

News and Events

Friday 14th October

Dear Parents/Carers,



Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Maks (Voyagers) for the value of hope, Toby (Discoverers) for the value of hope, Arthur (Explorers) for the value of hope and Seb (Shooting Stars) for the value of Wisdom.

Congratulations to them all.

This week we sent Nicola and Lola, in Voyagers Class, to a dance workshop held to launch the theme of 'A kind of magic' for the KS2 Dance Festival. On 8th February, Voyagers will once again take part in this.



This afternoon the whole school were treated to a musical performance by Discoverers Class. They had learnt Put on Your Gumboots in their music lessons this term. The performance was fabulous; the children used glockenspiels and xylophones, singing and dancing to showcase their learning. Mrs Meehan said, "In the five years that I have worked at the school, I don't think I have ever heard the children perform using musical instruments." Well done Discoverers for a superb performance.

Reminders

1st Thursday of the month – Pre-loved school uniform for sale in the library
The library is open after school on Tues and Fri.

Important dates for your diary

18th October - own clothes day. £1 donation for FOWAS

19th October—TD Day. School closed

31st October - Term 2 begins

1st/2nd November - Parent Consultation Meetings. Sign up sheets in reception from Monday.

14th November—wear odd socks with school uniform for anti-bullying week

18th November—dress for Pudsey. £1 donation for Children in Need. Be spotacular!

5th December—Y3/4 football tournament

Attendance

Highest attendance:

Voyagers 97.6%

Lost learning: 90 hours



@WestAshtonCofE



Our Y5/6 football team were amazing! Congratulations to a great team who trained hard every opportunity they could and worked together exceptionally well. We are all so proud of your performance — a well deserved 3rd.

Now we need a Y3/4 team.....let us know who wants to play.



Please remind your child/children about the Design a Flag competition for the School Games.
Thank you for the entries that I have already received; there is still time to send in more!

More details can be found later in the newsletter.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Lots have people have already signed up — thank you—but there are still appointments available so please do book in to see your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so.

Please keep donating any reading books other parents/carers might enjoy. We would love to make the library a real school community hub for us all to enjoy.





The West Ashton caterpillar lantern is coming along nicely.
We hope that you will be able to come along to the
Trowbridge Lantern Festival on Friday 18th November and
see the finished lantern.

Our very talented willow artist, Jennie, is running workshops
in the Old Town Hall over half term. They are free and you
don't have to book. Details [here](#).



Starting school in September 2023?

“Parents are highly appreciative of the support given to their children and the way that the staff model the values of the school.” SIAMS 2019

West Ashton CE Primary School & Nursery Open Day

WEST ASHTON



SCHOOL

Saturday 19th November

9:30-11:30am



Acorn
Education Trust

We look forward
to welcoming you
to our wonderful
school.



“You will shine among them like stars in the sky”

Please tell all your family and friends about this.



Congratulations to more TT Rock Stars! Alexandra, Archie S, Brie, Elsie and Luca are all now Rock Star Wannabes. Alexandra and Lawson are Rock Star Garage Rockers and James is a Rock Star Gigger. Amazing times tables knowledge.

We have also moved up to 26th—keep going!

Look out for details on the England Rocks competition for schools in England. Three days of answering as many questions as we can and classes with the highest averages win prizes! More details after the break.



News from the classes:

Shooting Stars: This week we have been learning about Autumn, did you know that a pumpkin is a piece of fruit and that the two big trees on our field grew from acorns, they are called oak trees. We have also been doing lots of phonics and I have learnt how to read words with three letters. Marcey

Explorers: This week we have been learning more about animals in science. In RE, we learnt what the Sabbath was and why it is important to Jews. In PSHE we tried different things to calm our brains and our whole selves. Mrs Blake-Thwaite came in and saw lots of us lying on the floor! We also talked about making new friends. Ellie

Discoverers: This week we did some learning about light in science. In PE we are doing cat dances and movements as it links with history—cats were very important in Egyptian times. In English, we have just started writing our own version of Cinderella—a twisted tale. Ask us about it! James and Archie

Voyagers: We have been learning about DADWAVERS in English—ask us what they are! We have been learning numbers 1-20 in French and created Anglo-Saxon villages in history. In PSHE we have been thinking about our own goals for this year. Thalia and Izzy

We are very nearly at the end of Term 1. I can't believe how quickly it has gone and how much we have done. Please remember the FOWAS own clothes day on Tuesday - it is PE but any kit will do this week. Then, I hope you and your families enjoy a restful half term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 31st October.

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite



DESIGN A FLAG COMPETITION

CULTURAL COMPETITION - design a flag reflecting the School games value for your area (see below)

Winning designs will be printed onto a flag to be displayed at School Games events.

Example flag:



Designs can be hand drawn or computer generated to fill an A4 sheet but should be clear enough to be enlarged for printing

Closing date for entries is Wednesday
7th December 2022

£20 Amazon voucher for each winning entry!

The School Games Value for West Wilt is

SELF-BELIEF

You've got to believe to achieve. Have the self belief and confidence to succeed and reach your personal best.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO:

West Wilt - Selwyn Widger sw@acorneducationtrust.com

You can send a scan/photo of the design but please keep the original drawing as this may be needed later



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING
PEGI
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have for football-mad' young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites, if your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the 'just one more game' mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder, a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make any purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

From National Online Safety

Christmas Arts and Crafts for Adults

Friday 25th November Christmas Card Workshop

Time: 4pm - 8pm

Create your own set of Christmas Cards using the lino cutting technique. You'll design, print and assemble a set of 10 cards.

Age: 18+

Cost: £30 (includes 10 cards and envelopes)

Thursday 1st December Felted Christmas Robin

Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm

Learn how to needle felt a friendly, festive robin. Suitable for beginners. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

Age: 18+

Cost: £20

Saturday 10th December Crochet Christmas Tree Decorations

Time: 10.30am - 1.30pm

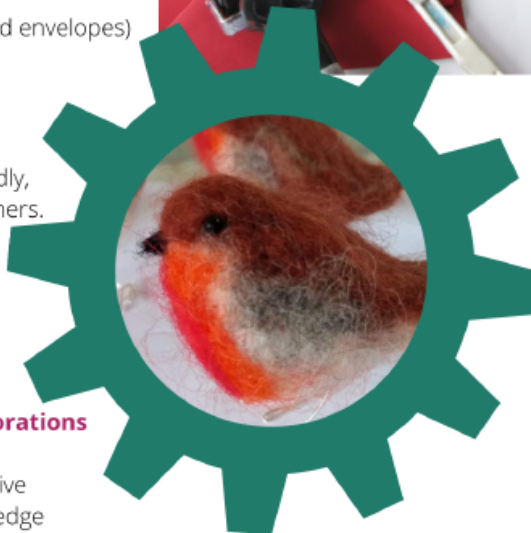
Learn how to crochet three festive tree decorations. A basic knowledge of crochet is helpful.

Age: 18+

Cost: £20



Book tickets and reserve places at
ticketsource.co.uk/trowbridgemuseum



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Activities, Events & Workshops for Adults, Families and Children Autumn/Winter/Christmas 2022

New from October:
Our children's holiday workshops
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Trowbridge Information Centre

October Half Term Holiday



Tuesday 25th October Children's Craft in the Shires

Time: Drop-in 10.30am - 2.30pm
Pop along to the Shires for a simple make and take craft activity.

Booking not available - there may be a short wait during busy periods.

Age: 5+

Cost: Free

Thursday 27th October Ancient Egypt History Day

Time: 10.30am - 3.30pm
Bring your mummy and join us for a day of discovery, challenges and crafts as we celebrate 100 years since the discovery of Tutankhamun.

Ages: 8+; there will be some easy activities for younger siblings (5+)

Cost: Free but donations are welcome on the day

Book via Ticketsource



Wednesday 26th October Terrific Trick-or-Treat Baskets

Time: 10.30, 11.30, 1.30 & 2.30

Quiet session at 9.45
Get ready for Hallowe'en with your very own woven trick-or-treat basket.

Age: 5+

Cost: Free

Book online at Ticketsource

Quiet Sessions:
Suitable for autistic/
neurodivergent
children. Limited
places available.

Friday 28th October Pumpkin Carving in the Shires

Time: 10.30 - 12.30 & 1.30 - 3.30

The Shires Shopping Centre's annual pumpkin carve is back with a splat of pumpkin juice! Collect your FREE pumpkin and carve away!

Ages: Suitable for all ages

Booking not available - there may be a short wait during busy periods.



FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

"STUMPY'S SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT IN THE MUSEUM!"

After hours Hallowe'en Happenings ... if you dare!!!

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Wear your scariest costume and join my spooks parade outside the museum - prizes for the best and most inventive outfits. Are you brave enough for the twilight mouse hunt, or my Hallowe'en games and crafts? I dare you to try my revolting refreshments - eyeballs, worms, brains, and more...!

Ages: 6+

Cost: £5 per child; £8 for 2 - book online at Ticketsource



Festive Fun for Children and Families

Saturday 26th November Christmas Card Workshop

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Create your own set of Christmas Cards using a simple and safe relief printing technique. You'll design, print and assemble a set of 10 cards.

Age: 8+

Cost: £25 includes a pack of 10 cards and envelopes and all materials

Book online at Ticketsource

Victorian Christmas Story Time

Dates: Saturday 26th November & Saturday 10th December

Time: 11am & 2.30pm

Cosy up for some traditional festive tales.

Age: 5+

Cost: Free

Book via Ticketsource



Thursday 8th December Togas, Kirtles and Bonnets - A Fashion Show of Historic Clothes

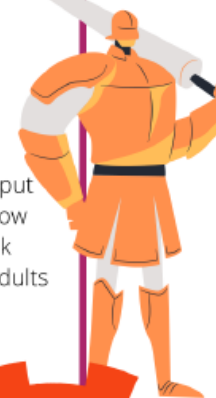
Time: 6.30pm - 8pm

Join us on the catwalk for an amusing, informative and participatory sashay though 2000 years of underwear, outerwear, hats and gloves. You'll discover how a Roman put on a toga, why pants were made from linen and exactly how dangerous a Victorian hat could be. This light-hearted look at clothing through the ages is suitable for children and adults and (warning!) includes dressing up - children and adults!

Age: 8+

Cost: £5

Book online at Ticketsource



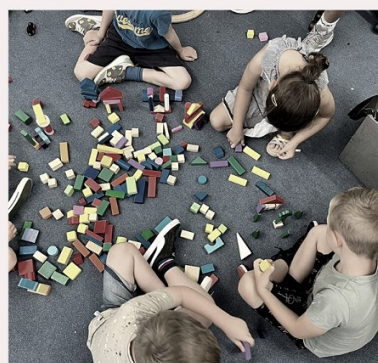
Please note the minimum age for activities - under 5s can usually be accommodated, call for advice. Large childminding groups: call in advance.

Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

Our children's holiday workshops are now **bookable** in advance, unless indicated. Places are limited so early booking is advisable. Any spare tickets will be made available on the day.



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STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £18 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £22.60



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20TH & 27TH OCT
JOHN OF GAUNT

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STANDARD DAY £18
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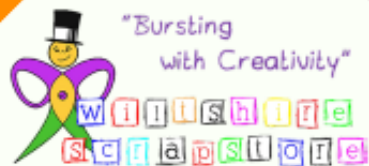
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SP3 6HJ

Wednesday 9th November
10.30-11.30am

Devizes Library,
SN10 1DL

Wednesday 16th November
10.30-11.30am

Westbury Library,
BA13 3BD

Thursday 24th November
10.30-11.30am

Booking for Scrapstore events will close one
week before the scheduled event date



OCTOBER
HALF TERM

24TH - 26TH OCT
JOHN OF GAUNT

9 AM - 3 PM
STANDARD DAY £18
9 AM - 4 PM
EXTENDED DAY
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OEXMANN ART COMPETITION & EXHIBITION

PICTURE ENTRY: 22 - 26 NOV 22

EXHIBITION: 17 DEC 22 - 18 FEB 23

Competition rules and entry forms available from
Museum website and reception.

Children free. 2 entries per person.

Prizes awarded. Size restrictions apply



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We have entry forms in school.

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Christmas Market, The Civic 18th - 19th November
Lantern Parade and Lights Switch On 18th November
Trowbridge Weavers Market 19th November
Santa & Rudolph Fun Run 20th November

SANTA & RUDOLPH

SUNDAY 20TH
NOVEMBER 10AM

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