

I hope you all had a lovely half term. On their return to school, the children have had great fun playing outside in the wind with the Autumn leaves. Thank you to everyone who voted for our new school vision statement. We had over 130 responses from parents, staff and Governors. The favourite one was...



The Leadership Team were really pleased with the result and we all feel that this matches our beliefs and values as a school really well. We now want to add this to our school identity by updating the website, signs and paperwork that we use.

Evidence for Learning's Parent Portal is the software we use to share children's learning with you all at home. Evidence for Learning have created an app for parents to have quicker, easier access to their child's learning. We are hoping to launch this in January for you all. To do this unfortunately we have had to switch off the parent portal. This is so we can set up the app and create new logins for you all. Once this is ready we will send you all instructions on how to download and use the new app — watch this space!

This year we are continuing our work with Blossom Children's Occupational Therapy. We have also started working with Powerful Voices Speech and Language Therapy. This is to enhance the statutory services we receive from the NHS and to improve our provision across the school. The therapist will be working in class, supporting teachers and the class team in developing their practice to support the children's individual needs. On occasions they will work with individual and small groups of children to enhance the provision we already receive from the statutory services.



Pupil Premium

In school we can receive additional funding through the pupil premium grant if your child qualifies for free school meals. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (annual net income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying)

If you think you qualify but haven't applied, please click on the link below.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Car Park

Our car park is extremely busy at the start and end of the day. Please can you help us by driving slowly and safely.

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We are continuing to have a number of maintenance issues with the pool. Currently our biggest problem is that our chair hoist into the pool and the heating system are both broken. We have liaised with the premises team at the Local Authority and they are hopefully going to support us in getting the pool back to a better work state so our pupils can access it. Thank you for your patience with this current challenge.

Thank you for sending in donations for the Hope Centre as part of our Harvest Assemblies. These were delivered over half term and they appreciated our ongoing support.



Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November. The theme is The Great SPOTacular. We are asking children to come to school dressed in spots and to donate £1.

We understand that for some children this can be tricky so if you'd like to send something in their bag or they would rather wear school uniform that is fine. The children will be taking part in children in need activities in class.

Exciting News

We just wanted to let you know that Jen Steptoe had her baby in October. Imogen Lily arrived in half term and the Steptoes are very much enjoying being a family of three.

Coffee Morning - Please come and join us for a coffee and a chat on Thursday 24th November 9.30 - 11am



Christmas Performance

Over the past few years we have put on a sensory performance for the children to enjoy at Christmas. This year we are pleased to invite you to join in with this experience with your child.

The productions are based on the winter story the children have been learning about in their English session. Each class has their own performance to give the children the time and opportunity to be fully immersed in the experience. Unfortunately we can only accommodate 2 adults per child and siblings are unable to attend. The timings for the performance are as follows

The Snowman		The Nutcracker	
Otter	7th December 2022 - 9.30am	Squirrel	13th December 2022 - 9.30am
Duckling	7th December 2022 - 11am	Deer	13th December 2022 - 11am
Dormouse	7th December 2022 - 1.30pm	Fox	13th December 2022 - 1.30pm
Mole	8th December 2022 - 9.30am	Badger	14th December 2022 - 9.30am
Rabbit	8th December 2022 - 11am	Kestrel	14th December 2022 - 11am
Hedgehog	8th December 2022 - 1.30pm	Owl	14th December 2022 - 1.30pm
		Dove	15th December 2022 - 9.30am
		Robin	15th December 2022 - 11am

Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper day

Christmas Dinner will be served on Friday 9th December. Please order your child's dinner through parent pay. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day. If your child has a favourite Christmas Jumper or t-shirt which they would like to wear for school, that would be great. We understand that for some children this can be tricky so if you'd like to send something in their bag or they would rather wear school uniform that is fine.