

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



DECEMBER 2023

Children at the heart of all we do!

This Newsletter can be accessed on our School website:

www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk

Dear Parent/Carer

As we rapidly approach Christmas, we are extremely busy with shows, pantomimes, concerts and parties, so please check the website regularly for updates, times and information – www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk

SCHOOL CLOSED: Please note the next inset staff training day – **Monday 8th January**, so school will be **CLOSED** – reopens Tuesday 9th January, 2024.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Christmas lunch will be served on **Thursday 14th December**. If your child already receives a school meal, you **do not** need to do anything on this occasion. Children who currently have a **home packed lunch** can choose to have a school meal on this day. There will be a vegetarian option available. Children are welcome to wear a **Christmas jumper** on this day, but please ensure the rest of their uniform is still worn. **All children are entitled to a free school meal.**



CHRISTMAS AT WILBURY – Monday 18th December – we will be singing carols from 3.15 in the courtyard playground – we will offer light refreshments, a stocking filler stall and the Grand Christmas Raffle Draw. Tickets for the draw will be available to collect from the office and the gates from next week. **PLEASE JOIN US**

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2023: Thank you to everyone who sent in entries this year. The winner was Emily in Year 1 so congratulations to her.

PHOTOGRAPHS: The orders have now been received and have been sent out.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES: We will be holding parties for the children this year – the dates for each year group are shown overleaf. Please send in **one item** of party food on the appropriate day for your child to share with the class. They may bring party clothes to change into for the celebration.

EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY: 2023-2024

ALL WELCOME – drop in session – no need to book

9.30 – 11.00 am - **Thursday 11th January**

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES: In order to raise funds to add towards our children's trips and visits for the rest of this year, we will now ask parents to pay £2.00 per adult for tickets when coming into school to see concerts and performances. Please pay this in advance on parentpay – you will always receive advanced notice of this. Refreshments will be served.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN: Please remember that we can only release children to adults who are known to us – please do not send a neighbour or friend to collect your child **unless** you have informed us in advance and added their name to the emergency form. If someone turns up and we are not happy to let the child go we will contact you but if we are unable to call you your child will need to remain here.

CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL – Our After School Club children raised £160 for this year's appeal which has now been sent on to the BBC – thank you to everyone who donated.

FRIENDS OF WILBURY:

Bag2school collection – THANK YOU to everyone who donated their unwanted or unused clothes to our fundraiser.

We have now opened a permanent fundraising page on parentpay for donations towards activities for our children – please donate anything you can when paying for other items.

Wilbury Community

Felix Project - food deliveries are every Tuesday. If you would like to receive some items, please contact the office. PLEASE BE AWARE - The Felix Project collects fresh, nutritious food from suppliers that cannot be sold. Please visit <https://thefelixproject.org/about/our-story> for more information

LOST PROPERTY: Lost property will be on display on **Tuesday 19th December**, in the Dining Hall from 3.15 p.m.—so if your child has lost an item of clothing in the past term, please come and have a look. All items will then be disposed of.
PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHLD'S CLOTHES ARE NAMED.

POLLING DAY: We have now received confirmation that our school will be used as a polling station for the elections on **Thursday 2nd May 2024**. School will be **CLOSED** on that day – please add this date to your calendar.

NUT ALLERGIES: We are a healthy eating school and several of our children have severe nut allergies. Please **DO NOT** send any child into school with nut products (peanut butter, nutella etc) sesame seeds, chocolates or biscuits and cakes containing nuts in their lunch boxes. Even the smell of these products can cause an allergic reaction to another child sitting nearby.

ATTENDANCE: We would like all parents to know that our target for school attendance remains at **96%**. Please report your child's absence from school before **9.30am** by telephoning 020 88075335 (**Select Option 1 for Attendance**) and advise us of the reason for your child's absence.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Please be aware of the local restrictions when parking near the school and consider our neighbours by not parking across their driveways whether in use or not.

L. Wise (Mrs)
Headteacher

SEVERE WEATHER: Please note that if we experience severe weather conditions you can access our website for the latest school information.

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In the unlikely event that we have to close, signs will be placed on the school gates – gates into Nursery/yellow gates/Wilbury Way stating 'School is closed today'.

Information on our website will be transmitted as soon after 7.00 a.m. as possible.

If school is closed then there will not be any staff in school to take phone calls.

We will also try to text as early as possible, so please ensure that you have given us your updated contact numbers. Obviously I hope this will not happen—if school is open, we do expect all children to attend as usual.

DATES FOR YOUR DECEMBER DIARY:



DECEMBER:		
Tuesday	5 th	Classes 5W & 5G visit to Gurdwara
Thursday	7 th	Classes 5B & 5C visit to Gurdwara 2.30 pm Reception: Sleepy Shepherd: Green & Blue (A-H)
Friday	8 th	9.15 am Reception: Sleepy Shepherd: Yellow & Blue (J-Z) Rec & KS1 visit to Panto – Millfield Theatre pm
Tuesday	12 th	Year 4 Pop Art workshop Year 1 Festive Song Concert Lower Hall – 2.30 pm
Thursday	14 th	Christmas lunch & jumper day 9.15 & 2.15 Year 2 Show: 'The Journey Home' 3.25 pm Reception Classes disco
Friday	15 th	Reception classes parties - pm Years 3 & 4 parties - pm
Monday	18 th	Christmas Assemblies: 9.00: KS1, 10.10: KS2L, 11.15: KS2U Years 5 & 6 Christmas parties - pm 3.15 pm Carols in the playground – Christmas Raffle draw – refreshments – stocking filler stall
Tuesday	19 th	KS1 parties – pm TERRIFIC TWOS & Nursery parties – am and pm sessions 3.15 pm Dining Hall – Lost property display Last day for N.pm classes – Ladybird, Ducklings & Puffins
Wednesday	20 th	Traditional Staff panto to Classes Rec – Yr 6. Last day of term – School CLOSSES at 2.00 pm

SCHOOL STREETS: Please be aware that our school is part of the scheme - this means you cannot drive through Weir Hall Road between **08.30 – 9.15 am and 2.45 – 3.30 p.m**. The area covered is between Wilbury Way and almost to White Hart Lane.
Our address is also included in the ULEZ extended charging zone.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please register your child at the school if you would like to attend either club at any time. Please be aware that we cannot accept children in the clubs as emergency child care. Each child must be registered with all your contact details and given a regular place.

This is for health and safety as well as insurance reasons.

We need to be fully staffed for the group in the club. All places must be paid for in advance via parentpay.

The last day of the Autumn Term is **Wednesday 20th December** when we close at **2.00 p.m.**

School Closure Dates: 2023/2024 **INSET DAYS: (Staff training)**

Friday 1st September
Monday 4th September
Monday 30th October

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Polling Day: Thursday 2nd May 2024

