Holly and Arabella are now Wannabes, Brie has been through four levels and was awarded Gigger, Busker, Garage Rocker and Unsigned Act, Lawson achieved Breakthrough Artist status, Alexandra has Busker and Gigger status and Lexie received Gigger, Busker and Garage Rocker status.

Don't forget England Rocks next week.

Reminders

1st Thursday of the month – Pre-loved school uniform for sale in the library
The library is open after school on Tues and Fri.

Important dates for your diary

14th November — wear odd socks with school uniform for anti-bullying week

18th November — dress for Pudsey. £1 donation for Children in Need. Be spotacular!

18th November — Trowbridge Lantern Parade

19th November 9:30-11:30 — Open Morning for perspective families

27th November – Christingle Service at St Johns

2nd December—School disco

5th December — Y3/4 football tournament

Attendance

Highest attendance:

Discoverers 99%

Lost learning: 70 hours

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On Tuesday, KS2 went to a STEAM Fair at Trowbridge Library. We met a few other schools whilst walking around. Our school was split into a few groups, with multiple teachers and TAs. Our first activity was building with peculiar shapes of cardboard. We had cut out slits in the pieces of cardboard to make it easier to connect the cardboard together. It was inspired by a sculptor who made unusual towers and sculptures. Next, we went to a Dyson VR stall. They had prepared a VR set where you could look at Stonehenge in detail. Next to that, was a programmed Minecraft setup where you also looked at Stonehenge. After that, we saw the Wiltshire Air Ambulance team to learn how to do CPR on different ages. We were introduced to a machine that would shock the patient if needed. We then met a person dressed up as a time traveller! We were taught how to make a marshmallow become large, like we would if exposed outside in space with no protection! One of the members showed us an amazing fire trick to explain how rockets take off. We had a great time there and learnt a lot of new things.

Isabel and Elsie Y6

We had a lovely visit to the STEAM Fair. There were many tables with lots of interactive activities to enjoy and learn from. We were greeted by a number of robots and we even had a dance with a Dalek. A particular favourite was 'The Dyson Foundation' stand where we tried to make balloon kebabs using a kebab stick and pushing it through a balloon without popping it. Wiltshire Air Ambulance were on hand to help teach us the importance of CPR and they also showed us how their machines work to help keep people alive. A member from Discoverers Class got to dress up as an astronaut and they learnt about why the space suits were so important and how the scientists learnt from past spaceship disasters to upgrade the suits to help keep people in space safe. The Army set us a challenge to make a small cube from puzzle pieces, it was extremely hard but we all tried our best and persevered. We had a great morning and enjoyed sharing our own knowledge as well as learning new facts.

Year 3 & 4

News from the classes:

Shooting Stars: We have been learning all about Remembrance day. We learnt that purple poppies were made to remember all the animals which died in the war because they were frightened. We have been role playing soldiers in the war. We have also been practicing writing our names and we are becoming very good at it. Rhiannon

Explorers: We have been looking at rhyming words in a poem about funny pets. Today we had a one minute silence to think about all the soldiers from the wars. We have looked at pictures of a seaside holiday from the 1950s and looked at what is different.

Discoverers: This week we have done a lot of stuff. In English we are focusing on A River and we learnt what skills were needed when performing poems, we recited and performed some Kenn Nesbitt poems. In PE we are doing football and symmetrical and asymmetrical gym. We enjoyed a visit to the Library this week and explored the Wiltshire STEAM Fair, it was great fun!

Voyagers: This week we were asked to bring in objects from home that were special to us. In art, we have been learning how to sketch as we develop our still life skills and used our objects as our composition. We have continued to write based on the story of Macbeth and we learnt about Mars in computing! Thalia and Abigail



Mrs Hillman, one of our Academy Councillors, and I were looking around the school today at all the vibrant displays showcasing work or resources to support with learning when we happened to visit Discoverers at the perfect time - they were just being introduced to a lesson on performance poetry. We ventured back in time for the performances and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We watched all the groups perform and they were brilliant. They made us laugh, kept us entertained and left us wanting more.

Thank you Discoverers.

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyber-bullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

National Online Safety Update

Christingle Service



All families and friends are invited to experience the magic of the candlelit Christingle Service at West Ashton Church on Sunday 27th November at 4 p.m.

This short service is aimed at children of all ages and begins our Advent celebrations. The service also reminds us of the invaluable work that the Children's Society do for vulnerable children. West Ashton Church supports the work of the Children's Society in helping young people and their families. By joining our celebration you too can make a difference.

St John's, West Ashton



Reg. Charity No. 1040291

Trowbridge and District Youth Band

Want to learn to play a brass instrument and read music then come and join Trowbridge and District Youth Band.

We meet on Saturday mornings at St James' Church Hall, Trowbridge: New beginners from 9.30am – 10.15am. Main band rehearsals from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

We take children from the age of 8 years upwards. You can be a complete beginner or an experienced player who wants to join the band.

Price: £12.50 a month and we lend you a brass instrument, music and provide lessons.

If you are interested: call 07873 501613 or email christene.webber@sky.com



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Trowbridge & District Youth Band

Trowbridge & District Youth Band was formed in 1983 to enable young people in Trowbridge and the local towns to learn to read music and play a brass instrument. We are now looking for new members to join us.

We meet on Saturday mornings, usually at St James' church hall. New players practice from 9.30 to 10.15 with our main band rehearsing from 10.30 to 12.30.

We take children from the age of 8 upwards and they can be a complete beginner or an experienced player who wants to join a brass band.

We charge £12.50 per month and for that we lend a brass instrument and music and provide lessons. Once a player has learnt to play their instrument, they join the main band for further experience. If they can already play, they will be incorporated into the band. There is also the opportunity for players to take grade exams.

Trowbridge & District Youth Band play at various events during the year: we play at civic services; school fetes; Weavers' markets; at the Remembrance service in Westbury and concerts. On Saturdays in December, we play carols at various locations to raise money for the band, which is a registered charity. We also raise funds, from time to time, for other charities.

Next year is our 40th anniversary and we are planning a year of celebrations with an event every month.

How you can help

Please would you advertise us in your weekly newsletter and, if possible, add us to your website. We enclose some posters with our details which we should be grateful if you would display on your notice board.

If anyone is interested in finding out more they can contact us on: 07873 501613 or contact the band secretary on: christene.webber@sky.com

We are having two open days from 10.30 to 12.30 on Saturday 12 November 2022 and Saturday 14 January 2023 and we would love young people who are interested to come and see us on those dates and enclose a poster advertising them.

Thank you.

Trowbridge & District Youth Band



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A Day

DESIGN A FLAG COMPETITION

CULTURAL COMPETITION - design a flag reflecting the School games value for your area (see below)

Winning designs will be printed onto a flag to be displayed at School Games events.

Example flag:



Designs can be hand drawn or computer generated to fill an A4 sheet but should be clear enough to be enlarged for printing

Closing date for entries is Wednesday
7th December 2022

£20 Amazon voucher for each winning entry!

The School Games Value for West Wilt is

SELF-BELIEF

You've got to believe to achieve. Have the self belief and confidence to succeed and reach your personal best.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO:

West Wilt - Selwyn Widger sw@acorneducationtrust.com

You can send a scan/photo of the design but please keep the original drawing as this may be needed later



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17TH NOVEMBER - 20TH
NOVEMBER

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CHRISTMAS IN TROWBRIDGE

Christmas Market, The Civic 18th - 19th November
Lantern Parade and Lights Switch On 18th November
Trowbridge Weavers Market 19th November
Santa & Rudolph Fun Run 20th November

SANTA & RUDOLPH

SUNDAY 20TH
NOVEMBER 10AM

FESTIVE WAKE &
SHAKE WARM UP
9.45AM!

FESTIVE FANCY
DRESS!

2KM IN
TROWBRIDGE
PARK

FAMILY FUN RUN

FREE TO TAKE
PART!
PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA
THIS QR CODE



RAISING MONEY FOR
WILTSHIRE AIR
AMBULANCE &
STOREHOUSE FOODBANK





All proceeds to church funds

**Friday 2 December
at 7.30pm**

An evening of traditional and popular
Christmas songs and singalong with
The Wiltshire Council Singers

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

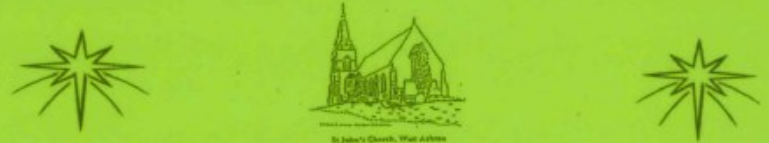
Tickets £6 under 12s free

Includes welcome mulled
wine and mince pie

**St John's Church,
West Ashton, BA14 6AT**



Tickets From: Jo Watkins 01225 753196 / Jean Robertson 01225 760368



St John's Parish Church, West Ashton
**Warmly Invite You To Rejoice In The
Following Christmas Services**

*Experience the magic of the candlelit
Christingle Service*

Sunday, 27 November, 2022 at 4.00pm

*Commemorate Our Saviour's Birth and Join Us For
St John's Carols & Readings*

Sunday, 18 December, 2022 at 10.30am

Celebrate Christmas Eve Communion
Saturday, 24 December, 2022 at 3.00pm

***The Miracle Birth Of Jesus –
Christmas Day***

Sunday, 25 December, 2022 at 10.30am

A Family Service At St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge





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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY LUNCH

SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 2022

12.30 For 1.00pm

Licensed Bar

Entry By Ticket Only

Please Pay With Booking

Tickets £20.00

From : Amanda : 074597 79547

Jean : 01225 760368

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Charity No : 3055889

Closing Date : 23 November

