

A message from our Headteachers

It has been a very busy and festive week during our final full week before Christmas. The value of 'Community' has most certainly been lived out through many of the events that have taken place across the week.

It has been a pleasure to see so many of you joining us at school for the EYFS and KS1 nativity performances – the children have demonstrated their **Commitment** and their **Creativity** in taking on different roles and learning many fantastic songs. We are very proud of them all.

We also welcomed residents from Hawthorne Lodge Care Home to school on Wednesday. Pupils in Year 6 demonstrated such **Compassion** to the residents by sharing stories and gifting books for them to take home. It was such a joy to see the care the children had for the elder generation of our community.

Staffing updates

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Tobin at the end of this term. We want to say thank you to Miss Tobin for everything she has done for the children over the last year, and wish her all the best with her future endeavours. Mrs Charalambous, an experienced teacher who has worked in Nottingham for a number of years, will be joining the Warren team. We will be holding a 'meet the teacher' event for Year 3 parents and carers – this will be on **Monday 8th January** after school in the Year 3 classroom.

Miss Miller has returned to school in recent weeks following her maternity leave. She will be teaching in F1, F2, Y2 and Y3 moving forward – please introduce yourself to Miss Miller if you haven't done so already!

Christmas events next week:

Event	What do I need to know?
KS2 Carol Concert at Emmanuel Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents and carers are invited to join us at Emmanuel Church, for the concert starting at 10am. Any parents/carers who can help us with walking to the church, please be at school by 9.30am
Christmas Crafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS and KS1 parents and carers welcomed to join children in classrooms 2pm on Monday. Entry to school via the office. KS2 parents and carers welcomed to join children in classrooms at drop off time until 10am. Exit will be via the office.
Christmas Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class parties will take place on Tuesday 19th December.
Final day of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We break up on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm. The playground gates will be open from 1.50pm for collection.

After the Christmas break, we will be moving to a fortnightly newsletter and will be providing attendance updates on a weekly basis.

As our final newsletter of this calendar year, it just leaves us to say we hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas. We will see you back at school for the New Year on Thursday 4th January.

Mrs Salam and Mr Middleton



Attendance

Here is this week's attendance:

F1: 97.1%

F2: 94.7%

Y1: 97.2%

Y2: 84.9%

Y3: 97.6%

Y4: 91.5%

Y5: 97.8%

Y6: 94.7%

Attendance-opoly prizes for this week!

1st place – Year 5 who have won time to host a class talent show!

2nd place – Year 3 who have won free cake for the second time!

A huge well done to F1 who had 97.1% attendance this week and will be receiving a prize!

Year 3 have the best attendance this half term and have won a drumming workshop in school on Tuesday!



Termly attendance prizes

Attendance over 96% for this term 1st prize winner: Ella-Rose in Year 3 and Kye in F2 who both have 100% attendance for the last term! The family have won a £200 supermarket voucher

Attendance over 96% for this term 2nd prize winner: Junior in Year 5 who has won a £100 Smyths Toy Voucher.

Most improved attendance winner: Cayla in Year 5 who has won a £100 Smyths Toy voucher. We are so impressed with how much your attendance has improved Cayla – a huge well done and keep it up in the New Year!





Key dates



Autumn 2

Date	Event
18.12.23	KS2 Carol Concert at Emmanuel Church – 10am
18.12.23	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Crafts with parents and carers – 2pm
19.12.23	KS2 Christmas Crafts with parents and carers – 9am
19.12.23	Whole School Christmas Parties
19.12.23	End of the term – finish at 2pm
20.12.23	Warren Inset Day
4.1.24	Return to School
9.1.24	Swimming for Y5 to begin today
17.1.24	Y3 trip to Magna, Sheffield
18.1.24	Y5 visit to University of Nottingham

Achievements this week!



Well done to the following children who have been given a certificate in our celebration assembly today!

F1: Ethan & Shammah-Star for being fabulous floor hosts in the Nativity.

F2: Ezmai for being determined to improve her work & Mia for her progress in her reading.

Y1: All Year 1 for their amazing performance in 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

Y2: All of Year 2 for their dedication to their roles and for an amazing performance.

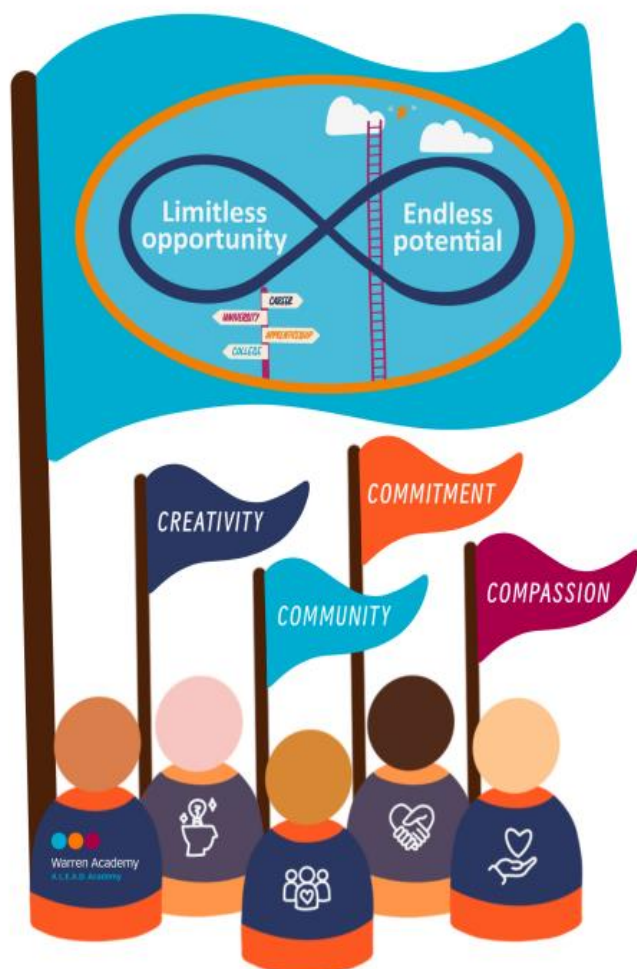
Y3: Kunal for amazing work in our English write-up lessons & Amber for being a kind friend and always helping others.

Y4: Carson for kindness, being polite and engaging hard – particularly in history & Olivia for determination and a great attitude to learning, whilst being a great role model.

Y5: Jason for giving his full attention and effort in each lesson – listening to others really well & Oscar for super work in D.T.

Y6: Taylor-Jo for sensible contributions in our Holocaust lesson & Tymoteusz for super engagement in our Holocaust lesson.

The Best Seats in the House this week: Mrs Salam chose two children this week for their compassion to members of the community. Jackson in Y4 gave some change to a homeless person in town on our visit to the Pantomime on Tuesday. Freya in Y6 went out of her way to find a book for a resident from Hawthorne Lodge to take home with her, after visiting school on Wednesday. Well done both!



Career of the week

This section of the newsletter is where we will be sharing information about a job or career, which you can then share with your child, to inspire or interest them in different career options!

This week's career is: Events Manager

To be an Events Manager, you need to enjoy organising different people and organisations, show great character and be patient and resilient as things may not always go to plan. You also need to be able to think quickly to anything that may need to change in the event you are planning and running.

There is no set route into event management – you could get a temporary job working in events to gain experience, and volunteer at different events such as fundraisers.

Events managers work in different industries such as catering, the arts and fashion.

The job is good for someone who is organised and is good at communicating.



What we've been up to this week

- Year 4 visited the Nottingham Liberal Synagogue to learn more about Judaism, linked to their learning in RE.
- Year 6 celebrated their topic on World War 2 with a VE afternoon tea for parents and carers.
- Residents from Hawthorne Lodge care home visited school to watch the EYFS and KS1 nativity. Children in Year 6 then read to the residents and shared books from book swap with them.
- There were two more performances of the nativity for parents and carers to watch 'Lights, Camel, Action!'
- We celebrated Christmas Jumper Day.
- The Burrow visited Nottingham's Winter Wonderland in Market Square.
- Children in Year 1 – Year 6 visited the Theatre Royal to see a production of Dick Whittington! Sebastian and Divine were invited onto the stage to talk with Shane Richie and won some prizes too!
- The whole school enjoyed Christmas Dinner together thanks to the kitchen and midday team! It was an absolute success and very delicious!



Fundraising

We've completed lots of different fundraising activities during this term. We are pleased to share that we have raised:

£141.48 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal

£599.70 for school to spend on Sports Equipment from the Sports for All Olympic Athlete event

Thank you for all of your support for these important events!

Selection box donation

We are very lucky to be receiving a donation of a selection box for every child in school next week. The kind donation is from a member of the Nottingham Community, Jo Humblestone. We are very grateful to Jo for showing such kindness and compassion to our pupils.

Santa will be delivering the selection boxes to classes throughout Tuesday!



Parent/carer annual survey

Our annual parent and carer survey is now live via the following link: <https://forms.gle/fDghnufWwgbA6zG9A>

We would appreciate as many parents and carers as possible completing the survey - your views are important to us.

The survey will be open until Weds 20th December.

After school clubs

The offer for after school clubs for Spring 1 can be found in the table towards the end of the newsletter. Please sign your child up for a club using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HWX3a89281XxKUzW7>

Use of Class Dojo



ClassDojo

A reminder to parents and carers that Class Dojo is a platform to communicate with your child's teacher on a daily basis. There is no expectation for our staff to reply outside of working hours. If you are unable to send a message during the school day, please consider when you are sending the message, as a number of staff are receiving messages late into the evening and outside of the school day. Thank you.



Turn your Christmas shopping into everyday magic for us with 'easyfundraising'.

If you regularly shop with brands online you can have them donate money to school each and every time you shop, and the best part is – it won't cost you any extra!

How it works...



Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the 'easyfundraising' website or app, they can see that we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation – magic!

Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk, sign up and search for Warren Primary Academy.

Week 2 lunch menu				
Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato
Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Roasted Tomato & Basil Pasta	Strawberry Mousse	Baked Beans, Grated Cheese
Tuesday	<p><u>Party Food</u></p> <p>Sandwiches, chicken & veggie nuggets, sausage rolls, spring rolls, cheese & tomato pizza, carrot & cucumber sticks, crisps, oreo biscuits and juice</p>			

Love your packed lunch!
Create a healthier packed lunch by choosing foods from the 5 main food groups below:

1 Starchy Carbohydrates
to re-fuel your body
Base your lunchbox on starchy carbohydrates.
CHOOSE ONE EVERY DAY from:

- Bread, rolls, bagels, wraps, pitta or baguettes
- Pasta
- Couscous
- Noodles
- Potatoes

Choose wholegrain

Use a thermos flask to keep pasta warm

Get kids involved in the lunchbox

2 Fruit and Vegetables
to keep you healthy
Pack one portion of fruit and one portion of veg every day.
CHOOSE TWO EVERY DAY from:

- Apple, banana, pear, orange, plums
- Small pot of mixed berries or grapes
- Prepared melon or mango
- Chopped vegetable sticks: carrots, cucumber, pepper, celery, mange tout, mini corn
- Salad vegetables
- Vegetable Soup

Add salad to your lunchbox

Use a thermos flask for delicious soups

3 Dairy and Alternatives
for healthy teeth and bones
Don't forget the dairy!
CHOOSE ONE EVERY DAY from:

- Milk
- Cheese – hard cheese, soft cheese, cheese spread
- Yoghurt or Fromage Frais
- Custard

Choose to swap dairy products

Swap dairy for plant yoghurt and have fruit on the side

4 Protein Foods
for growth and repair
Pack a protein punch!
CHOOSE ONE EVERY DAY from:

- Meat
- Fish
- Eggs
- Non-dairy protein e.g. lentils, chick peas, beans

Keep processed meat to a minimum

Choose oily fish like salmon once every 3 weeks

5 Drinks
to rehydrate your body
CHOOSE ONE EVERY DAY from:

- A large glass of water
- Semi skimmed milk – or skimmed milk for children over 5 years.
- 150ml of fresh unsweetened fruit juice/smoothie

Milk water or 100ml juice

Occasionally!
Meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, sausages
Plain cakes/sponges and biscuits of appropriate portion sizes










For more healthy packed lunch ideas and recipes visit www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes

If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure you are making healthy choices for your child to eat. Below shows the 'Eat Well Guide' which is what is recommended to be eaten on a daily basis to maintain a healthy diet.

We have also included some healthy lunchbox ideas. More information can also be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Info about the club</u>
Monday	Y4/5/6 Girls Football 	You do not need to reply for your child's place if they are already in the club
	Y5/6 Cooking Club 	Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis
	Y3/4 Arts and Crafts Club 	
	Yoga and Mindfulness Club (open to Y2-Y6) 	
Tuesday	KS2 Cricket club	This will begin again after Feb half term due to the dark nights and needing to run outdoors
	Y4/5/6 Netball club 	You do not need to reply for your child's place if they are already in the club
Wednesday	Y3/4 Boys Football 	Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis
	Nottingham Playhouse Drama Club 	Currently full and no more spaces
Thursday	Y5/6 Boys Football 	Currently full and no more spaces
	F2/Y1 Fairytale Club (including cooking) 	Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis

FREE FUN AND FOOD THIS WINTER



**Is your child entitled to free school meals?
Check out our Free Fun and Food offer
over the holidays!**

**Holiday Activity Providers will be providing
free activity and enrichment sessions
along with lunches and snacks over the
Christmas school holidays**

App.holidayactivities.com

**For more information, or if you need
support with booking, call: 07977 853 946**

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You're not alone this Christmas



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www.giveashout.org



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www.mind.org.uk



0300 7729844
www.nopanic.org.uk



0800 58 58 58
www.thecalmzone.net



0808 808 4000
www.nationaldebtline.org



116 123
www.samaritans.org.uk



0808 808 1677
www.cruse.org.uk

4 TIPS ON HOW TO FEEL A LITTLE LESS LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS:

Limit your social
media usage

Volunteer in your
local area

Consider scheduling a
call with family or friends

Have a look at what
places are open near you

For more support organisations, you can find the Everymind
Mental Health Support Directory on www.everymindatwork.com.

Don't suffer in silence.

4 tips to manage your social anxiety this Christmas



Plan ahead.

Take a few hours to organise your schedule and write a to-do-list for the coming weeks. Developing a plan can help you manage feelings of fear of the unknown.



Ask for help.

Remember that it's okay to feel anxious and ask for help. There are so many external support lines you can reach out to. Don't forget, you're not alone.



Make time for self-care.

Even though the holiday season can be busy, try to make time for yourself and your mental health. Even just a few minutes every day to practice self-care can help manage symptoms of anxiety. You can try meditation, exercise, or self-help books.



Find your support system.

Talk to and spend time with people you trust, whether that is family, friends, or people who have also experienced similar anxiety. If you're nervous about attending a holiday gathering, take that person with you for support.



The Ask Lion website has lots of information of support services all families in Nottingham City can access over the Christmas period.

<https://www.asklion.co.uk/kb5/nottingham/directory/home.page>



Christmas School Holiday Activities

Click here to find Christmas
Holiday Activities in
Nottingham



Food Bank Information

How to access your local food
banks, join social eating
projects & find low cost food.



Find Warm Spaces

Find local spaces for any
resident to freely access and
stay warm.



Mental Health Support

Looking for support? Find free
and local mental health
services around Nottingham.

Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank

St Philip's Church,
Knights Close,
off Old Farm Road,
Top Valley,
Nottingham,
NG5 9AJ

St Mary the Virgin & All Souls
Highbury Road
Bulwell
Nottingham
NG6 9AD

e: info@bestwoodbulwell.foodbank.org.uk t: 0115 9751825



Christmas Reading Challenge

3 in a row

Read a Christmassy book with someone	Read a poem	Read a book that makes you laugh
Read next to your Christmas tree	Snuggle up and read in bed	Read your favourite book to someone
Read the lyrics to your favourite Christmas song	Read a non-fiction book	Draw or write your own Christmas story

@MisterBodd

Can you complete 3 challenges in a row over the holidays? Why not try to finish them all?

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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