

## Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

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### Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I wanted to say well done to all the pupils who participated in the cross country event at Stonar last week. Everyone tried their very best, and the cheerleading was so enthusiastic that it made it really hard to get a good photo as pupils went past as it added a burst of speed to their run!! We are so proud, not only of their achievements but also for the polite and respectful behaviour that they all displayed and how they not only cheered on Churchfields, but the other schools too.

This week, we observed Remembrance Day to honour the brave individuals who served in wars to protect our freedoms. Everyone reflected together, with our poppies and observed the silence. It was a chance to learn about respect, courage, and the importance of remembering their sacrifices. Our pupils have been praised in their conduct at our Remembrance Day events.

Good news! We have made real progress in starting the new Breakfast Club; The Early Birds, at Atworth. There are still a number of administrative checks that need to be made, but we hope to start in January - we will let you know the details as soon as we can!

Finally, happy very special birthday to Mr Fatcher! I know many of you wished him well this morning. All the school at Atworth were able to sing him happy birthday, and staff celebrated with him at break time.

Best wishes,

Heather  
**Heather Saunders**  
Head of School



### Christmas celebrations in school

#### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

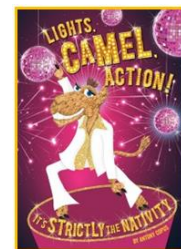
**Nativity nightmares!** Tuesday 10 December KS2 (Yrs. 3-6)



St Michael & All Angels Church  
Atworth

Dress Rehearsal: 1:30pm open to siblings and grandparents only  
Performances at: 4:00pm & 6:00pm.

**Lights, Camel, Action** Thursday 12 December R & KS1



St Michael's Church Hall, Atworth

Dress Rehearsal: 1:30pm open to siblings and grandparents only  
Performances at: 4:00pm & 6:00pm.

**ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TIRED CHILDREN & SIBLINGS CAN COME TO SCHOOL A LITTLE LATER – THEY NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL BY 9:30am. CHILDREN ARRIVING AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE MARKED AS LATE IN THE REGISTERS.**

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Tuesday 17 December, 1:15pm, St Peters Church, Monkton Farleigh

Parents & carers are most welcome to attend our carol service, and **(to be confirmed the PTA will be serving tea & mince pies afterwards in the school hall at Monkton Farleigh.)**

### Change to Dinner menu on Tuesday 17 December

Beef burger & herby diced potatoes or veggie burger & herby diced potatoes

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings

Pudding is a cookie **or** Fresh fruit **or** yoghurt

### Christmas Dinner Menu Whole School

**Wednesday 18 December**

#### Main Course

Roast turkey with pigs in blankets & stuffing balls\* OR  
Roast Quorn fillet (V)\*

Served with

Roast potatoes, Fresh seasonal vegetables  
Gravy

#### Dessert to be chosen on the day

Christmas pudding OR  
Strawberry ice cream sundae OR

Yoghurt, fresh fruit OR  
Dairy free ice cream

*\* Dietary requirements catered for – if your child doesn't normally have cooked lunch at school please let the office know if any food allergies or intolerances need to be updated*

**REMEMBER:** school dinners are free for  
Reception, Yrs. 1 & 2

**PLEASE BOOK VIA PARENT PAY BY MIDNIGHT  
SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ACTIVITIES DAY



**Wednesday 18 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!
- ★ To round up the day's activities there will be a show in the church hall

**Please remember - there will be no facility to order a meal on the day and jacket potatoes will not be available.**

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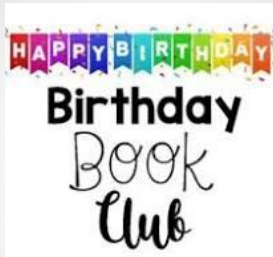
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We would like to say thank you to  
Josiah Kestrel class  
Atlas of Animal adventures



This week's crop of dedicated mathletes - well done everyone!

Bronze : Elijah, Mali, Branwen  
Silver : Henry H, Ted E, Ellis, Scarlett, Josiah, Quita, Isabella R, Coralie, Jude, Esme, George R, Vinnie, Morgan, Anouk, William J, Joseph, Emily J, Hattie D, Henry J, Jasper, William CJ  
Gold : Rosemary, Jason, Leighton, Oliver CJ, Benjamin CJ, Jazmyne, Alexis G, Maddox, Felix

**CHRISTMAS TREES**  
From Southview Farm & Nursery  
SN13 8JJ (just off Fiveways)

Choose Type and Size (cm):

Nordman Fir Non-Drop\*

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| 125-150 | £35.00 |
| 150-175 | £43.50 |
| 175-200 | £51.50 |
| 200-225 | £57.50 |

\*Pickup 30th Nov or 7th Dec

Norway Spruce\*

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| 150-175 | £23.00 |
| 180-210 | £27.00 |
| 210-240 | £38.00 |

\*Pickup 14th Dec

Payment details  
Churchfields the village school pta  
40-44-33  
91812629  
Please reference your name

*Order by Friday 15th November to  
thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com*



**CHURCHFIELDS SCHOOL**

**Christmas Fayre**

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

**12 - 4 PM**

**Stalls • Games**  
**Festive Food & Drink**  
**Santa's Grotto**  
**Donkeys • Carol Singing**

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*Friends of Churchfields present...*

**Festive Wreath Making Workshops**

**SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER**  
2.30-5pm / 6.30-9pm

Search "Churchfields" on Eventbrite  
Or email [thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com)

**£35** Includes all materials,  
glass of fizz & mince pie

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### Term dates for 2023/2024

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| <b>Term 2: Monday 4 November – Fri 20 December 2024</b>  | <b>Term 3: Monday 06 January 2025 – Friday 14 February 2025</b> |
| <b>Term 4: Monday 24 February – Friday 04 April 2025</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INSET DAY Friday 21 March 2025</b></li> </ul>  | <b>Term 5: Tuesday 22 April – Friday 23 May 2025</b>            |
| <b>Term 4: Monday 02 June – Tuesday 22 July 2025</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INSET DAY Wednesday 23 July 2025</b></li> <li><b>INSET DAY Wednesday 24 July 2025</b></li> </ul> |   |

| TERM 2                      |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Saturday 23 November        | Christmas Fair Atworth 12 noon – 4pm  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov | NCMP nurse Reception and Year 6 Health screening  |
| Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 Nov  | Bikeability year 6  |
| Friday 29 November          | Yr 6 Hockey   |
| Saturday 30 Nov             | Wreath making (FOCS)  |
| Monday 02 Dec               | Open day both sites<br>Atworth 10-12 Craft morning<br>Monkton Farleigh 1pm -3pm Craft morning |
| Thursday 05 Dec             | Christmas Film Night  |
| Friday 06 Dec               | School nurse<br>Whole school Flu immunisations  |
| Friday 06 December          | Christmas Fair Monkton Farleigh 3pm-5pm   |
| Tuesday 10 Dec              | KS2 Production 4pm/6pm TBC  |

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| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Egg Theatre trip(pm)                   |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | R/KS1 Production 4pm/6pm TBC           |
| Tuesday 17 Dec                 | Carols St Peters Monkton Farleigh 1:15 |
| Wednesday 18 Dec               | Christmas Dinner                       |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Carols St. Michaels Atworth 1:15       |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | End of Term 2                          |








 **Melksham Family Night**   **Date:** Friday, 29th November



 **Time:** 6 PM - 8 PM

 **Location:** Assembly Rooms, Melksham

Come along for a fantastic family-friendly evening hosted by the **Melksham Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)**! This event is all about bringing the community together, supporting children and young people; showcasing the resources available to keep them active, engaged, and safe.

**\*\*\*What's on offer?\*\*\***

-  Bike Marking by Melksham NPT - just in time for Christmas!
-  Meet the Police Cadets
-  Engage with local youth services like 4Youth and Youth for Christ
-  Discover clubs like Melksham Swimming Club and Melksham Football Club
-  Connect with support organisations such as Spurgeon's and the Wiltshire Police Youth Offending and Neighbourhood Harm and Reduction Teams
-  Chat with Town Council representatives about community initiatives
-  Snap Fitness - they will be offering exclusive discounts for those who sign up on the night!

Bring the whole family along, learn about local resources, enjoy the activities, and discover new ways to support and inspire our young people.  **We can't wait to see you there!** 

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

- 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING**  
Courses like *Sikability* are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began. There are *Sikability* courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.
- 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE**  
Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then keyrings or trikes, handcycles or other adaptive cycles to see what works best.
- 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE**  
Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.
- 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE**  
It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.
- 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR**  
Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.
- 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN**  
Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even paths that you can cut through.
- 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS**  
For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.
- 8 AVOID PARKED CARS**  
When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle least starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.
- 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'**  
Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers. In case anything goes wrong along the way, team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you!
- 10 HAVE FUN!**  
Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Encourage children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

**#WakeUpWednesday** **The National College**

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/teaching-cycle-safety>

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