

Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 25th Nov – Oak Class to Tithe Barn
- 28th Nov – Individual pupil photos
- 29th Nov – Prospective parent tour
- 30th Nov – WOWSA 'Elf Academy'
- 2nd Dec – Prospective parent tour
- 2nd Dec – Spruce Class to Tithe Barn
- 5th Dec – Reception Nativity, 9.30am
- 5th Dec – Grove Choir to sing at Holy Trinity Church, 1.00pm
- 6th Dec – Reception Nativity, 1.45pm
- 11th Dec – Christmas Lunch
- 11th Dec – Year 6 to Holy Trinity for Christingle Workshop
- 12th Dec – Y1 & Y2 Christmas song performance for parents, after school
- 13th Dec – Year 3 to Tobacco Factory
- 20th Dec – Last day of term

- 6th Jan – INSET day
- 7th Jan – Children return to school
- 14th Feb – INSET day
- 14th Feb – Last day of term
- 24th Feb – Children return to school

Reminders

We have **individual school photos taking place this Thursday** (28th November).

Please do send your child in normal school uniform with their PE kit in a bag, if it is a PE day for them.

Please **ensure your child has a coat at school every day** from now on. We are keen to give the children fresh air during the day and will take them outside at playtime and lunchtime as much as we can. We had quite a few cold children without coats this week!

Don't forget that any **snacks brought in by children in KS2 for playtime need to be healthy ones**. We will encourage children to swap something sugary for something that will get them through the next period of learning more effectively!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher

Outdoor Learning

We are very lucky to have the opportunity for each of our classes to enjoy a term of Forest School outdoor learning each year. This year, the sessions are being led by Mr Westerwijk and it is the turn of Elm and Hedgehog classes at the moment. We have such fantastic grounds to explore this kind of learning and it is such a pleasure to see the children benefiting in so many ways.



Parent Focus Group – Communication

I would love the opportunity to meet with a small group of parents to discuss the ways in which we communicate with you, both individually and as a whole parent body. We recognise that we have Studybugs, the year group emails, the main office email (and phone call option) as well as the opportunity for you to catch teachers at the end of the day and I would like to explore how all of these work for you and whether there are any tweaks we can make.

The focus group will take place on **Tuesday 3rd December at 6.00pm** (at school) and I am looking for parents from across both the Infant and the Junior School to ensure we explore the views of all our families. Please do email the school office if you are able to join me; I will then confirm this towards the end of the week. Many thanks in advance for your time.

Congratulations Isla!

We were thrilled to have Isla from Year 4 play us into Celebration Assembly on Friday. Isla plays the violin and performed two pieces for the children as they all came into the hall. What a wonderful display of this term's value of 'courage' to perform in front of the whole school with confidence and pride! If your child plays a musical instrument and would like the opportunity to play for us at the start of Celebration Assembly, do encourage them to come and chat to me (Mrs Reyes)!

Lunchtime Supervisor position

Another opportunity to join our lunchtime team has arisen and we would love to hear from anyone who is interested. The link to the advert is [here](#) but please do get in touch with the school office if you would like more information or to chat to someone about the role.

WOWSA Updates

A huge thanks to WOWSA for the very successful discos this week. The children had a great time and it was lovely to see the array of outfits and dance moves! It is no mean feat to organise that many children (and adults) across three separate discos and it was done seamlessly! Thank you WOWSA.

Don't forget we have the very first 'Elf Academy' this coming Saturday (30th November). Tickets are selling fast but there are still some available for the middle sessions of the day; do visit the [PTA Events website](#) to book these.



WOWSA are also collecting **donations of Christmas jumpers** that are no longer wanted by your family but still have some life left in them. These will then be on the rail in the main foyer for other families to use. The best kind of recycling!

There are two spaces left on the Christmas wreath making workshop on Wednesday 4th December ([book via PTA Events page](#)) but if you cannot make it that evening, why not grab yourself a box with everything you need to make a wreath at home! These boxes can also be ordered via the link above.



All our best wishes Mrs Collis & Miss Pennell

Both Miss Pennell and Mrs Collis begin their maternity leave this weekend and we wish them all the very best for the next few weeks and beyond.

Welcome to the Whiteoak Team!

We have three new teachers joining us to cover Miss Pennell and Mrs Collis whilst they are away; Miss Cook will be teaching Juniper Class in Year 3 and Mrs Dick and Mrs Francis will be sharing the teaching of Squirrel Class in Year 1. You are all very welcome!

Coding Club in Yatton Library – 7th Dec

Please see the attached flyer for information about a children's Minecraft coding club taking place at Yatton Library on Saturday 7th December. The club is suitable for children aged 8-12 years and places can be booked via the QR code above.

