

## Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

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**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**

Friday 29 November 2024

### Dear Parent/Carer

What a week! Thank you for your patience Monday and Tuesday. Staff were out trying to get into school but were defeated by the water!

A huge thank you to staff for pulling together all the home learning for the second day of floods and thank you to pupils who participated in it! It has been lovely to get back to school though and see all the children again.



Thank you to FOCs, staff and pupils who did an amazing job with the Christmas Fair last Saturday; there were so many stalls and so many visitors, despite the terrible weather. It was a lovely atmosphere and a brilliant way to start the festive period.

And because you can't have too much of a good thing...why have just one Christmas fair, when you can have two...? Don't forget that on Friday 6th after school, Monkton Farleigh base will be having our second Christmas fair, so hopefully many of you will be able to attend that too.

On Monday we have our Christmas Craft Open Day, so if you know anyone who is looking to start school next year or the following year, do encourage them to come along and have a look around. I do hope that you have all seen the recent Facebook post for this – thank you Miss Ottner; very talented directing and editing!

There are a lot of Christmas events coming up this term so do keep checking the website and Facebook for reminders.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

Heather

**Heather Saunders**

### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

**Tickets have gone out this week.  
Please check your child bag.**

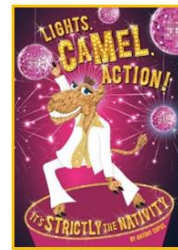
**Nativity nightmares! Tuesday 10 December KS2 (Yrs. 3-6)**



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

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and grandparents only  
Performances at: 4:00pm & 6:00pm.

### CAROL SERVICE

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

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

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### Mathletics

Another successful week with a whole crew of golden girls and boys moving up to the next podium. These mathletes have shown real dedication by earning a certificate every week of the school year. Fantastic effort all of you.

Bronze : Clara, Isabella S, Martha, Ezra, Mali

Silver : Alexis M, Freddie S, Ted E, Oscar BH, Ellis, Oliver H, Henry H, Isabella R, Coralie, Esme, Josiah, Rufus, Quita, George R, Morgan, Christina, Jude, Vinnie, Anouk

Gold : William J, Joseph, Emily J, Hattie D, Henry J, Jasper, William CJ, Rosemary, Jason, Leighton, Oliver CJ, Benjamin

Platinum : Alexis G, Maddox, Felix

### Message from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Following on from Storm Bert and Storm Conall the met office has now predicted a sudden drop in temperature. To help keep yourself, your family, friends and neighbours and others safe please consider reminding yourself of the following advice:

#### Road Safety

[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Driving in adverse conditions](#)

[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Winter driving checklist](#)

#### Home Safety

[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Storms and power cuts](#)

[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Staying warm safely](#)

#### Water Safety

Stay away from flooded or swollen rivers, and the coast in storm conditions

Keep dogs on leads around water

Keep children away from water and ice

If somebody (or animal) is in trouble in the water never go in the water to rescue them yourself, Call 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service (if inland) and coastguard (if at the coast)

#### Where are you?

Consider downloading what3words on your mobile phone to help give an accurate location should you need the emergency services when out

Best Wishes

Tess Cross

Education Manager

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

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### Term dates for 2023/2024

<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> <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> <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 30 Nov	Wreath making (FOCS)
Monday 02 Dec	Open day both sites Atworth 10-12 Craft morning Monkton Farleigh 1pm -3pm Craft afternoon
Thursday 05 Dec	Christmas Film Night
Friday 06 Dec	School nurse Whole school Flu immunisations
Friday 06 December	Christmas Fair Monkton Farleigh 3pm-5pm
Tuesday 10 Dec	KS2 Production 4pm/6pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Egg Theatre trip(pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	R/KS1 Production 4pm/6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	NCMP nurse Reception and Year 6 Health screening
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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

**Crib Service**  
St Peter's Church  
Monkton Farleigh  
Tuesday 24th December 2024  
at 4pm



**All welcome**  
Children are very welcome to dress up

**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  
01812629  
Please reference your name

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



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Churches of North  
Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

### Advent Activity Tea

**Sunday 8th December 3:30-5pm**  
**St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley, BA15 2NN**

Join us for Christmas crafts, games and activities with a delicious festive tea, including mulled wine and mince pies for the grown ups!

Fun for all the family!  
No charge but donations welcome.

No need to book but do let us know if there are any dietary needs to cater for.  
Contact Zoe at [zyeomans@gmail.com](mailto:zyeomans@gmail.com)



Attending school every day puts **you** on the right path to achieving **your** goals.

**#EverySchoolDayCounts**

**Wiltshire Council**

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All 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).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

**SNAP STREAK**  
97 DAYS

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

#### PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

#### MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

#### SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

#### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account, their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

#### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or misquoting or someone else.

#### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

#### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.






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