

Dear Parent/Carer,

What an amazing week we have had at Churchfields, continuing to celebrate Christmas! Dave, the Magician wowed the children on Tuesday, and I hear his balloon skills were second to none! It was lovely to see the children coming into school with their Christmas jumpers on ready for a day of festive activities and a traditional dinner for those that opted for it. I am sure they will all enjoy the day.

We are looking forward to our Christmas carol service next Tuesday afternoon from 1:15pm in St Michael's Church. As always, parents and families are most welcome to join us for our final celebration of the calendar year.

As this will be the last newsletter of this calendar year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the whole school community for your ongoing support and wish you a very merry Christmas and peaceful 2024.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher

Gold : William J, Oliver H, Rufus, George R, Joseph, Leighton, Alexis M, Oscar BH, Jasper, Emily J, Henry J

Platinum : Alexis G, Maddox, Harry L



This week we would like to say thank you, to Eloise in Nightingale Class for her birthday book - The Magic Faraway Tree - A New Adventure by Jaqueline Wilson



### Friday 15 December Christmas Dinner

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!
- ☆ **The PTA are kindly donating crackers for every child this year. The crackers are environmentally kind and already in school for our magical day!**

### Mathletics

Leighton takes his place on the gold medal podium, which is slightly less crowded this week as our three most fanatical mathletes move up to the brand-new Platinum award! Nearly one third of the school have earned a certificate this week, so we certainly love mathletics. Well done everyone.

Bronze : Theo, Ava, Asahi, Kaya, Clara, Martha, Penelope G, Jude, George P, Finlay, Anna  
Silver : Sam D, Ted E, Ted L, Vinnie, Hector, Hattie D, Josiah, Tomas, Benjamin, Maddy J

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UK Health Security Agency **Norovirus**

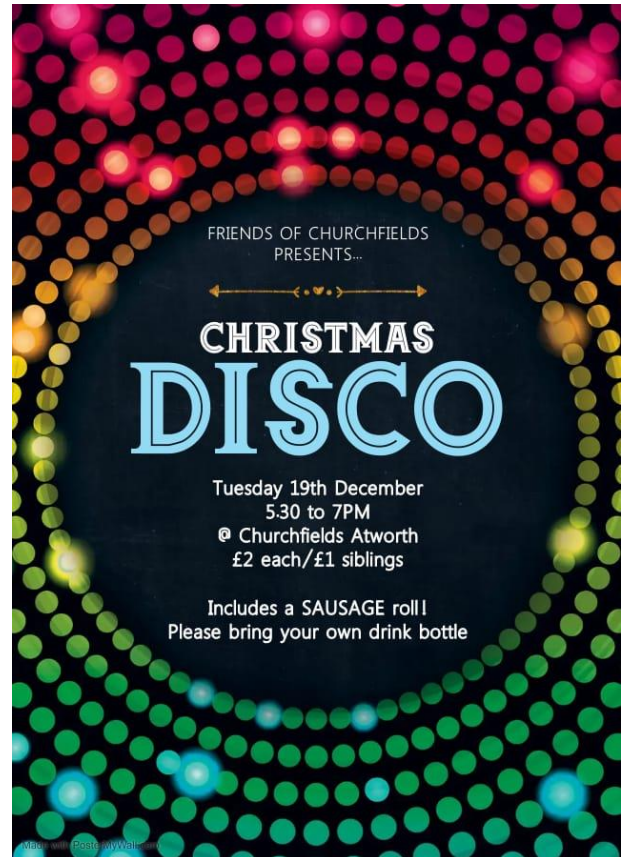
**If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear.**

**DO**

- Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C
- Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants

**DON'T**

- Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals
- Prepare food for others



FRIENDS OF CHURCHFIELDS PRESENTS...

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Tuesday 19th December  
5.30 to 7PM  
@ Churchfields Atworth  
£2 each/£1 siblings

Includes a SAUSAGE roll!  
Please bring your own drink bottle

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December Carol Singing Atworth Village



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 children taking part need to be accompanied by an adult please.

All are welcome to join us!

The vaccination can still be accessed in our community clinics, so please do encourage **any parents who would still like their child to be vaccinated** to make an appointments using our choose and book link as soon as possible -

<https://schoolimms.hrcgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/book>



**Measles is circulating**  
Have you had your 2 doses of MMR?  
Check now, and get up to date with your routine vaccinations

## 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>
<b>Term 4: 19 February – Friday 28 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INSET DAY Monday 11 March</li> </ul>	

Term 2	
Friday 15 December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 December	<b>No GEM Learner Atworth or Monkton Farleigh</b>
Monday 18 December	Carols around Atworth Village 4:45pm – 5:45pm
Tuesday 19 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Tuesday 19 December	School Christmas Disco Atworth Base 5:30pm to 7pm
Wednesday 20 December	<b>End of Term 2</b>
Term 3	
Thursday 4 January	Start of Term 3
Monday 08 January	School Clubs restart this week
Monday 8 January	Wow day KS2 Atworth Base
Friday 12 January	Spirituality Day Whole school event Atworth base
Monday 5 – 9 February	E- Safety Week
Tuesday 06 February	Dance Festival Bath Forum
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 09 February	End of Term 3

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Term 4	
Monday 19 February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 7 March	World book day
Monday 11 March	<b>INSET DAY</b> school closed to pupils
Monday 11 March to Friday 15 March	STEM week
Friday 15 March	Red Nose day (Comic Relief)
Monday 18 March to Friday 22 March	No Teacher led clubs
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening until 7.30pm
Thursday 21 March	Parents Evening until 6pm
Tuesday 26 March	Easter Service St Michael's Church 1:15pm
Tuesday 26 March	Easter Concert after school
Thursday 28 March	End of term 4

## Crib service on Christmas Eve



Our crib service will be held at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve at St Peter's church, Monkton Farleigh.

All children, who would like to, are welcome to come dressed as angels, shepherds, kings etc. There will be a gift and a juice and chocolate for children.

Adults will be served mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

**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

Friends of Great Chalfield

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**  
Starts 10.am till 3.pm

at Great Chalfield Manor in the Great Hall and in the courtyards

There will also be carols in the Great Hall and a variety of Christmas food, drink and cake stalls with more stalls for presents to buy around the open fire and a large Christmas tree. Food & coffee available from the Greatest Little Coffee Box on Earth.

Requested donations - Adults £5, Children free  
Call 01225 703239 for details  
<https://www.greatchalfield.co.uk>  
SN12 8NH

OUTSIDE THE BOX PRODUCTIONS

# Sleeping Beauty

Christmas 2023 tour  
The Pantomime that comes to you.

Thursday 21 December | St Margaret's Hall | 2pm

Tickets available from Wiltshire Music Centre

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# BATH BASKETBALL

**New community-based basketball club in Bath looking to provide basketball experiences for all!**



**WHAT WE OFFER:**

- **Junior sessions with elite coaching from our Director of Basketball - Antonio Wilburn and our Community Coaches.**
- **The ONLY National League Basketball team in Bath. Come and support our Senior Mens team when they play on Saturday nights at Prior Park College.**
- **Coaching, officiating and volunteering opportunities if you'd like to get involved.**

Visit our website and social medias below to keep update with all things Bath Basketball.

**Junior Basketball Sessions:**

Age Group	Time	Venue
Boys School Years 10-13	Monday 7:30-8:30PM	King Edwards School
Mixed School Years 5-9	Sunday 9:00-10:00AM	Founders Hall, University of Bath

**bathbasketball.info@gmail.com**

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## 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter – at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season – Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!



**CHRISTMAS CRAFTING**

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

**WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND**

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

**NATURE QUEST**

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

**BE A SEASONAL CHEF**

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

**CAROL KARAOKE**

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

**ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY**

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

**WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE**

Peer about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

**SNOWY SCULPTURES**

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

**TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING**

Jet down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

**GAMES NIGHT GALA**

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

**WRAP IT UP**

Take time to get inventive with some hazardous gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

**GOODWILL TO ALL**

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

**Meet Our Expert**

Maria Ahmed designs and delivers the UK's very specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering behaviour leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive environments where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.






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