

CALENDAR DATES 2023

21 st NOVEMBER 9:30am & 1:30pm	OPEN DAY 2 – NEW STARTERS 2024
22 nd NOVEMBER 8:45am to 9:15am 6:00pm to 6:30pm	YEAR 2 PHONICS & READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS – letter sent 14.11.23 Morning session held in the school hall & evening will be virtual
24 th NOVEMBER	PTA BRING SOME CHOCOLATE DAY – NON UNIFORM Details to follow
27 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY – details sent out 20.10.23
1 st DECEMBER	PTA BRING A BOTTLE DAY – NON UNIFORM – details to follow
6 th DECEMBER	YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY – letter sent 14.11.23
8 th DECEMBER 3:00pm to 4:30pm	PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE – details to follow
12 th DECEMBER 9:15am & 2pm	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – details to follow Please note time change 9:15am
13 th DECEMBER	FLU IMMUNISATION – WHOLE SCHOOL – details to follow
13 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & JUMPER DAY – details to follow
14 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL – details to follow
14 th DECEMBER 5pm to 5:45pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – Join us for a communal sing and see your children's Christmas songs YEARS 1 TO 4 only
20 th DECEMBER 12:00pm to 12:30pm	FANTASTIC FINISH! - Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning then children to go home
15 th MAY 2024	SCOOT FIT EXPERIENCE DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow



Challenge Champions Last Week



BOBCAT: Lily

1M: Lily

2L: Whole Class

3J: Jesse

4P: Jack

LYNX: Poppy

1Y: AJ

2O: Kayden

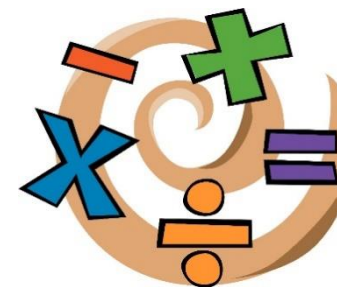
3T: Abigail

4G: Alfred

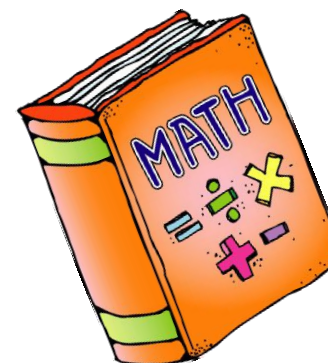
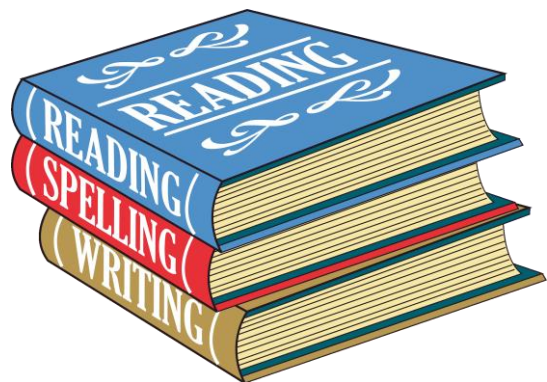




English Champion of the Week
10th November 2023



Maths Champion of the Week
10th November 2023



Grandparents Afternoon Tea.....

What a lovely afternoon of tea, scones & cake!

It was wonderful to see all the Grandparents enjoy seeing their grandchildren perform and to see their topic books showing all their hard work they have done this half term.

Here are a few photos from our special afternoon.....



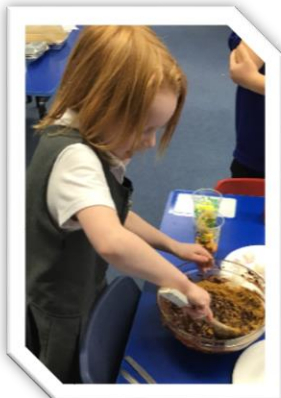


Time for Tea



Year 1's RE & DT Lessons

This week Year 1 have been focussing on learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. In the pictures you can see their rangoli patterns and in DT they made a traditional Diwali treat - dark mango and ginger rocky road. They can't wait to taste it!



Year 4G Having Fun Baking!



WELCOME TO OUR
ANNUAL
**CHRISTMAS
BAKE-OFF**

BAKE ANYTHING CHRISTMASSY TO BE
SOLD AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE ON
THE **8TH OF DECEMBER!**

3 PRIZES TO BE WON!



DEC. 8 | 9 AM

BRING YOUR BAKES TO
SCHOOL IN THE
MORNING TO BE JUDGED
BY MRS. PEARCE.

Please include name, category (Junior/Adult) and
contact number. **No nuts please.**

PTA EVENTS

**Win
Lots of prizes**

£100 CASH
Connells

**£150 gift
voucher**

**WHIPSNADE
ZOO**
tickets

**TICKETS TO
SNAKES AND LADDERS
S&H**

**Mead Open
farm ticket**

**Beaudesert
Christmas
Raffle**

**LARGE
HAMPER**

FREE VALET

£100 CASH

£1 tickets

**Hamper by
TESCO**

**Hamper by
Taylor
Wimpey**

**and many
more!**

Buy your tickets in the link below or scan the QR code:
<https://tinyurl.com/ptabeaudesertrafflexmas23>

A QR code located at the bottom right of the poster, used for purchasing tickets.

Willen Hospice Christmas Card Competition

If your child wishes to enter this competition, please use the entry form (as seen below) sent home today. Please return to the school office by Friday 8th December with your £1 entry fee, many thanks.

 <h2>Christmas Card Competition</h2> <p>WIN! Children's Christmas hamper including a family voucher for Gravity trampoline park!</p> 	<p>To enter, children will need to complete their card design in the space given below.</p>
<p>We are sending a virtual Christmas card to our 12,000+ supporters to wish them a Merry Christmas and thank them for their support in 2023 and we need your help!</p> <p>We are looking for local school children aged 11 and under to design our card. There are no restrictions to the image you create. It could depict what Christmas means to you, it could be a scene that makes you think of Christmas or of Willen Hospice. We do ask though, wherever possible, that these images are hand drawn rather than digitally created and that there are no items stuck to the card as we will be unable to recreate this effect for our virtual Christmas Card.</p> <p>Winner announced: Tuesday 19 December</p> <p>Name: Age: School: £1 Entry fee paid?</p>	<div></div>

Come join the Santa Challenge

Monday 27th November to Friday 8th
December 2022



Prize Scooter

If you walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride every day throughout the Santa Challenge your name will be put into a draw and one of you will win a scooter from Santa.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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REMINDERS

Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to show (reciprocated) courtesy and kindness in their interactions with school staff.

This notice is a reminder that any aggressive, rude or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Whether in person or on the phone, contact will be terminated immediately.

Start & Finish Times for September 2023

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8:40am	3:00pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2ND LAP.

Face Coverings

Please note, wearing masks on school site will now be optional.



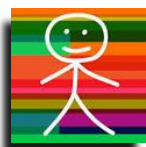
Change of contact details/address

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



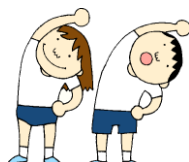
Absences/lateness

Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence. It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.45am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



School App

We now have a school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for 'mySchoolApp'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



PE Kit

September 2023 – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



School Lunches

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on www.parentpay.com. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705. Beaundesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzzoneclub.com or call the office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 3pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.



Car Parking

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.