



Important Dates:

29th November
Christmas Shoebox Appeal
deadline

1st December
Parent Forum 1.00pm

3rd December
FS Phonics virtual
workshop. 1.15pm

13th December
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Play
(parents invited)

14th December
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(parents invited)

15th December
Christmas Lunch
(wear Christmas jumper)

16th December
FS Nativity
(parents invited)

16th December
Y3-6 Christmas Church
Service
(children only)

4th January
Non-pupil Day

Parent Workshops:

5th January
Y1 @ 10.30am
Y2 @ 1.15pm
Y3 @ 1.15pm

6th January
Y6 @ 1.15pm

7th January
Y5 @ 1.15pm

10th January
FS @ 1.15pm

11th January
Y4 @ 1.15pm

Attendance

There have been a few enquiries about the attendance letters that were sent home recently. To clarify, when children are absent from school due to Covid this is marked as I for illness whether or not children are displaying symptoms and actually unwell. At the beginning of the pandemic, the attendance coding was different and isolation for asymptomatic children did not affect attendance percentages. It does now.

However, at the end of this term when you receive your child's updated attendance, this will be recorded differently on the letter from school. It will still be possible for children to achieve a 100% certificate from school if their only absence has been caused by an enforced Covid self-isolation.

Cold Weather Clothing

As the temperature has suddenly dropped this week, please make sure children bring a coat to school and wear a fleece, jumper or cardigan. We need to keep windows and doors ajar to maintain good ventilation. The heating is working well thanks to our new boilers but some areas of school may seem draughty.



Children in Need

Thank you for your kind donations last Friday. Altogether we raised **£441.48** for Children in Need.



Black Hoodies

It has been brought to our attention that some parents and carers have been under the impression that a black hoodie is part of our school PE uniform. It is not and never has been. During the pandemic when shops were closed, our uniform rules were relaxed and various sportswear was permitted. However, this changed when school fully reopened and children have been expected to wear full school uniform since April.

When it is cold and children are taking part in outdoor PE, they may bring a warm jumper or hoodie for the lesson, but should wear their school jumper, cardigan or fleece for the rest of the day.



For Year 4 children taking part in Bootcamp, old, warm, waterproof clothes are acceptable and highly recommended because children can get very muddy.



Upper School Stationery Shop

This is open on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8.35-8.45am)**. Items on sale include pens, pencils and water bottles.

Please check the [Stationery Shop](#) page of our website for a full price list.

Upper School Tuck Shop

This is open **daily** at break times (**10.15-10.30am**).

All items cost 40p.

The daily menu and allergen list is on the [Snacks](#) page of our website.

PE Days

There are 2 PE lessons each week.

Monday	FS, 5, 6ER, 6DB
Tuesday	2, 3, 6SY, 6CG and 3,4 Swimming
Wednesday	1, 2, 4
Thursday	6
Friday	1, 3, 5

Covid Cases

We have had confirmed cases this week in years 2, 3 & 6. Unfortunately, we also have 3 teachers isolating. Parents & carers of children in these classes have already been notified.

To reduce the transmission of the virus and enable school to remain open, it is vital that everyone takes part in twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing (LFT). This helps to identify asymptomatic individuals as well as distinguishing between Covid and normal childhood illnesses.

School continues to observe good respiratory hygiene (Catch-it, Bin-it, Kill-it approach) to further help eliminate the transmission.



Homeless Bags

For the past few years, I have supported Homeless Help in Basildon & Surrounding areas with creating and collecting gift bags to hand out at Christmas time. One of our school values is to respect and care for each other and it is our school vision for our pupils to become responsible citizens. For this reason we thought it would be perfect to invite our WPS community to join in. You can either donate a filled gift bag or individual items from the list below. Trolleys will be placed outside upper and lower school from next week should you wish to join in. Thank you for your support. **Mrs Randall**

Ideas: Gloves, hats, socks, scarves, hand warmers, mini torch, sweets, pen, notepad, baby wipes, tissues, deodorant.

Head Teacher Awards

Positivity & Respect - Haroon Khan

Determination & Positivity - Teddy Douse, Harry Meade, Lucy Weston, Jody Olive, Poppy Port-Smith, Emily Mifsud, Oliver Fenn

Positivity, Respect & Determination - Benjamin Tyler, Tommy Scarrott

Individuality & Positivity - Jacob Milchard

Respect & Rule of Law - Aaron Osborn

Determination, Rule of Law & Respect - Hollie Baxter

Honesty & Positivity - Amelia Wilson

Determination & Rule of Law - Molly Rush

Positivity, Respect & Rule of Law - Summer Blackburn

Positivity, Individuality & Determination - Jessica Causton

Positivity - Sienna Barfoot

Determination - Joseph Keauffling



Isolating Pupils

If children are forced to isolate due to positive LFT or PCR test results, but are asymptomatic (they are not ill), it is really important that they complete the work teachers are setting. This is accessed on the Home Learning pages of our website for years 2-6 and via email for FS. Work can be uploaded via Google Classroom (or Tapestry for FS) or brought back into school when their isolation ends.

If children are not well enough to complete schoolwork, please do not worry. We will do our utmost to help them catch-up when they return to school.

Christmas Cards

If your child completed a Christmas card design these have been sent home today. Please return orders by **Wednesday 1st December**.

For each pack of cards purchased, £1.30 is returned to the school which we can then spend on our children.

Mrs Ramet has chosen 4 designs to use for the school's Christmas cards this year. These were drawn by George Beard, Francesca Baker, William Gibson and Ellen Jaroslawska.



Outside Achievements

Jamie Hammond 4SB - won Man of the Match for being a great defender.

FS: Colbey Morgan & Mia-Jo

Broadhurst

Year 1: Jacob Jeffery - Lockley & Maisie Lee

Year 2: Chloe Davies & Fynn Lanigan

Year 3: Isla Botwright, Rosie Bailey, Eva Rufai & Jake Feasey

Year 4: Bella Cohen, Olivia Braham & Andreyra Everitt

Year 5: Louis Towler, Boycie Smith, Jimmy Vince, Oliver O'Connell

Year 6: Rebecca Powell, Bella Moody, Isabella Joughlah-Shields, Rosie English & the whole of 6ER



Please order your child's Christmas Dinner [here](#).

Whole School Attendance

95%

Weekly Winning Class

5KH 99.7%

(w/e 19/11)

