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Dear Parents,

As we near the end of Term 3 can I thank everybody for their hard work and support since we returned from the Christmas holidays. The term has flown by and as the Six Nations rugby is about to begin, spring must be just around the corner, so please check the diary dates for a busy Term 4.

Blue Kite Academy Trust Update

Our application and consultations have now been completed in preparation for the Advisory Board in February. The Regional Director will make a decision at the Advisory Board as to whether or not to approve the project and therefore whether or not to issue an Academy Order. It is expected that academy conversions conclude within 3-5 months of approval by the Regional Director.

New Assessment for Years 1-6

We continue to assess pupils based on progress towards and within age related expectations, objectives and skills. Our new report card for 2023/24 (which you will receive next Friday) is based on teacher judgements for specific objectives which have been taught in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science since September. Further explanation will be given on the report card.

School Safe Environment Zone (SSEZ)

The SSEZ web page has been updated with the confirmed designs for Wanborough Primary School. Please use the link below which will take you to, the Schemes for inclusion in Year 4 - 2023/24.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20135/traffic_management/1147/school_safe_environment_zones_ssez/5

Residentials

In March, Year 4 are off to the PGL centre at Liddington on a two-night residential. Preparations for Year 6 going to France in June are also well underway. When I speak to former pupils and parents our Wanborough residentials are remembered very fondly. For the last four Year 6 French trips we have been able to subsidise the cost through our successful Erasmus Projects, where we received funding from the European Union.

Post Brexit the UK government have introduced the Turing scheme' which we applied for last year. Fortunately, we were one of the few schools in the South-West to be awarded a grant which subsidises our whole trip for 2024. Moving forwards, we will apply again for 2025 Turing funding (in Term 4), with the results being received before the end of the academic year. However, as this funding can't be guaranteed we will be consulting in the Spring with all stakeholders on the options we can take to provide a super residential experience for our future Year 6 cohorts.

Andy Drury



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Diary Dates:

Friday 2 nd February	PTA Reception / KS1 "Winter-Fest"
Monday 5 th February	PTA Rags2Riches4Schools
20 th to 27 th February	Travelling book fair
20 th February	Reception and Year 6 Dobbin Day Service
19 th and 22 nd February	Year 6 Group 1 Bikeability
23 rd and 26 th February	Year 6 Group 2 Bikeability
21 st February	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks
7 th March	World Book Day
20 th - 22 nd March	Year 4 to PGL
April (Date TBC)	Swimming Y3 and Y5
12 th - 16 th May	Year 6 SATs
16 th May & 22 nd May	Parent Evening (TBC)
16 th - 21 st June	Year 6 Residential to France
Wednesday 26 th June	Sports day (TBC)
Thursday 27 th June	School Photos (class photos and Y6 Leavers)

PE days for Term 3/4

Reception - Monday and Friday
Year 1 - Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2 - Thursday and Friday
Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday
Year 4 - Monday and Wednesday
Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6 - Thursday and Friday

TD days for 2024/25:

Monday 2 nd September 2024
Monday 21 st October 2024
Tuesday 22 nd October 2024
Wednesday 23 rd October 2024
Monday 24 th February 2025 (Blue Kite Academy Trust Collaboration Day for all staff)
Thursday 24 th July 2025



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Wilbur achieved his Brown belt in Karate. Wilbur has been working through his grades for the last 2 years at Matt Fiddes Martial Arts School. Only 1 more belt to go before he moves up to

Value of the month for January—Thankfulness

In January we focused in school on the value thankfulness. 'Count your blessings' is an old saying but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted. As a family you may want to discuss recognising when you are thankful and how it feels when someone thanks you.





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We are pleased to introduce LEGO® club at Wanborough!

LEGO® club is for everyone, and any child would receive some benefit from engagement in a LEGO® club intervention – the skills within it are key to many aspects of their lives.

LEGO® club aims to teach lots and lots of skills, including: developing patience, developing language skills, developing resilience, waiting for their turn, sharing resources with others, working as part of a team, managing frustrations, negotiating conflicts, developing friendships and many, many other skills!

At school, for our LEGO® club, we have carefully selected the children that we think will get the most from it. Your child's class teacher will be in touch if your child has been selected to partake.

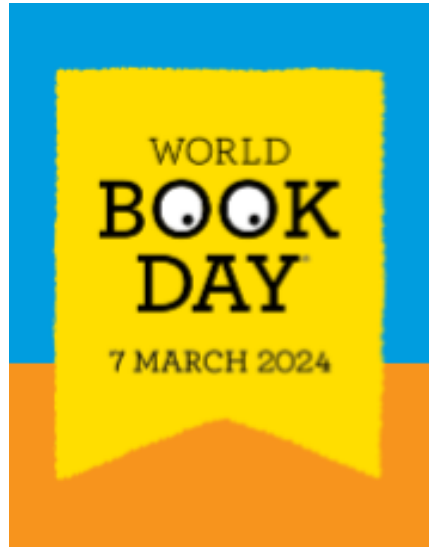




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World Book Day – 7th March

Wanborough Primary School is celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, and this year the children are being invited to dress up as a favourite book character. On the day, there will be prizes for the best costumes in each key stage.



Travelling Book Fair – 20th -27th February

We are very fortunate to have reserved the Travelling Book Fair for the children to browse a wide range of books. Last year it was a huge success and we hope it will be just as successful this year.

Each book purchased helps to earn free books for our school!

Travelling book fair letters and tokens have been sent home, please look out for them and keep them safe until after half term.



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Young Carers

On Friday 19th January we held our annual 'Young Awareness Day' to ensure that all children, staff and parents are made aware of the presence of Young Carers at the school and the support they can receive. This was reiterated with posters made by the Young Carers, dotted around the school, and with a whole school assembly.

Thank you very much to all the children who came to school wearing such colourful clothing which really brightened up a dull, grey January day. I was absolutely thrilled that we raised **£172.80** from cash and ParentPay donations which will be used to support Young Carers in Swindon.

"A young carer is someone aged 18 or under who helps look after a relative who has a condition, such as a disability, illness, mental health condition, or a drug or alcohol problem." Carers Trust

If you feel your child is a Young Carer please contact me through the school office.

Ms Hingley

Young Carer Lead, ELSA, HLTA, TA



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Guidance on measles outbreaks

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

[Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)
(www.gov.uk)

[Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-outbreaks-and-incidents).

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.

NHS

Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?
Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?
Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?
As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?
The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

immunisation
the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet

For more information about measles and MMR go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

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Thank goodness we are finally through the longest month of the year! We started 2024 with a meeting to kick off the year at the Plough, next to the fire as the snow (albeit a few flakes) was falling outside. It seems an age ago now. However at this meeting we set about our plans for the upcoming year and beyond, with the first event kicking off tonight. As we welcome the very youngest in our school community to their very own key stage one disco

“Winterfest”, DJ Woodman will be spinning his decks and getting the party started while we serve hot chocolates and hotdogs. There will be the usual offerings of face painting, a bar and a sweets stall. We hope the tiny boppers will enjoy their disco. Do not worry we have not forgotten the older members of our school community and later in the year we will be welcoming them to their own key stage two disco “Summerfest” as the weather turns warmer.



As the 2023 calendar year closed members of the PTA could be found in the kitchen at the back serving hot chocolates and biscuits to celebrate the last day of term. We would like to thank everyone who came and celebrated with us. For this event we asked for donations we wanted to make sure that everyone who wanted a special treat could get one. We are not sure how many we served but there was not many of the 100 ginger Christmas trees left at the end. During this special breakfast treat we managed to raise **£75.26** so thank you very much.



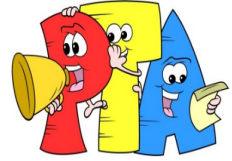
Our Christmas film night Elf on the 13th of December was a huge success, and we hope the Children enjoyed their cinematic experience..... Albeit a little noisy. We hope some of our newer parents enjoyed the “Adult Creche” a popular element of nearly all our PTA events. We lost count of how many glasses of mulled wine were poured, or how many hotdogs were eaten, but there were quite a few ketchup smeared smiles around the building. We hope that the Haddrell family in particular were very happy with their Giant Elf win.... That’s two Giant Elves in

two years that have made their way to their house!! We all know who is hoping for a Giant Elf next year!! Our Christmas film night raised a massive **£509.37**, funds that were used to reduce the cost of the trip to the pantomime for every family.



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In addition to the Christmas Breakfast treat, in the run up to Christmas Jumper day we ran several Christmas Jumper sales which were really popular. We would like to thank everyone who donated a pre-loved Christmas jumper and everyone who purchased a pre-loved Christmas jumper, these sales managed to raise

£50, and we saved many jumpers from ending up on a landfill site. We will be collecting Christmas Jumpers for next years sale on **Monday the 5th of February between 8am and 9am**. So if you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers, please bring them to the Rags2Riches collection and hand them to a member of the PTA. You may also have seen us pop up at some school events and community events with a Christmas Wrapping station, this is something new for this year, and something that we hope to do again next year. A huge thanks to Andra and the members of the PTA who gave up their time to wrap gifts, we thought they looked fab under the Christmas tree. We will publicise our dates and locations nearer to the time. We raised **£35** in donations for wrapping. The monies raised from the Christmas breakfast, the Christmas Jumpers and the Christmas wrapping was used to purchase the Christmas Crackers that every child received when they had their Christmas Dinner at school. We hope they enjoyed getting into the festive spirit.

*** On Monday the 5th of December we have our Rags2Riches4Schools collection. Please place any good condition pre-loved clothes in any clean plastic bag ad bring to the school between 8am and 9am on the 5th.** At this time we will also be collecting any pre-loved good condition school uniform and Christmas jumpers, but please hand these separately to any PTA member who is there as we need to keep these separate from the main collection.

We have lots of plans in the pipeline for future events, however we can only do these with your help. If you would like to join the PTA whether that is as a committee member or someone who helps at events, or if you have an idea for a future event please drop us at email at contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org

We really hope to run a quiz night this year, however to do this we really need a quizmaster, is this something that you can help us with?

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NSPCC

Online gaming and keeping children safe

Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.

Our webinar will help you:

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



GAME SAFE FESTIVAL

7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. Book your place via this link: nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets

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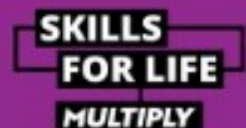


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