



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

24th November 2023

Edition 11

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 24th November

- INSET Day – School Closed

Monday 27th November

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Tuesday 28th November

- New to Reception 2024 Parent Tour

Wednesday 29th November

- Football Match vs Chaulden School

December - Christmas Diary

Friday 1st December

- W1SPA Dress Down Day (donation to bottle tombola)
- Year 2 Class Assembly

Sunday 3rd December

- Choir - The Hospice of St Francis Carol Service

Friday 8th December

- Year 1 Christmas Assembly
- W1SPA Christmas Fair 3-6pm

Tuesday 12th December

- Child Shows Parent – 8:35am to 9:15am

Friday 15th December

- Rock Steady Concert – 9am – Parents welcome
- Reception Christmas Sing Along - 2:30pm - Reception Parents welcome

Tuesday 19th December

- Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December

- Carol Service at St Mary's Church 9:30am - Parents are welcome to attend the Carol Service, however, please note seating and space is limited
- School closes at 1:30pm

W1SPA Events next week and beyond

As you start your Christmas shopping this year, please pop into our lovely local Woods Garden Centre.

Westfield receives a donation from Woods every time we hand in £100 worth of receipts. Please hold on to your Woods receipts and deposit them into the W1SPA postbox in the school's office.

Christmas Fair Raffle Ticket Time!!

Raffle tickets for the Westfield Christmas Fair went home in children's book bags last week.

Please purchase or sell on for your chance at the incredible prizes this year!

Return the money and stubs to the W1SPA postbox in the school's office by drop off FRI 8th Dec.

W1SPA Reminders

Collections for our Christmas Fair – please have a look at the donation schedule below for stalls and tombolas!

W/c 27th Nov	Bottles (with Dress Down Friday on 1st Dec)
W/c 4th Dec	Xmas Jumpers and Cakes

Friday 1st December - Elfridges (Secret Present Room) – a chance for the children to get presents for loved ones.

BOOK NOW - www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa

Friday 8th December - Christmas Fair, after school until 6pm - Food & Drink, Games & stalls, Stories with Santa!

BOOKING & VOLUNTEER NOW <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa/>

Saturday 9th December - Santa Sleigh with Berkhamsted Rotary, 4 to 8pm - Volunteers needed to support this magical event that raises funds for Westfield.

VOLUNTEER NOW <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa/>

Get in touch! Join our Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/wispawestfield or follow us on Instagram www.instagram.com/wispa_pta_group for all the latest.



A message from Miss Leach...

Punctuality, as well as attendance, is vitally important. It sets expectations that school is a priority and that punctuality is expected. It also maximizes learning time, and ensures that children don't miss any important instructions or information for the day. Thank you for continuing to ensure that your children are at school on time.



I have been incredibly proud of the children this week as we have had "assessment week". This has taken place in a variety of ways, and the children have tried their best and had a go when things have been tricky. Well done everyone.

This academic year, our INSET days have been based around Safeguarding, SEND and behaviour. This coming Friday and Monday, we look forward to receiving training on supporting children with their cognition and learning needs, and better understanding neurodivergence within the school setting.

Enjoy your long weekend - see you on Tuesday 28th November!

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 13 th – 17 th November 2023						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
84.81%	91.79%	95.71%	92.59%	98.62%	98.04%	97.59%
3	12	3	3	6	4	15

Our target is 95%. Being in school each day, if well, gives your child the best chance of learning and making good progress both educationally and socially. Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time. Thank you

Parking Reminders

Unfortunately, this week we have received three complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking around school. Please can we remind you that if you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, parking on double yellow lines or pavements. Please can we also remind you that parking in Farm Place is for residents only. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Year 3 Staff News

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Freemantle will be teaching our Year 3 class when Mrs Edwards leaves to go on her maternity leave in the New Year. We would like to thank Mrs Freemantle for stepping into this role and providing continuity for the children.

Leadership corner



A message from Mrs Edwards

It has been a busy start to the year with maths at Westfield. All all classes have revisited place value, a cornerstone of maths. Curious about what your child is learning? Our website is full of information about what your children are learning. The curriculum maps on each class's page outline what children are learning in maths each term. You can also find information about key instant recall facts, year group-specific maths vocabulary and ideas to support mathematical discussions.



Videos to help

We have a school YouTube page which has a selection of maths videos. They demonstrate some of the models and terminology that we use in Maths at Westfield.
<https://www.youtube.com/@westfielddprimaryschool8115/videos>

Current priorities

This term we are really focusing on fluency. Fluency is about knowing number facts automatically and accurately but it is also about being able to choose the most efficient strategies, understanding the processes, and swap between different areas of maths.

Reminders

Please keep accessing Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars. This will help support your child's fluency. Your child's class teacher can share their log in details if you don't have them already.

A game to try at home

Beat it! for 2 or more players

Aim: To make the highest number in each round.
How to Play: Roll two to five dice, depending on the place value you are studying. Arrange your dice to make the greatest number. The winner of the round is the player with the greatest number. The winner of the game is the player with the most wins at the end of 10 rounds.

Children in Need – Thank You

A huge thank you to you all for your support last Friday when we held our 'Wear something Spotty' non uniform day. We raised the terrific sum of £149.20 for Children in Need. Thank you.

Thank You from The HOPE Food Bank

The HOPE Food Bank have asked us to share the following message of thanks to all our parents for your incredible generosity with donations for our Harvest Festival collection:

I just wanted to say a really HUGE thank you for donating your Harvest Festival items to The Hope Food Bank @ Kings Road Church. Please do pass on my grateful thanks to your staff, pupils and their families for their incredible generosity in supporting those in food poverty across Berkhamsted.

*An amazing **NINE** Berkhamsted Schools and one nursery collaborated with us this year and we collected an incredible total of **£3,500 worth of food!***

So, thank you again for playing your part in helping us to help those in need in our community.

Wellbeing and Parenting Information

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Newsletter this week 'Same Boat Parenting' looks at parenting teenagers and the issues facing teenagers today: [Wednesday Wisdom](#) | [Same Boat Parenting](#) | [Tooled Up Education](#)

Previous articles are also available via the tooled up website: <https://www.tooledupeducation.com/tooled-up/wednesday-wisdom/>

Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

DSPL8 are holding their fourth Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre on Thursday 7th December from 10am to 12pm at Bennetts End Community Centre, Hemel Hempstead. The Information Fayre will include local provider information stands, activities for children and refreshments! Please see flyer below for further information and to register your attendance please visit: <https://dspl8sendinfayre071223.eventbrite.co.uk> (Registration closes on 29th November 2023).

Local Events and Information

NET Academy For 9-16 Year Olds Launching in Berkhamsted in January

A new NET Academy will be running from 24th January at Ashlyns School for both the U12 (years 5-7) and U16 (years 8-11) age groups. Spaces are capped at 20 athletes.

The Academy is designed to help netball players to learn, train and perform as athletes supporting the learning of skills and understanding of the technical and tactical game so that players can reach their goals within the sport wherever they play.

The academy is completely athlete centred and in each session players will be exposed to strength and conditioning training, fundamental skills coaching, technical and tactical challenges and team building to help them to create the building blocks they need to become a better athlete.

For more information and to book, please visit: <https://netballexcellencetraining.com/net-academy/>

Discover Bucks Museum

On Saturday 2nd December (11am – 4pm), Discover Bucks Museum have their annual Family Christmas and Craft Fair. You can try your hand at historical Christmas crafts, play traditional seasonal games, visit the Christmas Craft Fair and there will be a very special Christmas visitor arriving from the North Pole! For more information and to book, please visit: www.discoverbucksmuseum.org

Hemel Storm Basketball Academy

Hemel Storm Juniors run a weekly skills academy every Monday and Wednesday at the Laureate Academy in Hemel Hempstead. Sessions run from 5-5:45pm. For more information please see the flyer below or visit: juniorcoaching@stormbasketball.net

Berkhamsted Choral Society

Berkhamsted Choral Society's Christmas Concert is being held on Sunday 10th December at 7.00pm at St Peter's Church in Berkhamsted. Tickets £20 which are available in advance on Ticketpass <https://tktp.as/EORKAT> or on the door (under 18's free). For more information, please see flyer below or visit: www.berkhamstedchoral.com

Raring2Go Magazine

The winter edition of Raring2Go Magazine is now available and covers events and things to do for families in December, January and February – Please visit: [Raring2go! Hemel Hempstead](#)

Tiny Tots Table Top Sale

Come along to Tiny Tots Table Top Sale on Saturday 25th November from 10-11:30am, where you will be able to buy quality pre-loved baby and children items at bargain prices - get that Christmas shopping started! Tiny Tots table top sales are the perfect place to stock up on toys, clothes, prams, books, maternity and much more all under one roof! For more details about the event, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/tiny-tots-table-top-sales-berk/234549722583963/>

Hemel Hempstead Present Trail

Between 28th November 2023 to 2nd of January 2024 there will be a Present Trail with 8 giant presents located throughout the Marlowes and up into the Old Town. Each present will display a letter for people to collect and decipher a word. Pop the answer sheet in the post-box in the Marlowes shopping centre, all correct entries will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a £200 gift voucher. Trail leaflets can be picked up from the Customers Service Desk in the Marlowes Shopping Centre and the library in the Forum, as well as various shops and community centres in the town.

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Parking Reminders
- Spring Term Milk Order (Rec-Y2)

Copies of all letters sent home can be found in the letter rack outside the office and can also be accessed from our website within the ['Letters Home'](#) page

Our School Value this half term is Kindness

Tiny Tots



Baby & Kids Table Top Sales
BERKHAMSTED
 NORTHCHURCH SOCIAL CENTRE
SATURDAY 25th NOV 2023

Good quality second-hand

- Toys, books & bikes
- Branded clothes & shoes
- Fancy dress
- Nursery and travel items
- Maternity and much more!

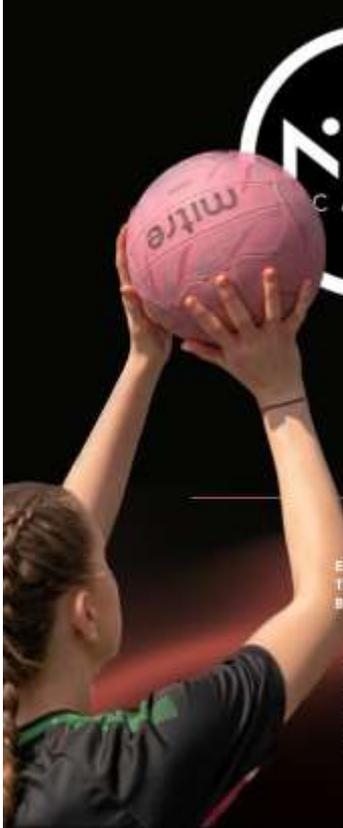
10am - 11.30am

Northchurch Social Centre
 Bell Lane
 Northchurch,
 Berkhamsted
 HP4 3RD

Just £1 entry per adult, children are free!
 Cash only event



For more info email info@tinytotssales.co.uk



NET ACADEMY

TRAIN FOR THE NEXT LEVEL

BERKHAMSTED ACADEMY
 SPACES NOW OPEN

EXPOSURE TO PERFORMANCE ENVIRONMENT
 TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL COACHING
 BECOME A BETTER ATHLETE ON COURT

U12 DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY
 Thursday Evenings
 Ashlyns School,
 Berkhamsted
 6.00 - 7.30 PM

U16 PERFORMANCE ACADEMY
 Thursday Evenings
 Ashlyns School,
 Berkhamsted
 7.30 - 9.00 PM

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NETBALLEXCELLENCETRAINING.COM

Berkhamsted Choral Society presents:

Fanfare for Christmas

Christmas music and carols for choir and audience

with English Philharmonia Brass

Conductor Graham Will

Sunday 10th December 2023
7:00pm



St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted HP4 2AX

Tickets £20 - available in advance on Ticketpass
<https://tktp.as/EORKAT> and on the door (under 18's free)

www.berkhamstedchoral.com Reg Charity No 274462

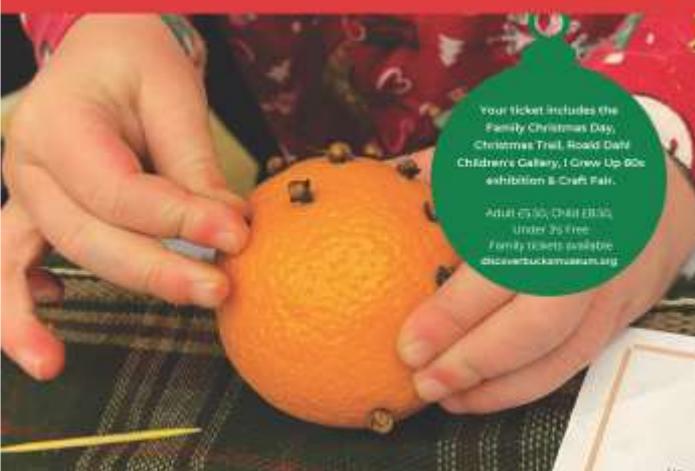
Discover Bucks Museum
 & Bucks Light Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
 Church Street
 Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
 01296 331441

Family Christmas Day
Saturday 2 December 2023
11am - 4pm

Step back in time this December with our Christmas Family Day! Try your hand at historical Christmas crafts, play traditional seasonal games, visit our Christmas Craft Fair and don't forget to keep an eye out for a very special Christmas visitor straight from the North Pole!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



Your ticket includes the Family Christmas Day, Christmas Trail, Road Delt Children's Gallery, I Grew Up 60c exhibition & Craft Fair.

Adult £3.00, Child £2.00, Under 2s free.
 Family tickets available: discoverbucksmuseum.org

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND





HEMEL STORM BASKETBALL ACADEMY

PRIMARY & SECONDARY
 † Laureate Academy, HP1 3DW

THIS YEAR'S ACADEMY:

***Days/Time:**
Monday Primary: 5pm-5:45pm
Monday Secondary: 6pm-6:45pm
Wednesday Primary: 5pm-5:45pm
Wednesday Secondary: 6pm-6:45pm



Pay to play cost:
 £8 per session

Term Payment (Block payment):
Monday: Term 1 (£91), Term 2 (£77), Term 3 (£77)
Wednesday: Term 1 (£91), Term 2 (£77), Term 3 (£84)



***All sessions run in accordance with Hertfordshire school's term dates and Bank Holidays**

Booking link: <https://stormbasketball.net/weekly-skills-academy>

For more info:
juniorcoaching@stormbasketball.net

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28 NOVEMBER 2023 UNTIL
 2 JANUARY 2024

PRESENT TRAIL

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Find the letters on the 8 Giant Presents located around Hemel Hempstead to enter the draw to win a £200 gift voucher!






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at Bennetts End Community Centre
Gatecroft, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9LZ

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