



NEWSLETTER - Issue 6

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

As we come to an end of a busy term where the children have achieved so much, I just want to say thank you for your continued support.

The children have worked so hard on their learning, demonstrating fantastic characteristics such as: resilience, risk taking, collaboration, curiosity, communication and thinking throughout the curriculum. We at Carnforth are so proud of our community.

This term the children have participated in so much learning and continued to develop their British Values: Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy and Tolerance of Different Cultures and Religions through their Personal, Social, Health and Economic lessons and through whole school events, where we have raised money for charities, voted for roles and responsibilities, taken part in special weeks and much more. What a year so far!

All that remains for me to say is



See you all next year!

Mrs Nicola Sheeran-Ball.



JAN 2022

Tuesday 3rd January : Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 4th January : School opens for all

Tuesday 10th January : Reception Class Hearing Tests

Wednesday 11th/8th/25th January : Year 2 Swimming

Monday 30th January : Reception Class Eye Tests



From all at Carnforth



ATTENDANCE

Current School Attendance:

Attendance to date (Since September)	
Overall attendance 91.74%	
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	86.92%
Year 1	89.81%
Year 2	92.37%
Year 3	92.57%
Year 4	94.41%
Year 5	90.82%
Year 6	93.40%

Please remember that if your child(ren) are unwell and will not be attending school, please make sure you contact the school to inform them **each** day they are absent.

Authorised vs unauthorised...

Just as a reminder about absences and the differences between recorded authorised and unauthorised absences.



- Genuine illness
- Medical Appointments – where possible try to make routine appointments outside of school hours
- Bereavement/Funerals
- Days of Religious Observation
- Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces

- Day trips
- Shopping trips
- Holidays
- Birthdays
- Parent/Carer illness
- Resting after a late night
- Hair cut appointments
- Visiting family/friends

NURSERY

Nursery have spent December getting in the festive spirit. We really enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day and can't wait for party day on Friday! We are hoping our naughty elf, Buddy, will be on his best behaviour for the rest of the week before we say goodbye to him for another year. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



RECEPTION

Wow what a busy first term Reception have had.

It has been wonderful watching you all grow in confidence and create some lovely friendships.

The progress you are making in your phonics, maths and writing is blowing us away.

We particularly enjoyed our visit to West Midland Safari Park to visit Santa.

We enjoyed seeing all the safari animals such as rhinoceros, elephants, giraffes, lions, and tigers.

We then got a special visit from Santa where we even got to choose our own gifts.



We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break.



YEAR 1

Year 1 had a fantastic day at The Black Country Living Museum!

We played with lots of toys from the past and present to start off the day.

Then we had a lesson from 1912 which was really interesting, and the children found it quite funny! Mrs Begum got told off for wearing nail varnish and Miss Jones got told off for not paying her school fees!

We then had some lunch and went to explore some of the shops and houses from the Victorian times. The children learned lots about what life was like for people back then and found out lots of interesting facts.



We've also been busy practising a lot for the Nativity, and I hope you all enjoyed our amazing performances this week.



We're very excited for all the exciting Christmas events coming up and we wish you a Merry Christmas! 😊

YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been busy learning about the Great Fire of London.

Last week we had a visitor in school, who took us back all the way to 1666. We explored maps of London at that time and plotted on the map the areas that were most affected by the fire. As Historians, we discussed reasons for why the fire spread so easily, such as the distance between the houses, the strong wind at the time, the material they were made from and how they depended on the use of fire for light and heat.

We also got dressed into clothing that would have been worn by men and women in the 1660s. We explored how the fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on 2nd September 1666 and what tools were used to attempt to put out the fire, such as water squirter, leather buckets of water, fire hooks and dynamite. We watched a demonstration from our visitor putting a trail of a small amount of gun powder to a barrel and setting it alight. This represented how people blew houses up that were in the path of the fire to further prevent the spread to other buildings.



YEAR 3

In Art we have been studying the artwork work of David Gentleman. We have learnt about him as an artist, and we have begun to create watercolour landscapes in his style. We have learnt about the different tones that can be created by adding more water and the importance of waiting for our watercolour layers to dry before adding more colour to avoid 'bleeding'.

In music we ended our Ukulele lessons with a performance in front of the other year groups. We performed three songs and got lots of applause from our audiences!

In History we have continued our 'Stone Age to Iron Age' topic. We were archaeologists and went on an excavation to uncover Stone Age artefacts. We first guessed what they could have been made from and used for before researching them further.

In Writing we have been creating texts to persuade. We have practiced a range of persuasive techniques including boastful language, imperative verbs, and rhetorical questions, before writing our adverts to persuade someone to come to our fictional school.

In maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide. We have learnt a range of patterns and methods to help us. Please practice our times tables with us at home!



YEAR 4

Time has flown since our last update and Christmas feels like it has been on the horizon since the middle of November.

We have invited you into our classroom to share our reading and enjoyed a healthy-living day, a cake sale, and a Christmas Fayre. We had quite an efficient production line making our Christmas gift bags and labels along with some problem-solving skills to adapt a hoopla game to include some seasonal characters.

We had our final few sessions at Forest School for the term braving the cold, rain, and mud. We will have another session later in the year.



In Maths, we are assessing our knowledge of times-tables a few times each week and are encouraged to log on to Purple Mash or TT Rockstars at home to help our recall of timetable facts. We have been looking at perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes. This included a challenge to see how many ways we could arrange 6 post-it notes.

We have been learning how to write persuasive letters in our last few weeks of term. Santa may have received more flattery, presumptive statements, and exaggeration in his letter this year.

Our study of the Ancient Greeks continues, and we enjoyed discovering the contents of a discovery box. The halteres (weights used for long-jump) prompted some re-enactment in the classroom. We experienced an Ancient Greek adventure through an audio story where we were, with the help of some advice, from an oracle and good loyal friendship able to save Athens from the Spartan Army.

In science we have been classifying animals and are beginning to learn about different animal habitats and the impact humans have on these areas. As we progress into Spring Term our focus will change to electricity and preparation for our STEM challenge.

As a final message from Year 4 for 2022, we would love to wish everyone a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

YEAR 5

We are making you **P.R.O.U.D!**

We have been working hard in year 5. We've been learning about division in maths, locating key information in reading, and building suspense through spooky setting description in writing.

We have also enjoyed improving our maths through Doodlemaths, which we can log into from home, as well as improving our coding skills in computing.

We have also been learning about looking after our health and wellbeing through yoga and meditation.

We have all been enjoying the build up to Christmas with House Team Christmas Activity afternoons, watching the KS1/EYFS Nativity performance, having Christmas dinner, Secret Santa and much more!



The Christmas fayre was a lot of fun and our breadstick candy canes proved very popular!

Thank you for all you have done to celebrate with us and support us this term.

**Merry
Christmas!**



YEAR 6C

As Readers and Writers, 6C have been pulling together all of our disciplinary knowledge to write our very own adventure story.

As Mathematicians, we have been resilient with recognising equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and solving problems with fractions.

As Geographers, we have explored our local area and created our very own sketch maps using grid references.

Finally, as Artists, we have created our own montage inspired by Peter Blake.



As Autumn term comes to an end, it is important to look back at all the wonderful things we have achieved and accomplished this term.

We have enjoyed exploring our heart rates and the different chambers of the heart; engaging with Reader's Theatre, acting out parts of texts; and creating some delicious Christmas themed Oreo biscuits.

We have had a fantastic start to Year 6 showing how resilient we are as the work becomes more challenging.

Mr Cox would like to wish the whole Carnforth community a very Happy Holidays and wishes everyone the best half term possible.

YEAR 6F

We have had a fabulous term working so hard and achieving so much! We are looking forward to a restful break ready to learn some more after Christmas. Happy Christmas from all in Year 6F!

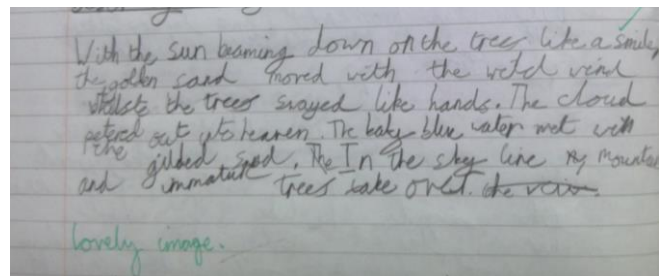
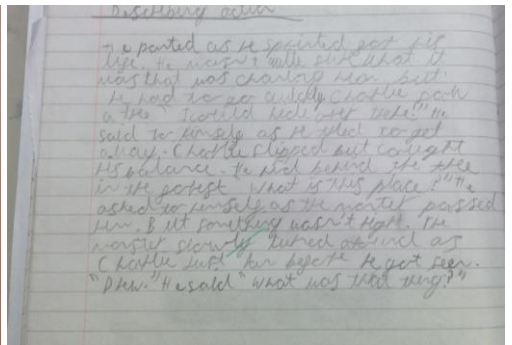
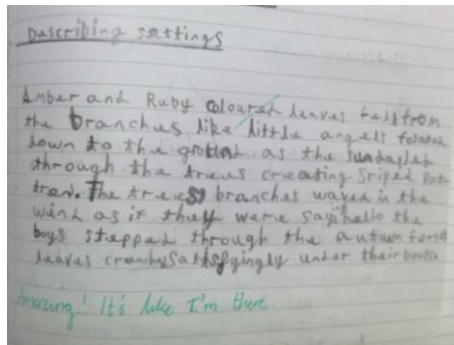
It was wonderful to have so many adults attend our DEAR time sessions to read with your children. Reading is such a valuable skill – we love reading at Carnforth!

Make sure that you keep reading over the holidays!



Our Christmas Fayre on Friday went so well and thank you to many of you who attended. We had a great time making and decorating our product to sell. We also looked at the marking side making posters and exploring how much we would have to sell the product for to make a profit.

We have worked so hard over the past few weeks to create wonderful pieces of writing – just take a look:





MUSIC



Carnforth Choir did an amazing job of performing last Friday.

We went to Fernhill House Care Home and the Worcester Victorian Fayre. The children sang beautifully and made lots of people smile!

Look out for more photos and videos on our Facebook page.



READING

Carnforth School Reading Passports



Reading
IS A
PASSPORT
TO
COUNTLESS
ADVENTURES

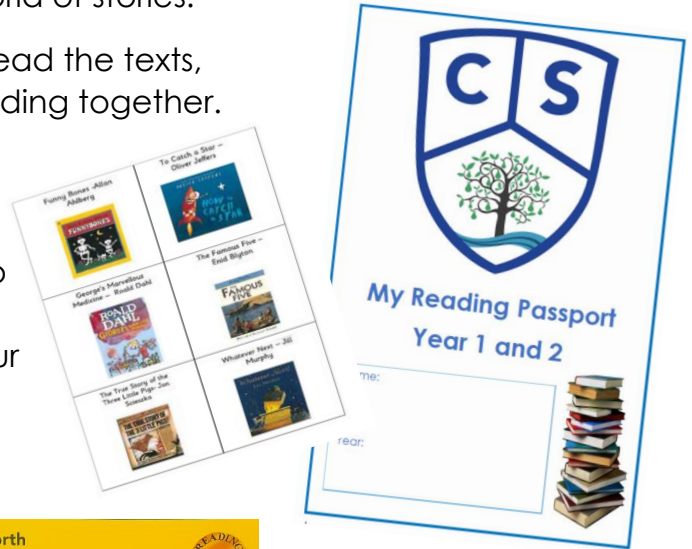
Our Reading Passports contain a list of recommended reads of wonderful texts that are suitable for your child's age.

This list can be worked through as a family, sharing the reading and enjoy the wonderful world of stories.

Please remember that if your child struggles to read the texts, share the reading and enjoy the pleasure of reading together. They do not have to read them themselves.

How to achieve with your reading passport:

- For **each book**, show an adult at school to earn a sticker.
- For **every 5 books** you have read from your list, you will earn a certificate.
- When you have read **all the books** from your list, you will be invited to attend a celebration event within school.



Have fun!

WRITING

PUDSEY POEMS!

Have a go at a haiku!



How To:

- Haiku's follow the pattern of:
- line 1 is 5 syllables,
- line 2 is 7 syllables
- line 1 is 5 syllables,
- Think carefully about your vocabulary.

1.

2.

3.

Cryptic Christmas Code

Crack the code to reveal the secret message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
18	11	24	32	35	40	42	20	10	22	50	5	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
8	48	4	16	55	19	28	25	30	33	12	15	45

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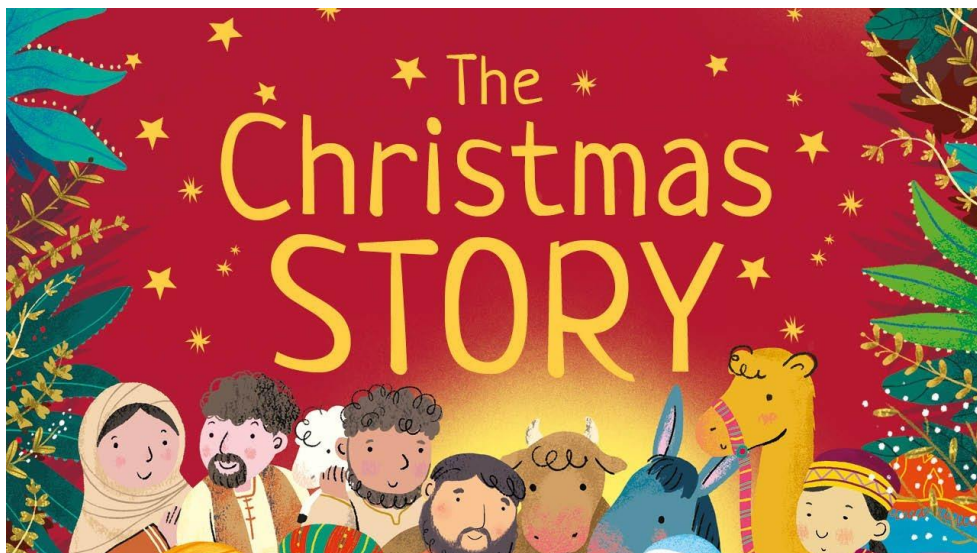
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RE

With Christmas coming up, could you have a go at writing the Christmas story? You could write it as a story, a comic or create your own story map. If you want to bring this into school, come down to Miss Jones in Year 1 to show me your fantastic work!



Cyber Security



Cyber security is how individuals and organisations reduce the risk of being affected by cyber crime.

Cyber security's core function is to protect the **devices** we all use (smartphones, laptops, tablets and computers), and the **services** we access online - both at home and work - from theft or damage. It's also about preventing unauthorised access to the vast amounts of **personal information** we store on these devices, and online.

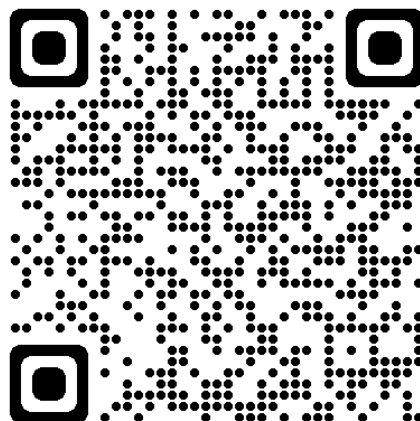
Cyber security is important because smartphones, computers and the internet are now such a fundamental part of modern life, that it's difficult to imagine how we'd function without them. From online banking and shopping, to email and social media, it's more important than ever to take steps that can prevent cyber criminals getting hold of our accounts, data, and devices.

Here are 6 ways you can protect yourself against cyber attacks...

Use a strong and separate password for your email	+
Install the latest software and app updates	+
Turn on 2-Step Verification (2SV)	+
Password managers: using browsers and apps to safely store your passwords	+
Backing up your data	+
Three random words	+

Find out more...

From banking to shopping, and streaming to social media, people are spending more time than ever online. Cyber Aware is the government's advice on how to stay secure online.



<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>

SPORT and PE



We have had great success starting our football club this half term and we have begun learning lots of new skills. We look forward to showing these off when we play our first match within the league.

Year 3 have had a fantastic time swimming this term. The children have shown resilience and have been able to improve their swimming skills.



We have practiced putting our heads underwater, floating, and swimming independently. We had a great time bringing out the floats, balls and noodles in our last lesson to have a swimming party.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Over the Christmas holidays we would like you to go on a walk and collect some sticks, leaves, conkers – anything you can find!

Arrange all of your findings to make a picture. It could be Christmas related or whatever you would like it to be.

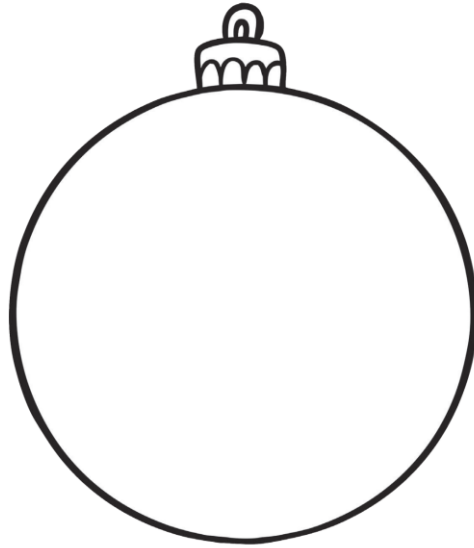
Take a picture of your design and email it to office@carnforthschool.org ready to share after the Christmas holidays.

Happy creating!



PSHE

Christmas is a great time for giving. Thinking about others during this time is really special. Take a moment to think about how you can show kindness to others at Christmas. Write or draw a picture on a bauble outline to show how you are going to be kind to others this Christmas.



ART



The children thoroughly enjoyed ART Day on the 11th November and learnt all about Remembrance Day. The children took part in painting, drawing and collage activities creating some fantastic artwork.

Take a look at some of our work...



MINDFULNESS and WELLBEING

Positive Wellbeing & Mental Health

Setting routines and structures to follow are important to ensure that we can learn strategies to support us when things get difficult. Try some of these strategies below and visit the QRcode link for more information. Please remember to talk to us if you are struggling, we are here to help.

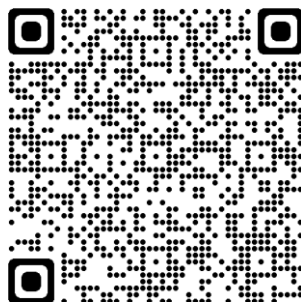
Tips for improving your mental wellbeing

There are lots of things we can try to take care of our wellbeing. We have tips to help you:

- [Relax and reduce stress](#)
- [Find ways to learn and be creative](#)
- [Spend time in nature](#)
- [Connect with others](#)
- [Look after your physical health](#)
- [Try to get enough sleep](#)

It's not always easy to start with caring for your wellbeing. You might find it helpful to:

- only try what feels comfortable
- give yourself time to figure out what works for you, going at your own pace
- take small steps. Pick one or two things that feel achievable at first, before moving on to try other ideas.



GEOGRAPHY



Merry
Christmas

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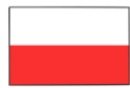
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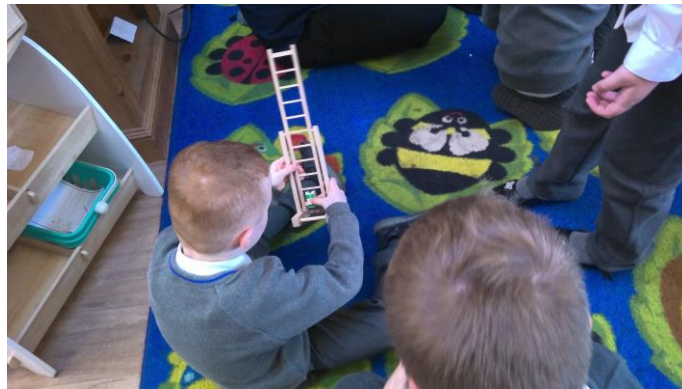


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HISTORY

We've had a great time exploring a range of artefacts linked with our history topics this term. It has been great to get hands on and handle them so show what life was like at that time.



Worcestershire Libraries



Get into the Festive spirit with Worcestershire Libraries!

Worcestershire Libraries will be hosting a variety of exciting activities over the festive season that will keep your family entertained with a host of story times, parties, craft activities and even a visit from Father Christmas himself!

What's on offer?

Boogie on down to Droitwich Library in your best **Christmas jumper** for some festive games or make your own **Christmas Bauble**.

The Hive will be hosting a special 12 Days of Christmas Storytime in the lead up to Christmas Eve, a Christmas Decoration Make and Take and don't forget the Christmas Fayre on 10th December where **Father Christmas will be leading some very special story times!**

Find out more!

These are just a small selection of the activities on offer in our libraries over the festive season. Why not pop into your local library, take a look at their Library webpage at [Christmas Children & Families Events - The Hive \(thehiveworcester.org\)](https://www.thehiveworcester.org) – this will take you to the page below where you can book activities for your child, or follow them on social media to find out what's happening near you?

We hope to see you soon!

The Worcestershire Libraries Team

HaHaHa

Christmas Jokes



Why do bears have fur coats? **Because they'd look silly in fluffy jumpers.**

What do you call a greedy elf? **Elfish.**

Who hides in a bakery at Christmas? **A mince spy!**

The jumper I was given for Christmas kept picking up static electricity, so I'm going to return it to the shop and get it exchanged for another one free of charge...

What goes 'Oh, oh, oh'? **Santa walking backwards.**

What's an elf's favourite type of music? **Wrap.**

What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a detective? **Santa Clues!**

What do you get if you cross a sheep with a kangaroo? **A woolly jumper.**

What do you call a blind reindeer? **I have no eye deer.**

What's Santa's dog's name? **Santa Paws.**

What do you call a cat in the desert? **Sandy Claws!**

Why are Christmas trees so bad at knitting? **They drop all their needles.**

A friend of mine loses his cool every time he tries to arrange his jumpers in the wardrobe. I think he needs some help with hanger management.

How do Christmas angels greet each other? **Halo!**

What does Santa pay every month? **Jingle Bills!**

Why was the snowman rummaging in a bag of carrots? **He was picking his nose!**

What is red, white & blue? **A sad candy cane.**

What did Adam say the day before Christmas? **It's Christmas Eve.**

What's the best Christmas present in the world? **A broken drum, you just can't beat it!**

What do the royal family play at Christmas instead of musical chairs? **Game of Thrones.**

Why was the turkey in the band? **He was the only one with drumsticks.**

Who delivers presents to baby sharks? **Santa Jaws.**

How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit? **Nurse them back to elf.**

What is a Christmas tree's favourite candy? **Orna-mint.**

What do you get when you cross a Christmas tree with an apple? **A pineapple!**

What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? **You get tinselitus.**

What do you call Santa when he stops moving? **Santa Pause.**

What kind of Christmas present just can't be beat? **A broken drum.**

What did the grumpy sheep say when his friends wished him a Merry Christmas? **Baaaa humbug!**

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? **Claustrophobia!**

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? **Frostbite.**

What do you call an old snowman? **Water.**

What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs? **Candy canes.**

What did one snowman say to the other? **Do you smell carrots?**

How does the snow globe feel this year? **A little shaken.**

READY STEADY
WORCESTERSHIRE



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers free holiday provision to children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) and vulnerable families during Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays – please see more on the following link: <https://worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs>

The HAF Programme funding has been extended to 2023 and Ready Steady Worcestershire has partnered with holiday clubs, schools and activity providers all over the county to offer fun, action packed school holiday periods with all activities offering healthy snacks, lunches and enriching activities.

FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS PREMIER SOCCER COACHING



CORNMEADOW LANE SPORTS GROUND

Claines, WR3 7PW
(NEXT TO THE SCOUT HUT)

STARTING SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 2023




Group 1	9.00am – 10.00am	School Years Reception and 1
Group 3	10.00am–11.00am	School Years 2 and 3
Group 4	11.00am–12.00pm	School Years 4 +


Premier Soccer Coaching providing safe, fun enjoyable football coaching for Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13 for 25 years! All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. Players are grouped together according to age and ability.

 **FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS. Places must be booked.**

 The course will be held on Saturday mornings, starting 7th January and will run for 12 weeks.

 The cost of the course is £7 per week (which is payable every four weeks - £28)
HALF PRICE £3.50 per week for second and subsequent Brothers and Sisters (which is payable every four weeks - £14) with the first payment due on week 1.

 ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 TROPHY on the final week of the course with opportunities for all players to win more during the course including Penalty shoot-out and World Cup competitions.

 The children will be coached by DBS POLICE CHECKED and F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. The coaches will develop self-confidence and self-esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

 The course will be held outdoors on the grass pitches so boots or trainers may be worn.

If you wish to book a place for your child or have any other questions, please contact us on the details below.

BOOK ONLINE www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk

**Alternatively CALL 07305 065 525 or Text
WORCESTER + CHILD'S NAME+ GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3)**

and receive confirmation by text

**Stephen Carpenter
(Course Co-ordinator)**





If you have any unpaid amounts showing on your squid account, these need to be cleared as a matter of urgency. If these are not paid, you will no longer be able to book your children into Little Pears or Breakfast Club without going through squid and emergency bookings will not be accepted for the children to attend at short notice.

All payments from January will need to be made via squid as cash will no longer be accepted.

Little Pears, Breakfast Club, Lunches and Additional Nursery hours are all under **bookings**.

Trips, Events, Swimming, Milk and Uniform can all be found under **offers**.



SPORTING YOUR FUTURES

WINTER SPORTS CAMP

PRIORITY FOR THOSE ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

19TH-22ND DECEMBER

FUN ACTIVITIES

MULTISPORTS

FREE FOOD



ST JOHNS SPORTS CENTRE

**13 MALVERN ROAD,
WORCESTER WR2 4LE**

AGES: 5-16 9:30AM - 1:30PM



BOOK VIA: EMAIL OR SCAN THE QR CODE



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Household Support Fund



In partnership with the **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)** the **Household Support Fund (HSF)** grant will help households in Worcestershire who are most in need for support with energy bills, food and water bills. The scheme will run between 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund (HSF) will provide support to those most in need (including families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers, and people with disabilities) by providing vouchers or payments to eligible households or making direct provisions to help with food and goods.

How can I apply for the household support fund to help with energy?

Act on Energy are providing support for energy costs across Worcestershire. For more information please visit:

www.actonenergy.org.uk/project/worcestershire-hsf

Pensioners, carers or people with disabilities on a low income are also encouraged to contact Age UK Worcester and Malvern to see if they are eligible for a one-off payment towards food and fuel costs by calling **01905 724294**.

Here2Help

Further information on the wider local support available, including the cost of living, visit Here2Help Worcestershire:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20758/here2help

For more information about the Household Support Fund scan our QR code with your smart phone



Help with food and other essentials

Help with food and other essentials may also be available via your local District Council or their partner organisations. Information about what is available can be found by visiting our webpage and selecting your district: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20241/warmer_worcestershire/2519/household_support_fund

Claiming Free School Meal Vouchers during the school holidays

The Council has extended this offer with further support for families who qualify for a Free School meal in the holidays until the end of March 2023. Currently you will need to contact your school directly regarding the issuing of Free School Meals vouchers during school holidays.

Additional support with holiday activities and lunch is also available for families via the Ready Steady Worcestershire programme: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20818/ready_steady_worcestershire_-_school_holiday_food_and_activities

Healthy Start

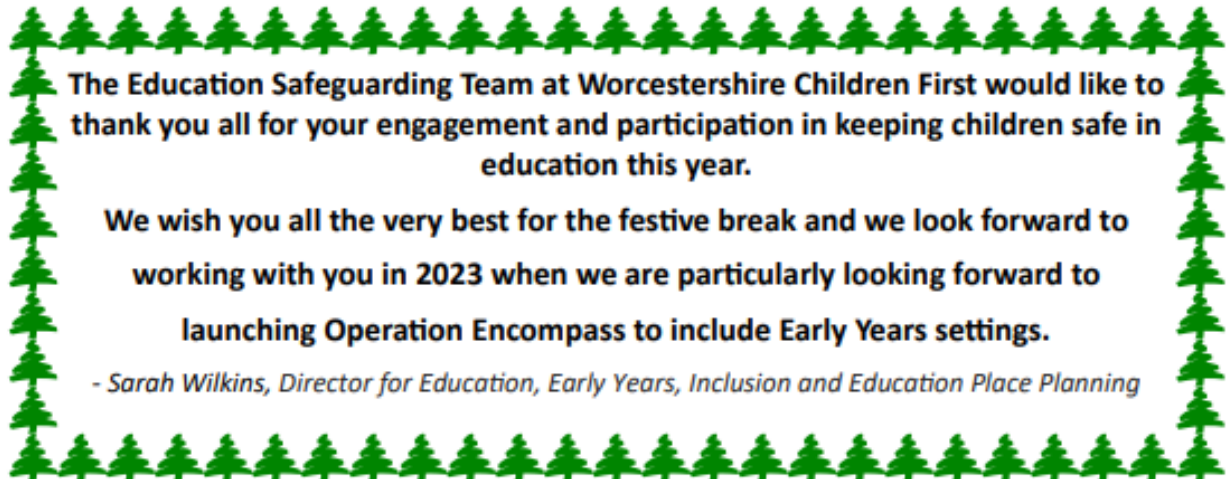
Healthy Start is a Government Scheme that provides weekly vouchers to eligible parents and can help you if you're pregnant or have a young child under four. These vouchers can be spent on milk, fruit and vegetables and infant formula milk at your local shops and supermarkets, as well as offering coupons for free vitamins too.

For more information about the scheme, visit

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20532/pregnancy/1829/healthy_start

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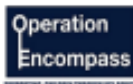




The Education Safeguarding Team at Worcestershire Children First would like to thank you all for your engagement and participation in keeping children safe in education this year.

We wish you all the very best for the festive break and we look forward to working with you in 2023 when we are particularly looking forward to launching Operation Encompass to include Early Years settings.

- Sarah Wilkins, Director for Education, Early Years, Inclusion and Education Place Planning



Operation Encompass

Early Years Settings—WCF are looking forward to launching Operation Encompass into all funded Early Years settings this month! Welcome Packs should have reached your email inboxes by now, these contain everything you need to get signed up. For any Early Years support with Operation Encompass, please contact:

Nicky Truby (01905 843314 / ntruby@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)

Education Settings—Thank you to all Education settings for your continued support with Operation Encompass. Don't forget, there are lots of resources for your DSL's including Online Key Adult Training, Good Practice Reports & Posters available at: www.operationencompass.org

For any Education Settings needing support with Operation Encompass please contact:



Family Front Door:

01905 822666 (Office Hrs) 01905 768020 (Emergency Out of Hrs)

The Emergency Deputy Team (EDT): 01905 768020

Get Safe: 01905 845568 / getsafe@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk

If you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm CALL 999

The FIFA World Cup is running into the festive season. Please be aware that regardless of a win or lose result, domestic abuse **increases by 38%**. This will be impacting families in our County.



Women's Aid 24hr Helpline

0800 980 3331

Male Domestic Abuse Helpline (24Hrs)
Worcestershire

0800 014 9082

Operation Encompass Teachers Advice
Helpline (8am –1pm)

0204 513 9990



#SleighNoToLoanSharks

Christmas is a time for joy and happiness, but for the millions of families struggling with spiralling debt to loan sharks, it can be the most terrifying time of the year. Figures show that nearly one in ten people who borrowed from loan sharks last year did so to cover the costs of Christmas.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) is concerned that ruthless loan sharks will try to cash in on the festive period as many families struggle to cope with rising food, fuel and energy bills this winter.

**Are you worried about someone who is being taken advantage of by a loan shark?
Contact the Stop Loan Sharks 24/7 Helpline on 0300 555 2222 for support
www.stoploansharks.co.uk**

costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk

- **Income Support**
- **Energy Bills—Cost of Living Payments**
- **Childcare Costs**
- **Household costs**
- **Childcare Costs**
- **Finding Work**



Help for Households

costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk provides access to contacts who can provide support for households.

Visit '**Discounts and Offers**' for hot meals for children for £1 and discounted children's meals at leading supermarkets.



Food Banks

Worcestershire

www.trusselltrust.org

**Worcester (Mon—Fri 10am—4pm)
0808 2082138**

7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester WR1 2RS,
UK

**Droitwich (Tues 12.30—2.30pm & Fri)
07532 130604 / 07532 130604**

Droitwich Baptist Church, Ombersley Street
East, WR9 8QS

**Redditch & Bromsgrove (Mon—Thursday
11am —2pm & Fri 10am— 1pm) 01527
69161**

Number 24, Church Green East,
Redditch, B98 8DE

**Malvern Hills Foodbank (Mon—
10.15am—12.45pm, Tues 1pm—
3.30pm, Thurs 10.15am —12.45pm)
07529 322985**

Unit 4, Spring Court, Spring Lane
South, Malvern, WR14 1AT

**Kidderminster (Weds 12.30—3pm,
Fri 12.30—3pm) 07469 216904**

Unit 9, Swan Shopping Centre, Black-
well Street, Kidderminster
DY10 2DP

Good News!



Heronswood

Primary School and Pre-School

Heronswood Primary have been working incredibly hard to raise funds and toys for less privileged families leading up to the festive season.

Gifts will be gratefully received by at the school until end of term .

Well done to all the team at

Heronswood Primary!

HAF IT! 2022

**READY STEADY
WORCESTERSHIRE**



Worcester

The Bugs Group, WR3

Children will take part in a range of sporting activities including football, dodgeball, cricket, dance and yoga, to name a few. Children will take part in fun games that will develop their confidence and their social skills, as well as their skills in different sports.
Age 5 -12

Sporting Your Futures, WR2

Multi sport camps consisting of football, fencing, archery, quick cricket, dodge ball, foot tennis, tennis, badminton, gaming, creative feelings workshops, arts and crafts as well as boxing and martial arts.
Age 5 -16

The Commandery, WR1

The families will be able to explore the sites as well as take part in a variety of activities. Some of the activities will be interactive sessions linked to the history of the building as well as Christmas crafts and trails. Each day at these 2 venues will consist of a facilitated activity, a meal and free time to play as well as opportunities for physical activity.
Age 5 -11

Sunflowers Holiday Club, WR4

Activities include pantomime, family Christmas fair, coffee morning and Christmas crafts.

Pampered Ponies, WR6

They will be offering ponycare, a woodland walk, christmas games and lunch.
Age 2 - 12

Lakeside Campus (University of Worcester), WR6

Due to be an outdoor venue there will be some team building, and bushcraft activities like cooking on an open fire and understanding how to work as a team. There will also be lots of Christmas activities such as decorating tin cans, making bird feeders, nature weaving, making wreaths, and playing games.
Age 6 - 15

Happy Healthy Kidz, WR2

Activities include football coaching sessions, dodgeball, tag rugby, multi sports, tennis, gymnastics, child yoga, self defence, free play sessions and arts and crafts.
Age 5 -14

Active Discovery Camps, WR3

Different themed day each day, to engage all young children and be fully inclusive to all. Making children active and engaged is important, they will offer wrap around care including food for those in greater need. Activities will include a Santa fun day, soft play, present reveal and much more.
Age 5 -12

Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club, WR3

Activities involve making Christmas wreaths, baubles, cooking festive treats and many other craft activities. All activities will be designed to develop the young people's social skills and wellbeing.
Age 3 -12

Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum, WR1

Will have an activity bag that children can collect and enjoy at the museum with their family. This will include a trail to explore the museum as well as activities and crafts. The children will also be able to get a meal during their visit to the museum.
Age 5 -11

Swan Theatre, WR1

Worcester Theatres will be providing a theatre school, with a winter theme. Each day they will be teaching young people new performance skills to help develop their confidence in public speaking. There will be an array of winter-themed games and activities for them to partake in. This includes working with scripts, devising their own scenes or making their own set and props. They aim to have young people perform a small performance each day, to either partners/guardians upon collection or to each other.
Age 5 - 16

Worcestershire Cricket, WR3

Sports and games including cricket, archery, netball, basketball, dodgeball, football and more.
Age 5 -11



Wychavon

The Bugs Group, WR9

Children will take part in a range of sporting activities including football, dodgeball, cricket, dance and yoga, to name a few. Children will take part in fun games that will develop their confidence and their social skills, as well as their skills in different sports.

Age 5 - 12

Gateway to FMA, WR11

They offer access to niche sports such as gymnastics, free running, trampolining and non-contact martial arts. There are fully qualified teachers that will deliver English, Maths, Science and Art based activities. The Christmas camps will also have a grotto set up and Santa appearances.

Age 4 - 16

Empower Active CIC, WR0 & WR11

For Christmas, as well as the usual sports and activities there will be Christmas themed dance and theatre, Christmas themed arts & crafts, Christmas cooking and making a Christmas Dinner, Visit from Father Christmas, street dance, Christmas Graffiti. Inflatable fun, Christmas disco and party games.

Age 5 - 14

Evesham Adventure Playground, WR11

A range of playful activities based on the adventure playground that children can drop in and out of during the session. Large free play outdoor space. Cooking and eating.

Age 4 - 15

Pershore Riverside Youth Centre, WR10

Fun Youth clubs with a range of Christmas activities - including gift making, card making, cooking and Christmas disco!

Age 7 - 16

KA Kits Academy CIC, WR9

KA Kits Academy will be providing children with a fun filled entertaining day, where children will learn new skills within new sporting sessions. KA Kits Academy CIC Ltd will be providing children with Winter Olympic sports which they may not have tried before.

Age 5 - 13

Shine Out Of School Clubs, WR11

Christmas holiday club.

Age 3 - 10

PAL Fitness & Education CIC, WR11, WR10 & CV37

They offer a wide variety of activities from cooking and arts & crafts to sports and the daily mile. Also offer SEND provision. Email info@pal-fitness-education.org.uk for more information.

Age 5 - 12

County Museum at Hartlebury Castle, DY11

The families will be able to explore the sites as well as take part in a variety of activities. Some of the activities will be interactive sessions linked to the history of the building as well as Christmas crafts and trails. Each day at these 2 venues will consist of a facilitated activity, a meal and free time to play as well as opportunities for physical activity.

Age 5 - 11

Energise, WR11

They are offering a multi-sport and a football session. Multi-sports is an approach to sports development that develops physical literacy through games and building understanding, creativity and confidence, in a fun, action packed, problem solving environment.

Age 5 - 12

Wyre Forest

The Football Fun Factory, DY11

Unique and exciting inflatable football experience. The camp will give the children the opportunity to be active, feel safe, have fun, create lifelong experiences and make new friends!

Age 4 - 12

Active Youth Outreach Services, DY10 - DY13

Activities include archery, crazy golf, scooter ramps, taekwondo, circus skills and much more.

Age 5 - 16

The Bugs Group, DY13

Children will take part in a range of sporting activities including football, dodgeball, cricket, dance and yoga, to name a few. Children will take part in fun games that will develop their confidence and their social skills, as well as their skills in different sports.

Age 5 - 12

