

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all members of the school community who were able to support last Saturday's Christmas Fair. The Friends and staff did a tremendous job on the day, all for the benefit of our pupils.

The fun continues next week with our Christmas productions. The children and staff are working incredibly hard to ensure these will be unforgettable evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wrap up warm!

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

## Mathletics

The number of gold certificates continues to grow this week with Oscar BH, Sam F and

Jasper moving up to the next level. Well done boys!

Whilst some mathletes are used to seeing their name up in lights every week, it's great to see some children gaining their first certificate this week and they will hopefully soon be getting the mathletics bug! I'm also pleased to report that Kestrels are the first class to pass an average of 4 certificates per person since the beginning of year. But most of the other classes are hot on their heels!

Bronze : Laurie, Ava, George P, Asahi, Kaya, Vinnie, Ryley, Coralie, Kit, Anna, Jude

Silver : Sam D, Oliver H, Henry H, Josiah, Florence, Quita, George R, Joseph, Leighton, Oliver CJ, Bodhi PH, Isabella R, Benjamin, Maddy J, Esme

Gold : William J, Alexis G, Rufus, Emily J, Maddox, Harry L, Oscar BH, Sam F, Henry J, Jasper

## Reception & KS1 (Yrs. 1 & 2)

You are warmly invited to our performance of

### CHILDREN OF THE WORLD



**On Thursday 07 December**

St Michael's Church Hall, Atworth

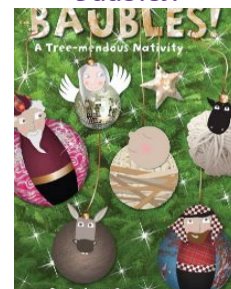
Dress Rehearsal: 1:30pm

Performances at: 4:00pm & 6:00pm.

## KS2 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6)

You are warmly invited to our production of

### Baubles!



**On Tuesday 05 December**

**ST Michael's Church Atworth**

Dress Rehearsal: 1:30pm

Performances at: 4:00pm & 6:00pm.

Full details and tickets have been sent out in book bags today

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T: 01225 703026

[www.churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.churchfields.wilts.sch.uk)

The school has a violin available for short term loans. This could be perfect for anyone starting violin lessons before investing in their own instrument. Please contact Miss Ottner if you are interested.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ACTIVITIES

Friday 15 December



Children from Monkton Farleigh will transfer to Atworth by coach in the morning at 9:45am and will be back at Monkton Farleigh for pick up at the end of the day. We have lots of Christmas activities

planned:

- ★ Children can dress in party clothes, Christmas jumpers or something festive!
- ★ Please supply a named cracker for your child/children

### The Big Ambition

The Big Ambition is a nationwide survey capturing children and young people's thoughts, opinions and ideas on their lives today and what they want the Government and policymakers to do to make their lives better.

The Children's Commissioner has a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of all children in England and to ensure that Government listens, so this is an opportunity for the children across England to have their voices heard ahead of the General Election, and to affect change for years to come. [Please access the survey here.](#)

**Calling all carol singers! Our annual festive tradition of serenading Atworth village will be taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 4.45 - 5.45pm. All are welcome to join us!**



# Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1 Dec 2023

## Term dates for 2023/2024

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

## Term 2

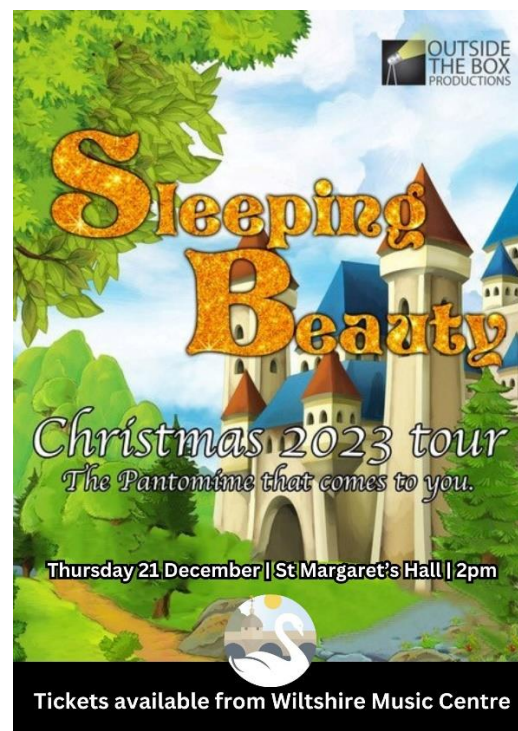
Term 2	
Friday 01 & Saturday 02 Festive Wreath making	FOCS event pre-booking required Workshops at Atworth 7pm – 9pm
Tuesday 05 December	KS2 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @St Michaels church Atworth
Thursday 07 December	Fdn/KS1 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @Church Hall Atworth
Friday 08 December	Monkton Farleigh Film & Fun 3pm – 5pm and Parents/Carers welcome 5pm -6pm Open to all .Contact Mf Reception by Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec if you wish to attend.
Friday 15 December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 December	No GEM Learner Atworth or Monkton Farleigh
Tuesday 19 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Tuesday 19 December	School Christmas Disco Atworth Base 5:30pm to 7pm
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 the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonlinesafety.com](https://nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

## What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm", and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools...

### WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

#### HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

#### ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

#### MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

#### HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

### NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

### REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

### AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

### What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: It's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

#### KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2024. An Ofcom consultation on "protecting people from illegal harms online" will be running until February 2024.

#### UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

#### REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

#### ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content: they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

#### WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

### Meet Our Expert

Luke Remondini is Senior Deputy Headteacher and Director of Safeguarding for the 11 business family of schools. He is regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, personal care and safeguarding. In 2021, he was named Headteacher of the Year at The National Awards for Headteachers in Education.








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Don't ignore the signs


# Meningitis and septicaemia


 **Severe headache**


 **Dislike of bright light**


 **Stiff neck**


 **Confusion and/or irritability**


 **Rapid breathing**


 **Vomiting/diarrhoea**


 **Seizures/fits**


 **Stomach cramps**


 **High temperature**

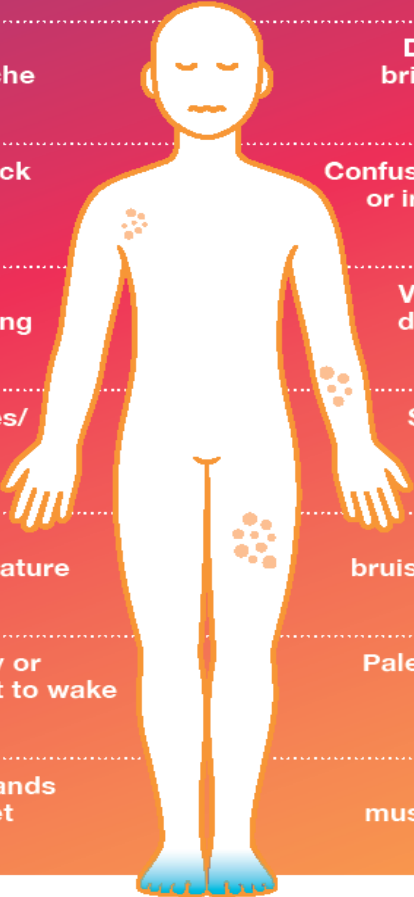
 **Rash/bruising rash**


 **Drowsy or difficult to wake**

 **Pale blotchy skin**

 **Cold hands and feet**


 **Joint or muscle pain**




 **Meningitis can kill in hours**  
 These are just some of the warning signs. If you are worried for yourself or someone else get medical help immediately. Call NHS 111.

**Find out more:**

Find out about the MenACWY vaccine  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/)



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