

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today with your children. Your donations will make a huge difference to disadvantaged children. Further information can be found [here](#).

I am delighted to announce several staffing changes at Churchfields from January:

Miss Davis will be returning from her maternity leave to teach Woodpecker class on Mondays and Tuesdays, alongside Mrs Pugh, who will teach the class from Wednesdays to Fridays. We look forward to welcoming Miss Davis back in term three. As this will mean Woodpecker class will again have full time teacher coverage, staff are considering how best to alter our wonderful curriculum enrichment activities to suit this new arrangement. We will update parents further on this later this term.

Mrs Marsh and Mrs Evans will become permanent members of the teaching staff, continuing to work in Nightingale and Robin class respectively for the same days as currently. They have been very welcome additions to our teaching staff so we are delighted they have been successful in receiving permanent contracts.

After a successful interview process, we have appointed Mrs Anna Robertson to the position of teaching assistant. Mrs Robertson will be working mainly in Nightingale class alongside current staff, although may branch out across other classes across both bases over time. A warm welcome to Mrs Robertson to the Churchfields family.

I would also like to publicly offer my thanks to parents, Mr and Mrs Gibbons, for their support when I was stranded recently as a result of the flood! I am very grateful to them for their help.

Thank you also to staff who gave up their evening recently to run a movie night at the Atworth base which was enjoyed immensely by the children that attended.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.

Birthday book

This week we were given

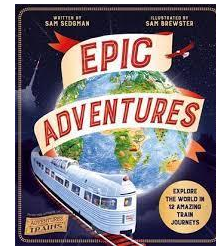
Bibi By Jo Weaver

Thank you to Georgia from Woodpecker class



Epic Adventures by Sam Sedgman

Thank you to Josiah from Kestrel



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Mathletics

Another healthy crop of mathletes earning their certificates this week and a special congratulations to Alexis M who joins the gold medal podium. Nightingales have become the first class to earn over 100 certificates in the year to date - congratulations!

Bronze : Daisy, Alice, Florence, Theo, George P, Oscar B, Ted L, Tomas, Hector, Harrison, Maddy J, Anna, Matilda, Bodhi B

Silver : Sam D, India, Isabella S, William, Oliver H, Henry H, Josiah, Rufus, Quita, George R, Joseph, Leighton, Bodhi PH, Emily J, Isabella R, Christina, Oscar BH, Sam F, Henry J, Esme, Jasper

Gold : Alexis G, Maddox, Alexis M, Harry

SEND transformation – workshops for parents/carers

Wiltshire Council is looking at future Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) spend and investment and are working to a plan which will help do this while improving outcomes for SEND learners in the county. We are hosting two face-to-face workshops with a buffet lunch and one online to ensure we get parents' views to help us with this. Please join us.

All councils in England have had sharp increases in (SEND) spending over recent years. There are many more children who have SEND needs than there used to be. We will continue to support children with SEND and young people in Wiltshire are our number one priority, but we are also working hard to ensure our spending is under control so we can have money to invest and improve services.

To help, we have joined a programme called Safety Valve which is a government supported programme that works with councils to get their SEND spend back in line. We have agreed to join the programme because we can get some additional investment into the county and we believe it will help us improve outcomes for learners here while we address the overspend. We have to send a plan to the government in December saying how we are going to change things here and we need your help in designing the plan.

Click on the link below to book your place at one of our three co-design workshops:

- "North" of the county - [Trowbridge Rugby Club, 21 November, 10am to 1.30pm](#)
- "South" of the county - [The Stones Hotel, 22 November, 10am to 1.30pm](#)

Online event - [Microsoft Teams, 23 November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm](#)

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FRIENDS OF CHURCHFIELDS EVENTS

- 7th Nov** **MOVIE NIGHT**
ATWORTH SCHOOL 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 10th Nov** **NON UNIFORM DAY**
PLEASE BRING PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA
- 22nd Nov** **CLOTHING COLLECTION**
PLEASE DROP BAGS OF CLOTHING AT SCHOOL
21ST NOV
- 25th Nov** **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
ATWORTH SCHOOL 12:00 - 4:00 PM
- 1st & 2nd Dec** **FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**
ATWORTH SCHOOL 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- 19th Dec** **CHRISTMAS DISCO**
ATWORTH SCHOOL 5:30 - 7:00 PM



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25th November
12 - 4pm

Full details to be announced soon!
To book a stall please email us
thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Churchfields The Village school, Bradford Road, Atworth

Christmas Fayre

CAN YOU HELP?

We need a few more volunteers to help with stalls and games. Can you spare an hour or two between 12 and 4 pm?

Or can you bake cakes or savoury snacks for our stall?

get in touch
thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF CHURCHFIELDS PRESENTS

CLOTHING COLLECTION

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL BY DONATING UNWANTED CLOTHING

22nd NOVEMBER

WHAT WE NEED (GENTLY USED CLOTHING) IN SECURED BIN BAGS →

ADULT & CHILDREN CLOTHING, PAIRED SHOES, HANDBAGS, BELT, TIES & ACCESSORIES

NO: UNIFORM, WORKWEAR, PILLOWS, DUVETS OR FABRIC PLEASE

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
ATWORTH RECEPTION AREA OR MONKTON FARLEIGH FOYER
FROM TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

SAVE THE DATE

AT MONKTON FARLEIGH
3-5PM

8th DEC

FILM & FUN

We will entertain the children whilst you can Christmas shop.

Mince pies and mulled wine or hot chocolate afterwards, so please stay 5-6pm

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th Nov 2023

Term dates for 2023/2024

Term 2: Monday 30 October – Wed 20 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 30 October - INSET DAY (school closed) 	Term 5: Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 06 May Bank holiday (school closed)
Term 3: Thursday 04 January – Friday 09 February	Term 6: Monday 03 June – Wednesday 24 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 24 July - INSET DAY (school closed)

Term 2

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Wednesday 22 November	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 29 November	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 30 November	WOW Day KS1
Friday 30 November	KS2 Christmas production rehearsal
Tuesday 05 December	KS2 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @church Hall
Thursday 07 December	Fdn/KS1 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @church Hall
Friday 15 December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Wednesday 20 December	End of Term 2

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with this information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not wise enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONQUERING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (or voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Briggs is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of over 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of *techradar* the weekend, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.





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#WakeUpWednesday

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Get fit. Get healthy. Have fun!

PHUNKY FOODS

For families of children aged 4-11 years.


Fun with Food

Fun **FREE** sessions bringing families together through cooking, eating together and learning how to make healthy, sustainable meals on a budget.



For more information or to book a space contact the Children's Centre central line on; 0800 970 4669 www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Join us at:
Trowbridge Museum, The Shires, BA14 8AT for 5 **FREE** sessions.
Attend one session or all of them!
Tuesdays
7th November - 5th December 2023
at 3:30pm - 5:30pm



Play football

Boys & Girls

RELAXED & FRIENDLY FOOTBALL TRAINING

EXPERIENCED COACH - NO CHARGE
NO BOOKING REQUIRED - BOOTS RECOMMENDED

ATWORTH RECREATION GROUND

Every Saturday 9:30 - 10:30am

All primary school aged children welcome

Christmas Concert

Saturday 16 December 2023

at **St Paul's Church**
Malmesbury Road
Chippenham SN15 1PS

Doors open at 18:30
Concert 19:00 till 21:30

Popular Christmas Songs and Stories with Singers from London's West End!

A bar will be serving refreshments before the event and during the interval

Tickets on sale on Eventbrite or through the Benefice Office at St Paul's

eventbrite.co.uk





The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal 2023

St Peter's church is helping this appeal by collecting **BRAND NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS AND GIFTS** for children aged 0 - 18.

Your gifts should be placed in Santa's Sack in the church porch which is open every day from 10am to 5pm.

The last date for your gifts is **Saturday, 2 December.**

Please note that the Salvation Army say they cannot give out any second hand or used items - even those that appear to be "in good condition."

Thank you for your support

