



# Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery Newsletter

'Love, Laugh, Learn'

02 December 2024. Autumn Term

## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome you into school last week for our Parent-Teacher Consultations. It was wonderful to share the amazing progress that our children have made throughout the Autumn term. The partnership between home and school is invaluable, and it's always a highlight to reflect on the achievements of each child together.

As we approach the festive season, it has been heart-warming to hear the magic of Christmas filling the school. Our children have been singing festive songs and practising for their Christmas performances. We are all looking forward to sharing these special moments with you soon.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Bottle Tombola by bringing in a bottle during Mufti Day. Your generosity has helped us build a fantastic collection ready for next Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

*Mrs Jenny Gascoigne*

Executive Headteacher



# Attendance and Punctuality



## Attendance award

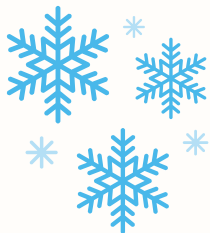


This week the attendance cup winner is:

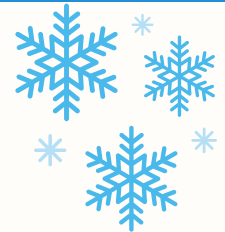
**Chicks 1**

**97% attendance**

**Well done!**



## Extraordinary School Closure



In the event of bad weather, or unforeseen operational difficulties, the Headteacher may take the difficult decision to close the school for all or part of a day. Every effort would be made to keep the school open or give parents as much prior notice as possible.

If the school must close part way through the day, for example because of a threat of freezing or dangerous conditions, then a text message and or a telephone call would be made.

In the event of severe weather parents need to listen to the radio stations giving out information on school closures:

BBC Radio Shropshire being the main source of information for our school.

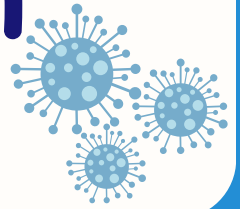
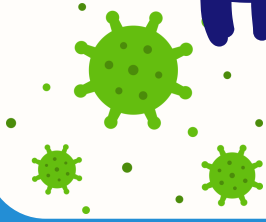
Details would be updated on the Telford and Wrekin website. Click on the links below:

[Telford and Wrekin School/Nursery Closures](#)

[We will also post on Facebook](#)



# Health Protection Advice



We've been asked by the Health Protection Hub to share the information below with you, to help keep everyone well as we head into winter:

## **Teaching good hygiene habits**

Parents/carers are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

## **Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school**

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay at home if they feel too unwell to attend and/or if they have a fever. They should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend. If they have diarrhoea and/or vomiting they should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up. Let the school know if your child is diagnosed with other illnesses such as scarlet fever and they can advise you how for long your child should stay off school.

## **Stopping the spread of stomach bugs**

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, washing hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

## **Getting vaccinated**

Infections such as flu, which see a seasonal increase in winter, are easily protected against with vaccination. All primary school age children, those aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) all 3 year olds and secondary school children from Year 7 to Year 11 are eligible for the flu vaccine. This will protect the children themselves, the school community and elderly relatives.

It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, you can check their "red book" or contact their GP.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to help manage winter illness at home.

Click [here](#) to access the guidance.

# Carols around the Tree



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Christmas Celebrations at Holy Trinity Church

Our Christmas celebrations have officially begun at school, and we are excited to continue the festivities with our Christmas Carols at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 20th December 2024. This year, we will be organising the carol services a little differently due to the number restrictions at the church.

The schedule for the carol services will be as follows:

- 9:15am – 9:45am – Reception (Chicks 1 and 2)
- 10:00am – 10:30am – Year 1 (Robins and Wrens)
- 11:00am – 11:30am – Year 2 (Swifts and Swallows)

For health and safety reasons, attendance at the carol services will be by ticket only, and we will be limiting the number of tickets to 65 per performance. Tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of one ticket per family.

Thank you for your understanding and support. All staff and children look forward to sharing this special celebration with you in the church!

**Paper letters will be sent out this week for you to complete a request for ticket form.**



# Coffee Morning Useful Links shared




the national sleep helpline

## Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

**03303 530 541**  
Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm

**NHS** Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

### Useful Information

Preparing fruit and vegetables: [www.bbc.co.uk/food/techniques](http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/techniques)



Access effective, evidence-based tools and resources to help you to establish healthy eating habits in your children  
[www.childfeedingguide.co.uk/tips/tips-tools/](http://www.childfeedingguide.co.uk/tips/tips-tools/)

Why 5 a day?  
[www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/why-5-a-day/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/why-5-a-day/)

Me-sized meals  
[www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/article/food-children-me-sized-meals](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/article/food-children-me-sized-meals)

The association of UK dietitians – let's cook videos  
<https://letsgetcooking.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/youtube-videos/>

Shropshire Community Health – Self Restricted Eating  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtJHyd\\_tD0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtJHyd_tD0)

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**NHS** Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

### Useful Sleep Information

<http://cwpcamhscentre.mymind.org.uk/mysleep-guide>

<https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/help-disabled-child-sleep/>

<https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/sleep-problems/about-sleep-and-mental-health/>

<https://www.sleepscotland.org/>

<https://www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk/>

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/sleep>

[https://contact.org.uk/media/389272/helping\\_your\\_child\\_sleep.pdf](https://contact.org.uk/media/389272/helping_your_child_sleep.pdf)




Improving Lives In Our Communities

EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT

Is your child a fussy eater?

Don't worry - help is at hand

## Child Feeding Guide

The Child Feeding Guide website and web app provide you with

- Tips to help you and your child enjoy happy, healthy mealtimes
- Tools to help you track your child's eating behaviour
- Advice on how to avoid common feeding pitfalls

Visit the website today:  
[www.childfeedingguide.co.uk](http://www.childfeedingguide.co.uk)

Loughborough University



Our next Coffee Morning will be in the Spring Term.  
The focus will be on Managing Behaviour at home. The date will be confirmed closer to the time.  
Please come along. We would love to see as many of you there as possible.



# Sports and Wellbeing

Puddle Ducks are running a free lesson fortnight for our Telford baby and pre school classes in December

**Monday 2nd and 9th December - Telford Hotel, Spa & Golf**  
**Tuesday 3rd and 10th December - Mercure Telford Centre Hotel**

Class times can be viewed on the pool pages here - <https://www.puddleducks.com/local-teams/north-west-midlands-south-cheshire/our-pools-classes> and free lessons can be booked by completing the form on our website <https://www.puddleducks.com/local-teams/north-west-midlands-south-cheshire/telford-free-trial-fortnight/> or contacting our office. 01952 872090



# Golden Lunchbox



The Class that received the Golden Lunchbox award last week was:

**Wrens and Chicks 1**

Well done for displaying our school expectations at Lunchtime and collecting the most amount of pom poms!

# Important reminders.

**Reporting your child's absence.**

Please call the school office on **01952 387860** before **8:40am**.

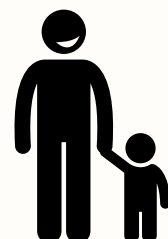
Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could

you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office.



**Collections.**

In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



# Pre-Loved Uniform Sale



**Watch this space for the next date!**



Click on the image to access our page



# Early Help



'There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few we can solve by ourselves.'

You can access our Early Help Page on our Website by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk/discover-our-school/about-us/early-help-offer>

## FamilyConnect Adult and Children Services

We enable adults, children, young people, parents, carers and professionals to get the right help at the right time.

You can contact us by:

 **01952 385385**  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

 **familyconnect@telford.gov.uk**

 **07537 453177**  
Text back service

[www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk](http://www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk)



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to create a better borough



Telford and Wrekin  
**FAMILY HUBS**

Family Hub services aim to make a positive difference to children, young people and their families by providing the right help at the right time. Family Hub Services are delivered through local centres where families can get free information, guidance and support on infant feeding, mental health, healthy lifestyles, parenting and many other services.

Click [here](#) to access the family hub website

### Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future  
Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051  
Follow on twitter @ShropPHNurse Open  
9am-4.30pm excluding bank holidays

### Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line

Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday  
0800-2100

**01743 237916**

Shropshire Community Health **NHS**







## Shrewsbury & Telford Family Grapevine Winter 2024

The Family Grapevine is a fantastic free source of information for local parents, carers and families. It has hundreds of listings in each issue, as well as a What's On section, competitions, and more.

Its main aim is to support local parents by helping them find relevant local businesses, organisations, support services and events.

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/shrewsbury-telford/magazine/the-shrewsbury-telford-family-grapevine-magazine-winter-2024/>

Date	Key Dates
4 December	<p align="center"><b>Farm on Wheels 'Nativity Animals' in school:</b> The Nest (Nursery) Chicks 1 and Chicks 2 (Reception)</p>
5 December	<p align="center"><b>Reception Educational Visit to Weston Park 'Festive Fun'</b></p>
<p>6 December 3:15pm-5:30pm</p>	<p align="center"><b>Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Christmas Fayre</b></p>
<p>9 December 10am</p>	<p align="center"><b>EYFS (Nursery and Reception) 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity</b> <b>DRESS REHERSAL: Parents with young children invited today</b></p>
<p>10 December 10am</p> 	<p align="center"><b>EYFS (Nursery and Reception)</b> <b>'Nursery Rhyme Nativity Performance</b> <i>More information to follow</i></p>
<p>11 December 10am</p>	<p align="center"><b>KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity'</b> <b>DRESS REHERSAL: Parents with young children invited today</b></p> 
<p>12 December 2pm</p>	<p align="center"><b>KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' Performance</b> <i>More information to follow</i></p>
<p>13 December 2pm</p>	<p align="center"><b>KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' Performance</b> <i>More information to follow</i></p>
<p>17 December</p>	<p align="center">Year 2 visit to the Pantomime at the International Centre <b>'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'</b></p>
<p>18 December</p>	<p align="center"><b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> <b>All children and Staff are invited to come to school in a festive jumper</b></p>
<p>18 December</p>	<p align="center"><i>Christmas Dinner for school lunch</i></p>
<p>20 December</p>	<p align="center">Finish for the Christmas Break</p>
<p>6 January 2025</p>	<p align="center"><b>PD day</b></p>
<p>7 January 2025</p>	<p align="center"><b>Spring Term Commences</b></p>

Don't forget to find out about your child's learning this week from the class page on the website.



Go to: <https://www.wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk>  
and click on the 'Classrooms' tab

## Term Dates

For more term dates please [here](#).





# Online Safety



You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13.

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.

If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls. PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. What should I be aware of? Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends. Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in[1]game upgrades or accessories.

Age Categories -This article discusses the difference in accounts based on age (under age 13 and aged 13 – 17): <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428367965460-What-happens-as-I-get-older-on-Roblox> Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - NEW Roblox have just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.'

The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit.

You can find out more here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ> Content Labels - NEW Roblox have begun labelling experiences based on the type of content rather than by age.

You can set limits on which content labels are accessible in parental controls. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted. You can find descriptions of each here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview> How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities: [https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to\[1\]Report-Rule-Violations](https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to[1]Report-Rule-Violations) What else can I do? Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.





# The Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Christmas Fayre



Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Infant  
School and Nursery (PTFA)

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Join us for a delightful afternoon of  
crafts, music, stalls & delicious treats.  
Experience the magic of the season  
with a special appearance from Father  
Christmas. We are looking forward to  
seeing you there!

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FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER  
3:15PM-5:00PM  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

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