



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We have nearly reached the end of the Autumn term, and we have had such a great week in school. The Key stage 1 Christmas play was fabulous; the children were so confident and loved being on stage. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in preparing such a great performance.

We also had a special visitor in school today; Father Christmas took time out of his busy schedule to visit all of the children in Forest School. They each received a gift from him 😊

Next week there are lots of activities planned for the children.

- Monday is party day- children can wear party clothes.
- The year 3 and 4 children are leading a Christmas Carol concert at the church on Wednesday morning at 9.30.
- Nursery have their Christmas Nativity on Tuesday at 9.15.
- We have a magician coming into school on Tuesday for all of the children to see.
- Wednesday 20th December is Christmas Lunch Day
- We break up at 3.15 on Thursday 21st December

Can we remind parents of children in years 3 and 4 to wait until the teachers come out each morning before leaving their children on the playground. Also, can parents wait on the playground to collect their children at the end of the school day.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Mason S – excellent work in maths. Max H – working really hard on his letters.
Goslings	Noah – trying his very best with orally blending. Freya H – always being ready to learn and trying her very best.
Caterpillars	Isabelle T – working so hard in her reading and good listening skills. Luna E – really neat hand writing in English lessons.
Dragonflies	Pippa – super singing and performing in the nativity. Conan – excellent progress in reading.
Owls	Esme – always working hard & building her confidence to give everything a go with such positive attitude. Atticus – working really hard to be focussed and trying his hardest, especially with his handwriting.
Hedgehogs	Amelia A & Leo – wonderful work in Science this week.
Sharks	Henry M – excellent progress with his reading. Florence B – super attention to detail with her quilling.
Dolphins	Oliver H – excellent work in Maths. Alfie C – creating a great Christmas card design.
Jaguars	Jake & Eden – beautiful, detailed designs in printing.
Tigers	Anna T – trying hard with her handwriting and always working hard in lessons. Megan – writing a wonderful ode in English about her Hero.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR PUPILS WITH SEND

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Little Oaks Preschool/Big Oaks HAF Holiday Club
Stay and Play session for 5 - 9 year olds - come and go where you like, Space Theme, Bouncy Castles, Sensory Activities, Craft - Making Stars, Light Projection, Relaxing Ambient Space Soundscapes.
You will need to stay with your child/ren throughout the duration of the session.

Age: 5 - 9

Contact: little.oakspreschool@yahoo.co.uk, 07528 695470

Museums Worcestershire

SEND Fun At City Art Gallery And Museum - quality enrichment day including a specialist arts workshop tailored to the needs of children with SEND and their families as well as a facilitated arts and craft workshop. An adult will need to attend with the child booked on.

Age: 5 - 11

Contact: 01905 361821

Worcester Snoezelen

Multi-sensory activities, with four sensory rooms. Also a soft play area which encourages physical play.

Age: 4 - 15

Contact: enquiries@worcestersnoezelen.org.uk, 01905 748229

For more info on activities for non-FSM eligible children with SEND, please visit the [Short Breaks information page](#).



We are aware the cost of living continues to have an impact on our children and families, especially over school holidays. As a school we are keen to support where we can. We are able to support you with food parcels over Christmas to those finding it difficult financially. If you would benefit from this over the upcoming weeks please email sbailey@meadows.worcs.sch.uk





It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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www.skipssafetynet.org



Money Support and Advice

#shopsmartnotshark

www.stoploansharks.co.uk

Think smart, not shark when it comes to Christmas shopping this year. Shop around, there are many deals and offers out there. Be wary of any new friends offering to help you out quickly, know the signs and get the right help and support you need. We know Christmas can be hard, and if you're looking for a loan there are places you can go other than a bank. Visit www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk or www.findingfinance.org.uk.

For help and support with a loan shark @StopLoanSharksEngland is here to help, contact them today on 0300 555 2222

Help For Houses

- **Income Support**
- **Energy Bills—Cost of Living Payments**
- **Childcare Costs**
- **Household costs**
- **Childcare Costs**
- **Finding Work**

costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk provides access to contacts who can provide support for households.

Visit ['Energy Saving Tips'](#) Find out what actions you can take to get

Act On Energy

We encourage energy conservation by providing free and impartial advice to householders and small businesses in Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Coventry, Solihull, Birmingham & the wider West Midlands

Household Support Fund

For those who have previously received funding from the Household Support Fund prior to 30th September 2022 you can now re-apply for funding – subject to the conditions.

Food Banks

<p>Worcester City (Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 11am—2pm) 0808 2082138 7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester WR1 2RS, UK</p> <p>Droitwich (Tues 1pm—3pm & Fri) 07532 130604 / 07532 130604 Droitwich Baptist Church, Ombersley Street East, WR9 8QS</p> <p>Redditch & Bromsgrove (Mon—Thursday 11am —2pm & Fri 10am— 1pm) 01527 69161 Number 24, Church Green East, Redditch, B98 8DE</p>	<p>Malvern Hills Foodbank (Mon— 10.15am—12.30pm, Tues 1pm— 3.15pm, Thurs 10.15am –12.30pm) 07529 322985 Unit 4, Spring Court, Spring Lane South, Malvern, WR14 1AT</p> <p>Pershore (Tues 11am— 1pm, Fri 1pm— 3pm) 01386555347 St Andrews, Church Walk, Pershore, WR10 1BH</p> <p>Kidderminster (Mon, Wed & Fri 12:30pm—3pm) 015262 916555 Unit 9, Swan Shopping Centre, Blackwell Street, Kidderminster DY10 2DP</p>
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Money Helper

Where to get free debt advice

If you're struggling with debt, it can be hard to know where to turn. But with lots of free advice services available across the UK, you can find help in a way that's best for you.

Free Debt Adviser, [click this link above and search for support in your local town.](#)



Free Activities In The Local Area

Redditch Library

Crafty Kids Club (Wednesday's from 3:30pm to 4:30pm)



For children aged 4 years and above. Come along each week for a new STEAM-based construction activity. Invent and create toys, games and models.

Evesham Library

Tabletop Club (Thursday's from 10am to 2pm)



Tabletop club is a twice weekly club that allows anyone to play card and board games. We have a selection of board games and cards that you are welcome to play. Come and join in, bring a friend or make some new ones!

Alvechurch Library

Lego Club (Friday's from 3:30pm to 4:30pm)



Come and get creative at our LEGO club. Most suited for children aged 4 years and above. Let your imagination run wild with the latest LEGO challenge.

Droitwich Spa Library

Friday Film Club (Saturday's from 11am to 1:30pm)



Become an adventurer with our Dungeons and Dragons group. Booking in advance is essential. Suitable for adults 16 years and over.



Inspire , Redditch (the craft Barn in the Winynates Centre)

[Inspire Community training & Development - Home \(weebly.com\)](http://www.inspirecommunity.co.uk)

Workshops/short courses

We offer a range of courses to support learners to gain confidence, self-esteem, friendship, learn new skills and support their mental health and well-being.

These include some seasonal groups/classes:

Wreath making, Diamond art, Dream Catchers, Folded book art, Weekly craft and chat

Self-development/well-being courses and workshops



Kids Eat for ...

For free at [TGI Fridays](#)

Breakfast for Free at [Beefeater](#)

For £5.99 at [Table Table](#)

Breakfast for free and 3 course meal for £4.99 at [Brewers Fayre](#)

For £1 at [Bella Italia](#)



Too Good To Go. Waste Less and Spend Less.

Not only is the Too Good To Go App are fighting waste, this is a opportunity to rescue unsold food from restraints and supermarket for a low cost.



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