

# WROCKERS' WEEKLY

This Half Term's Value — Friendship



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Year 3 Katie's Kitchen Christmas Biscuit Workshop.

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic time taking part in a festive workshop with Katie's Kitchen! The session was all about making delicious Christmas shortbread biscuits from scratch. Katie guided the children through each step, starting with mixing the ingredients to form the perfect dough. Along the way, pupils learned what happens when different amounts of ingredients are used and how this can change the texture and taste of the biscuits—a great hands-on Design and Technology lesson for our unit of Festive Biscuits!

Once the dough was ready, the children shaped their biscuits into wonderful festive designs. After baking, the fun continued as pupils decorated their creations. They used runny icing to help the fondant stick and added their own creative touches to make each biscuit unique. The workshop was a brilliant combination of cooking, creativity, and learning, and the pupils were proud to take home their tasty treats!



## Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils delivered a truly magical Christmas performance that filled the hall with festive cheer! The children showcased their talents through a wonderful mix of modern and traditional Christmas songs, beautifully recited poems, and even signed the classic Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, adding an inclusive and heart warming touch to the event.

A special highlight was the live piano accompaniment provided by Gayle from Music Heroes, which brought an extra sparkle to the performance and created a delightful atmosphere for everyone. The combination of music, poetry, and sign language made this a memorable and immersive experience for pupils, staff, and families alike.

Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm—it was a fantastic way to celebrate the festive season together.



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School  
"Love, Laugh and Learn"

## **Dates for your diary**

### Monday 15th December

Year 3&4 performance in the school hall. 10am and 2pm. 2 spaces per family to each performance. No charge and no ticket needed.

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Disco Year 3&4  
4:30pm-5:30pm £2.00 per child - see ParentPay to book. Sweets and drinks on sale on the night. Children to leave school normal time and return at 4:30pm please.

### Tuesday 16th December

Height & weight checks by the NHS - Year 6 only.  
See recent email to opt out if you wish to.

### Tuesday 16th December

Reindeer Relay during the school day. Sponsor forms already given out in aid of Severn Hospice

### Wed 17th December

Christmas Dinner for pupils and staff. Orders have already been taken. Please ensure your child has credit on their account.

### Wed 17th December

Disco Year 5&6  
4:30pm-5:30pm £2.00 per child - see ParentPay to book. Sweets and drinks on sale on the night. Children to leave school normal time and return at 4:30pm please.

### Thursday 18th December

Carols in church lead by year 5. Parents/carers of year 5 children welcome at 10am

### Friday 19th December

Non-uniform day - no theme and no donation needed.  
Break up normal time

## Wonderful Stage Performance

MB took part in her Stage Schools Christmas show last weekend. M took on the part of the Prince in Cinderella and absolutely nailed her performance as did all her friends! Well done M this is fantastic 😊



## Attendance Reporting Reminder for Parents

To help us keep accurate records and ensure your child's safety, please follow these steps when reporting attendance:

**Planned Absences:** Inform the school office in advance by phone or email.

**Unexpected Absences (e.g., illness):** Call the school as early as possible on the day of absence.

The Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School "Living life in all its fullness" challenge.

This week's challenge is to:

## Have a family talent show!

We would love to see your photos please email them to: [a3129@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3129@telford.gov.uk) or DoJo to your class teacher.



Class	This week's %	Target achieved	Dojos
3H	96.3%	😊	0
3LB	95.6%	😊	0
4D	95.8%	😊	0
4M	95.5%	😊	0
5B	96.4%	😊	3
5G	96.3%	😊	3
6S	93.5%	😊	0
6KS	91.6%	😊	0



Be an Attendance **HERO**  
Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time

## Book Balance

### Active Families

**What you need:** your favourite story

### How to play:

- Using your favourite story, pick out three characters and create a balance that represents each one e.g.



- Read through your story or ask someone else to!
- Each time the character is mentioned, hold the balance you have created for five seconds.
- Make this harder by holding your balance until the next character is mentioned!

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### MFL Phrase of the Week!

Here is our French phrase of the week!

We hope you enjoy practising and learning it at home!



Ma couleur préférée est...

My favourite colour is...



twinkl



## Year 5 Experience Christmas with Holy Trinity Church



Today we had visitors from our local church who taught us about the lead up to Jesus being born. We learnt about the journey that Mary and Joseph went on, starting with a visit from Angel Gabriel who told Mary that she was going to give birth to a baby boy and told her to not be afraid. Whilst on their journey, they had a difficult time but showed great resilience by not giving up and trusting in God. We were given pebbles and time to reflect on where we are on our own personal journey. We also learnt that Advent is a time for preparation. During this time, we light a candle each Sunday to show that Jesus is the Light of the World. This experience reminded us that Advent is not only about waiting, but also about preparing our hearts and lives for the hope and joy that Christmas brings.

Written by EJ and DC in 5G



### Christmas Craft Extravaganza

10AM-12PM, SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

Enjoy a welcoming, creative space for crafting all sorts of festive decorations and treats. We'll have plenty of materials, helpful guidance, and Christmas music! It's a lovely opportunity to connect and celebrate the season on a cosy Saturday morning.

### Best Bedtime Story

4PM, WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

A fun-filled Crib Service perfect for families and little ones, where we'll bring the Christmas story to life. It's all about celebrating in a relaxed, kid-friendly way before bedtime. So gather round, and let's share in the wonder of Christmas together!



### Parent Shadowing

Yesterday was really exciting because my dad came into school for our Love to Read lesson. Before we started reading, our teacher helped us go through some of the tricky vocabulary in this week's poem so we would understand them better. Then our teacher read the poem out loud first, and we all listened carefully. After that, we did echo reading, where we repeated each line after our teacher. I was then able to partner read with my grown-up and practise performing our poem: The Tempest. Some children then performed the poem to the class including me and my dad! It was really fun to have our grown-ups come into school and see what we do in our Love to Read!

Written by Elliot J 5G





### The Panto

The school had a lovely experience when the panto came! First, a Rat King appeared on stage making the whole audience laugh. Then an elegant Princess showed up on stage telling the crowd to boo, hiss and shake their hands when the Rat King is there. They then introduced a baker and in her bakery was a rat! The crowd shouted "It's behind you!" but the rat disappeared.

All of a sudden, the baker's son showed up and went on an adventure with his cat Tiddles. We all learnt a song called Sailing, Sailing. The song goes like this, "Sailing, sailing over the boundary main for many a stormy wind shall blow until we come home again!"

They met the Queen and kept telling jokes but she didn't laugh. She did laugh at the Kung Fu fighting though. When they got back, the hero proposed and the girl said yes! It was an amazing afternoon and so funny and entertaining.  
By AC and IH 6S

### Rudolph Relay

Next week, the children will be taking part in their Rudolph Relay to raise money for Severn Hospice. Some children have chosen to take sponsorship forms home to complete their donations; alternatively, please see right a QR Code to scan for the Just Giving Page to make your donation. The children will be given antlers to take home, a sticker and certificate so we are hoping every child can raise a minimum of £2. The child who raises the most per year group will be awarded a special prize and certificate. Thank you for your continued support.



**JOIN US FOR A FREE FAMILY BIKE RIDE**

**Christmas GLOW RIDE**

**18th December**  
**6:00 pm - 7:00pm**

**Book your free tickets at Tickets Telford and join the fun!**

To hire bikes email:  
thebikehub@telford.gov.uk

**Telford Bike Hub - Telford Town Park TF3 4EP**

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### Music Heroes Concert

MB, ZC and GM all took part in the Music Heroes Piano Recital at St Mary's Church in Shrewsbury. They were all amazing, a bit nervous but shone through and played beautifully. They were a credit to the school and MB even won in the raffle!







### - Wrockwardine Wood Infants preforms - A Midwife in crisis!

On Thursday, Year 3 had a very special trip to the Infant School to watch their Christmas play! We were amazed at how confident the younger children were. They sang their songs beautifully and remembered all their lines! Our favourite part was listening to all the lovely songs, the children sounded like angels. We loved every second of the play, it really got us into the Christmas spirit! By 3H



### Christmas Fair Success!

On Wednesday after school, we held our annual Christmas Fair, and what a fantastic event it was! Pupils showcased their creativity by selling wonderful products they had made in class, alongside a popular chocolate and bottle raffle, generously supported by donations from parents. These contributions followed two successful non-uniform days, and together, we raised an incredible £500 for the school!

A special thank you goes to Miss Steventon, who ran a stall in aid of Severn Hospice, raising an additional amazing £139 for this worthy cause. We are so grateful to everyone who donated, helped, and attended. Your support made this event a huge success and brought festive cheer to our school community. Thank you!



### Choir at Birkdale Care Home

This week, our school choir shared the joy of the festive season with the residents of Birkdale Care Home. The students have been rehearsing a selection of traditional carols and uplifting Christmas songs to bring warmth and happiness to the community. Visiting local care homes is a cherished tradition for our choir, and it's a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect with others, spread kindness, and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas. Music has a special way of bringing people together, and we hope our performance will create lasting memories for the residents and our students alike. We are proud of our choir for their dedication and enthusiasm, and we shared a magical morning filled with smiles, singing, and festive cheer!








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**Everyone welcome!**  
**Come in for a chat and a cuppa**

**Drop in to speak with a range of services offering FREE advice and information to support your health and wellbeing.**

**1st Friday of every month, Donnington Community Hub, 172 178 9.30-11.30am**

**Come and talk to us about:**

- Healthy lifestyle advice – blood pressure checks
- Caring, SEND and additional needs
- Help with using your phone, tablet or laptop
- Adult social care and independent living
- Wellbeing
- Cancer awareness
- Family Hubs – support, signposting and workshops for families
- Money Matter Benefits, debt and housing support
- Feeling isolated, anxious, or dealing with long-term condition
- Advice and support for people serving in the Armed Forces and Veterans



**For more information email [alan.watkins@thesilverthreadshall.org.uk](mailto:alan.watkins@thesilverthreadshall.org.uk)**



**Amazing Art Achievements**



A Festive Finale for Our Christmas Craft and Carolling Club

The final meeting of our Christmas Craft and Carolling Club was truly special. After weeks of practice and preparation throughout the half term, the children took their festive cheer out into the local estate, singing the carols they had worked so hard to learn. Their voices filled the evening air with warmth and joy, creating a wonderful community atmosphere. Thanks to the generosity of local residents, the children raised over 40% of their target for the Severn Hospice through kind donations. In addition, one resident kindly gifted a tub of sweets for the children to share—a gesture that added an extra sprinkle of sweetness to the occasion. The weather was kind, making the evening even more enjoyable. Every child was a true credit to the school, demonstrating enthusiasm, kindness, and community spirit. It was a lovely way to celebrate the season and the hard work they've put in over the term.



# TALENTED WRITERS CLUB

## Winter Wonderland

As the moon slowly reveals its winter frosted rings, all the animals know that it's that time of year. Food gathered elegantly around in their snuggly homes. Trees' leaves slowly but effectively littering their nature all around despite their crunchy bodies. A fiery sunset fills the sky with the colours ; red, orange and a golden yellow. Snow, dazzling in its soft sensation, is a marvellous sight to behold. Bright lights can be recognised from afar, red green and white for the Christmas effect.

EP 6KS

## A New Years Gift

Planting flowers in the garden,  
Her eternal despair masked with serenity,  
A friend stumbled in on the tranquillity smothered sight,  
Her friend spoke , puzzled "What are you doing?  
The girl chuckled softly and replied with an artificial smile,  
"It's a gift, but I forbid you to see it yet!"

JP 6S

## Advent

It's getting close to December 1st where everyone no matter what age opens the 1st door of mystery. All of a sudden - BANG! It's day 2 of a new mystery. Whizz! It's Xmas Eve! Crash!! "Aarh! Presents! Eek!" she cries. Turkey, presents, everywhere. All that's seen what could be said? Wow! It's New Year! Cheers! Make a wish! How? How? It was just December 1st....

I wish for Christmas every day.

MB 6KS

## Frost acrostic

Fall leaves all crunchy  
Ready to comfy coats and scarves  
Over the moon for snow  
Snow is the best thing to build a snowman  
Today you need to wrap up warm.

DJ 6KS

## Christmas

Christmas is coming  
The holidays are merry  
Christmas is here how  
Christmas full of surprise  
My dog loves Christmas  
Merry and always cheerful  
Love means Christmas now

EL 6S

## Winter Haiku

Snow is falling down  
Snowy days make me happy  
Snow is freezing cold.

EL 6S

## Christmas Day

Christmas day fills the air with snow, that covers the land. Feel warm next to the radiator with some hot chocolate and just think "Why is Christmas special?" Christmas is about family and spending time, not presents. So feel loved by your family and that is Christmas Day!

AG 5B

## Christmas Acrostic 1

Christmas time  
Holy night  
Remembering Jesus  
Important to have fun  
Special, just for you  
The time is festive,  
Merry Christmas  
Amazingly cold  
Santa is coming!

MB 5G

## Christmas Acrostic 2

Cheer  
Holiday  
Reunite  
In harmony  
Sing  
Tree  
Merry  
All together  
Santa

LJ 6S

# E-SAFETY SUPPORT

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

### FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

#### 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD

If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

#### 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This is really an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

#### 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS

One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

#### 4. KEEP NUMBERS\* AND DEVICES PRIVATE

Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

#### 5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'

Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

#### 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY

Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

#### 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS

Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

#### 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.

#### 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES

Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

#### 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF

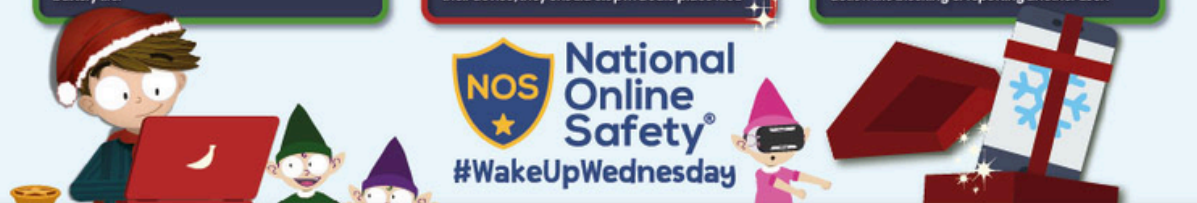
It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

#### 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS

It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

#### 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK

Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.



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