

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



DECEMBER 2024

Children at the heart of all we do!

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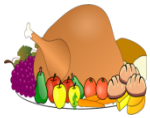
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Dear Parent/Carer

As we rapidly approach Christmas, we are extremely busy with shows, pantomimes, assemblies, 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 6th January**, so school will be **CLOSED** – reopens Tuesday 7th January, 2025.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Christmas lunch will be served on **Thursday 12th 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** – please let us know if your child wishes to change from packed lunch for this day. The Christmas lunch menu is on our website – www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk



CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Christmas parties will be held in classes during the last week of term – dates are on the calendar overleaf - please send in one item of party food for your class – we will provide the drinks. Please send the food on the day of the party to avoid any storage problems. Thank you. NOTHING WITH NUTS PLEASE.

EARLY YEARS APPLICATIONS: The online portal for early years applications for next September 2025 is now open. This will close for Reception on 13th January and for Nursery on the 10th February, so please ensure you apply in time if your child is of the relevant age. Please contact the school office if you are having any problems with an application.

EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY: 2025

ALL WELCOME – drop in session – no need to book

9.30 – 11.00 am - **Thursday 16th January**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Please join us in the Year 5 & 6 playground after school on **Wednesday 18th December** to listen to carols - or to join in if you prefer. There will also be mince pies and doughnuts etc on sale with drinks and stocking filler gifts.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION: THANK YOU to all who entered this year – we had some lovely designs. The winner was **Andrea** in Class **6SM**.



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.



Friends of Wilbury

Wilbury Community

School Uniform: If your child has outgrown their uniform and it is still in good condition please donate this via the school office so that it can be 'rehomed'.

Donated uniform is available to collect from the office.

Felix Project - food deliveries are every Tuesday. If you would like to receive some items, please contact Mrs Mohamed. 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

SCHOOL DATABASE: We have recently changed providers to ARBOR - although this will have no bearing on parental use at the moment, some of our emails appear to be going into parents' junk folders. Please check your folder and move and authorise any emails from the school to go directly to your inbox.

NUTS & 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, sesame seeds, nutella etc) or 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: in line with the other schools in our Trust, we have now transferred all our uniform sales to MAPAC the uniform providers. You can still place online orders which can either be delivered directly to your home address incurring a postage charge or have it delivered to the school without a postal charge. Deliveries are likely to be every two weeks so please bear this in mind when placing your orders. The complete range of uniform is available from MAPAC and is shown on their website - www.mapac.com/education/parents

LOST PROPERTY: Lost property will be on display on **Tuesday 17th 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 CHILD'S CLOTHES ARE NAMED.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: We have a small stock of used uniform that's been donated to the school - please contact the office if you would like to make use of this offer.

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send your child to school with a **plastic water** bottle showing their name - not a metal bottle.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE: ROAD SAFETY & Parking in Wilbury Way/ Weir Hall Road: Please remember that road safety is the responsibility of everyone and we must ensure all our children are safe at all times. Please remember to park sensibly outside our school for the safety of all our children and **DO NOT** stop on the mini roundabout to drop off your child as this is extremely dangerous. In consideration of our neighbours, please do not park across their driveways whether the car is there or not. If they have a dropped kerb you could be fined up to £250 if traffic wardens are in attendance and it is towed. **Always ensure you are never blocking emergency vehicle access.** Please keep well away from the bus stop area as this is very dangerous for children boarding or leaving the buses.

L. Wise (Mrs)
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DECEMBER DIARY:



DECEMBER:		
Tuesday	3rd	Year 5 Gurdwara trip – Classes 5C & 5S 2.30 Year 1 – Festive Winter Concert: Lower Hall
Wednesday	4 th	Year 2 classes visit to St Aldhelms Church N.18
Thursday	5 th	Reception classes Disco 3.25-4.25 pm
Friday	6 th	10.00 am: KS1 & KS2L trip to panto at Millfield
Thursday	12 th	Reception classes: Sleepy Shepherd pm session
Friday	13 th	Reception classes: Sleepy Shepherd am session
Monday	16 th	Christmas Assemblies KS1 & KS2 – details to follow Flu vaccine catch up session (am)
Tuesday	17 th	Reception classes Christmas parties Years 3 and 4 Christmas parties (pm) 3.15 pm Lost property on display (dining hall)
Wednesday	18 th	Year 2 show to parents – upper hall Years 5 and 6 Christmas parties (pm)
Thursday	19 th	TWOS & NURSERY: Christmas parties am/pm Last day for Puffins and Ladybird classes Years 1 and 2 Christmas parties (pm)
Friday	20 th	Staff panto Last day of term: School closes at 2.00 pm
Monday	6 th Jan	INSET DAY: School CLOSED
Tuesday	7 th Jan	School re-opens NOT TWOS

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 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.
Breakfast Club now opens at 7.45 am – After School Club closes at 5.30 pm

SCHOOL STREETS: Please be aware that our school is part of the School Streets 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/Lansbury Avenue.

Our address is also included in the ULEZ extended charging zone.
The last day of the Autumn Term is **Friday 20th December** when we close at **2.00 p.m.**

School Closure Dates: 2024/2025:

INSET DAYS: (Staff training)

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- **Monday 6th January 2025**
- **Monday 24th February 2025**
 - **Monday 21st July 2025**
 - **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**