



Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery Newsletter

'Love, Laugh, Learn'

15 November 2024. Autumn Term: Week 10

A Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful week here at school, and I'd like to share some of the highlights with you.

We kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Sock Day, which was a fun and memorable way to celebrate our uniqueness! The children have been learning about how each one of us is special, and they've shown a strong understanding of what bullying is through our **STOP** message – 'Several Times On Purpose.' It's been fantastic to hear the children discussing this and demonstrating their learning. We're also seeing some impressive anti-bullying posters that the children have created, which are proudly displayed around the school.

Our first week of Crossbar has been a hit! The children are thoroughly enjoying the new activities, and it's been wonderful to see them develop new skills with such enthusiasm.

Thank you so much for all the kind donations for Children in Need today. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and it's inspiring to see our school community come together to support such a worthy cause.

Finally, we're thrilled to have shared our recent Ofsted report with you. We're incredibly proud of our achievements, and we're grateful for your continued support. Together, we're committed to continually improving our school for the children and creating the best environment for their growth and success.

Wishing you a restful weekend

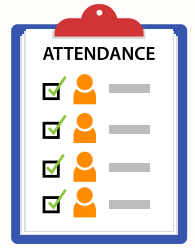
Mrs Jenny Gascoigne

Executive Headteacher





Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance award

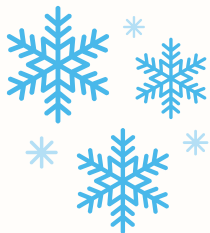


This week the attendance cup winner is:

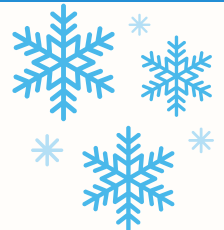
Wrens

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.

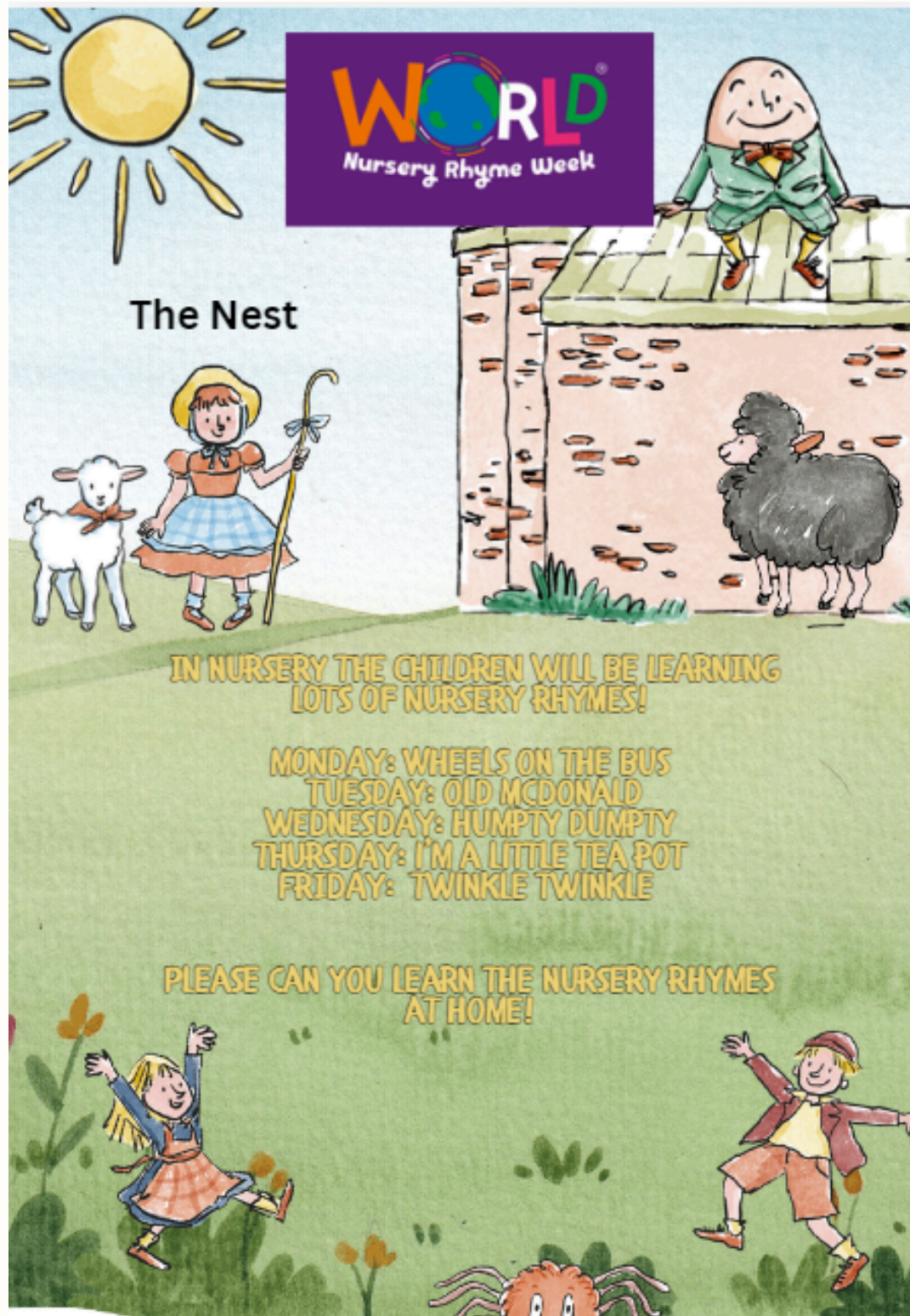
Getting vaccinated

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.

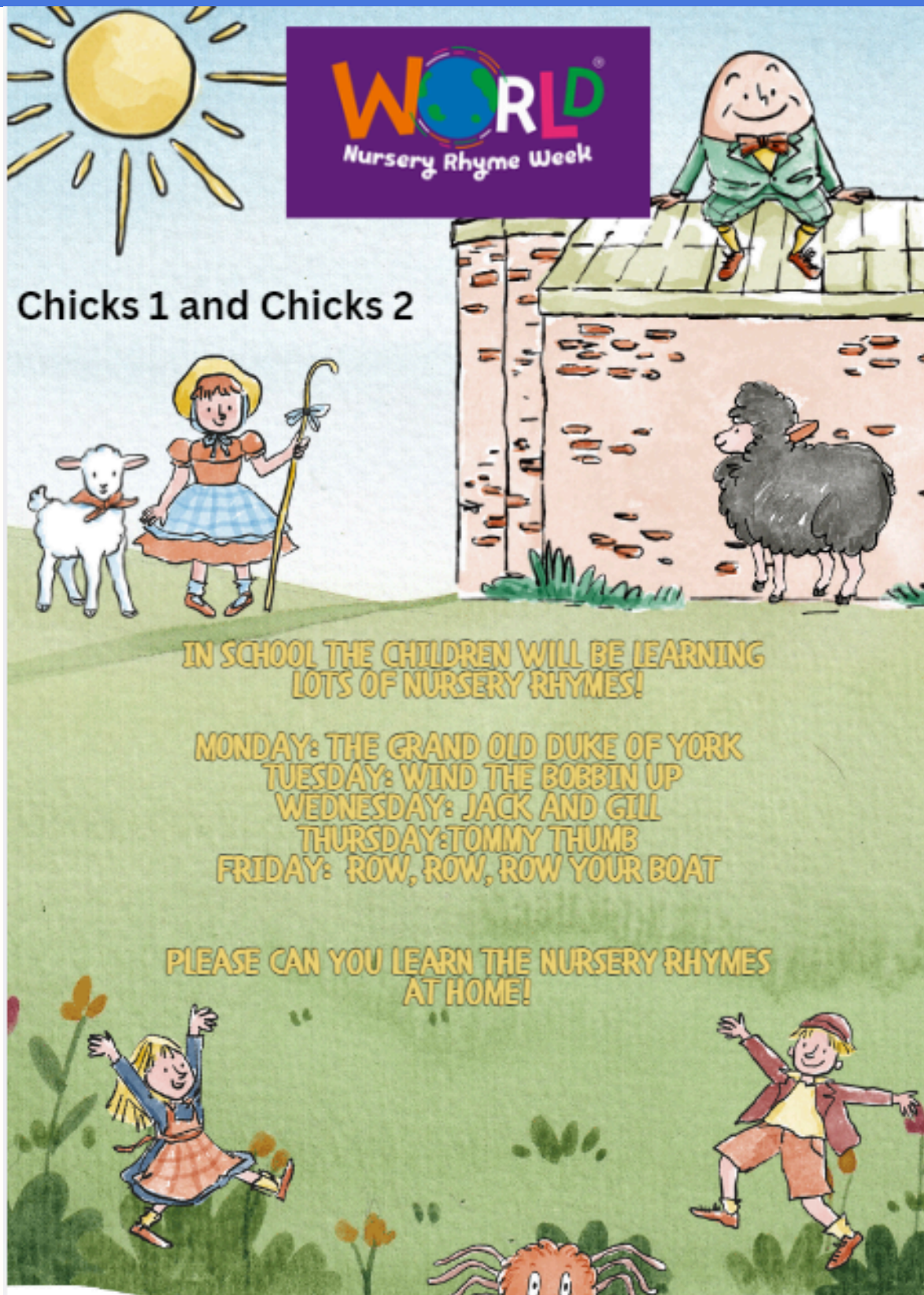
NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to help manage winter illness at home. Click [here](#) to access the guidance.

World Nursery Rhyme Week - The Nest



Click on the image to access BBC nursery rhymes.

World Nursery Rhyme Week - Reception



Click on the image to access BBC nursery rhymes.

Christmas Performances



With only 7 weeks until Christmas, we are busy planning and preparing for all the wonderful festivities, including our Christmas Nativity performances!

We are excited to announce that both EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be showcasing their performances this year:

- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) will be performing ***‘The Nursery Rhyme Nativity’***
- Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be performing ***‘Simply the Nativity.’***

Please note:

- Parents and carers with young children are invited to attend the dress rehearsals.
- The main performances are reserved for parents/carers/adults only.

Letters will come home next week to reserve your seats

EYFS/Nursery and Reception <i>The Nest, Chicks 1, Chicks 2</i>	Monday 9 December 2024 10.00am	EYFS Nursery Rhyme Nativity DRESS REHEARSAL ✓ <i>Parents and carers with young children to attend today.</i>
	Tuesday 10 December 2024 10.00am	EYFS Nursery Rhyme Nativity MAIN PERFORMANCE ✓ <i>Parents/Carers/Adults Only</i>
Key Stage /Year 1 and Year 2 <i>Robins, Wrens Swifts, Swallows.</i>	Wednesday 11 December 2024 10am	KS1 ‘Simply the Nativity’ DRESS REHEARSAL <i>Parents and carers with young children to attend today.</i>
	Thursday 12 December 2024 2pm	KS1 ‘Simply the Nativity’ MAIN PERFORMANCE <i>Parents/Carers/Adults Only</i>
	Friday 13 December 2024 2pm	KS1 ‘Simply the Nativity’ MAIN PERFORMANCE ✓ <i>Parents/Carers/Adults Only</i>

Golden Lunchbox



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



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

Important reminders.

Reporting your child's absence.

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

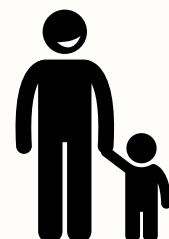
Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could

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



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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

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**

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



WOW

The Walk to School Challenge



We are excited to introduce the **WOW Travel Tracker** at our school as part of the WOW Walk to School Initiative. This innovative program encourages children to walk to school and rewards them for their active travel choices. Each day, children will log how they travel to school, and those who walk, cycle, or scoot at least once a week will receive special badges to celebrate their efforts.

Not only does this initiative help keep our children active and healthy, but it also teaches them about the importance of sustainable travel. Every step counts towards creating healthier lifestyles and a cleaner environment.

We encourage everyone to join in and make a positive impact by choosing an active way to travel whenever possible. Let's work together to make our school a healthier and greener place!

Click on the image below to find out more.





A Thank you message from the Church.

I would like to extend a thank you from the PCC of Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood for your amazing collection of food from the staff, parents, and children which we have put into the church for the work of our foodbank.

We are often humbled by the generosity of others and your donation has certainly blown us away. We are providing around 30 parcels a month and this donation will go a long way to helping us help those who come in to us in need.

Please do pass on our thanks to everyone who supplied something for the harvest collection and of course should you know of anyone who might be in need of our help in any way do send them over to us.

The church is open each morning Tuesday through Thursday between 9.00am and 12.00noon and there is always someone available to help.

Kerry Debenham
Administrator East Telford Benefice



Reporting Attainment and Progress.



We are pleased to inform you that the termly progress reports for your child will be sent home on **Thursday 21 November**. These reports provide valuable insights into your child's progress and achievements this term.

Additionally, our parent-teacher consultations are scheduled for the week commencing **25 November**. These meetings offer an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's learning in more detail.

Access the letters online, paper copies will come home on Monday
<https://wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk/parents-area/parentscarer-communication-hub>

For parents of children in The Nest (Nursery), we will be holding a special "Stay and Play" session during the week commencing **25 November**. This session allows you to join in with your child's learning activities and see their progress first hand.

Date	Key Dates
18-22 November	World Nursery Rhyme Week
21 November	Progress reports out to parents
W/C 25 November	The Nest/Nursery Parent Carer Stay and Play sessions
W/C 25 November	Parent/Teacher Consultations - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
29 Novmeber 	Non uniform day Donate a bottle for the 'bottle tombola' at the Christmas Fayre.
4 December	Farm on Wheels 'Nativity Animals' in school: The Nest (Nursery) Chicks 1 and Chicks 2 (Reception)
5 December	Reception Educational Visit to Weston Park 'Festive Fun' 
5 December 3:15pm-5:30pm	Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Christmas Fayre
9 December 10am	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity DRESS REHERSAL: Parents with young children invited today
10 December 10am	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity Performance' <i>More information to follow</i>
11 December 10am	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' DRESS REHERSAL: Parents with young children invited today
12 December 2pm	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' Performance <i>More information to follow</i>
13 December 2pm	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' Performance <i>More information to follow</i>
17 December	Year 2 visit to the Pantomime at the International Centre ' Goldilocks and the 3 Bears '
18 December	Christmas Jumper Day All children and Staff are invited to come to school in a festive jumper
18 December	<i>Christmas Dinner for school lunch</i>

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.**



Water Bottles

Even in cooler months it is really important that we drink water to stay hydrated.

Can children in Years 1 and 2 please remember to bring into school a named water bottle each day containing fresh water.

We do have water coolers in school so bottles can be replenished throughout the day.

Children in nursery and reception have access to water throughout the day from their class snack table.

Some upcoming learning events



Online Safety

Do you need suggestions on age appropriate games?

You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games. Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>

<https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



Among Us



This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. However, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise. Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

Screen time and your family

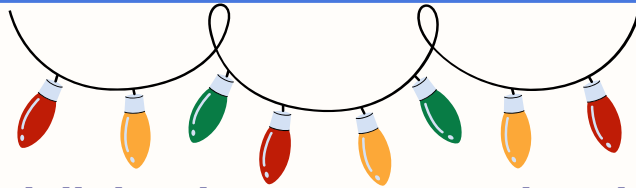
Vodafone discuss screen time and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>





The Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Christmas Fayre



We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery PTFA are busy organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre!

This festive event will take place on:

Friday 6 December from 3:15-5:30pm

To help support the Fayre, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 29 November**. On this day, we kindly ask that children come to school in non-uniform and bring a bottle for our bottle tombola.



Additionally, we are reaching out to local businesses for raffle prize donations. If you know of any local business that might be able to donate a prize, we would really appreciate your help in connecting us with them.



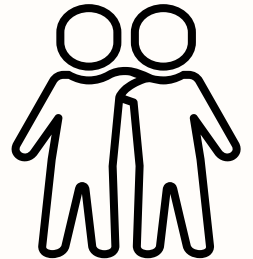
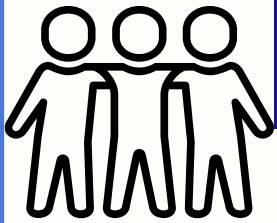
Thank you for your ongoing support. We're looking forward to a wonderful, festive event and hope to see you all there!



The Friends of Wrockwardine Wood PTFA

FRIENDS

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Are you interested in getting more involved in school life and helping to make a difference for our children?

If so, we would love to invite you to join our PTFA –
**The Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Infant School
and Nursery.**

The PTFA plays a vital role in organising events, raising funds, and supporting our school community in many ways. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your help and ideas are always welcome! It's a great way to meet other parents, get involved in fun activities, and make a positive impact on our children's experience at school.

If you would like to join or learn more, please register your interest by completing the MS form by clicking on the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/24HRg5kK0H>

We look forward to hearing from you!