



WEXHAM COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent/Carer Newsletter



*"If we have the attitude that it's going to be a great day, it usually is."
- Catherine Pulsifier*

Key Dates for Parents/Carers

Wednesday 8th December - Flu Immunisations

Monday 13th December - Year 4 parent timetables support (3.30pm - 4.00pm virtual meeting)

Tuesday 14th December - Year 1 trip to the Church

Tuesday 14th December - Reception Nativity Performance (1.30pm - 2.00pm) Streamed

Wednesday 15th December - Nursery AM Nativity performance (9.30am - 10.00am) Streamed

Wednesday 15th December - Nursery PM Nativity performance (1.30pm - 2.00pm) Streamed

Wednesday 15th December - Choir performance for parents after school

Thursday 16th December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Friday 17th December - Whole School Assembly

Friday 17th December - Last Day of Term (finish at 12.30pm)

Important Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you found both the book looks and parent consultations helpful in understanding where your children are at and what they may need to work on. Many of you will have been asked to work on reading, phonics and timetables, this is because we are trying to improve automaticity in our pupils. For example, if they know key sounds and meanings of words, when they are reading or writing, they can get immersed in the content rather than trying to sound out the word. In Maths, they can solve complex problems rather than being stuck on their number bonds or tables. It is far better to spend a lot of time in primary school learning these skills well so that pupils do not have gaps and struggle in secondary school.

In addition to this, teachers will have mentioned healthy eating and lunchboxes during the parent consultations. Our policy is straight forward and for one meal per day, they should be able to eat healthily. We will be launching our healthy eating month in January as part of our get fit and healthy in body, food and mind year. I will send further information on this in due course. Furthermore, please do not bring crisps and sweets onto the playground after school as it undermines all the work we are doing and is **NOT** necessary.



In terms of pupil's progress, last week the Governors visited the school to speak to teachers about how well the pupils are doing, what is going well and what they struggle with. They will report this to the full board. They were very impressed with the progress being made, as are we. Our year 5 writing data, which is compared nationally, came out as **16% above national**. Great job to year 5!

A quick reminder that this newsletter has a feedback form attached. Please feel free to fill this in and we will take your comments into account. After Christmas, we will share a spot light feature of staff within the school, as requested.

I do not wish for COVID to rule our school life; however, we must be pragmatic and accept that the cases are rising. Slough will issue a letter to parents, which has been shared across Berkshire, explaining the need to be cautious in our interactions. We have risk assessed the school and some of the things relevant to you are mentioned below.

Masks

As you know, face masks are mandatory in public places. If you are coming into the school, masks **MUST** be worn. This is to protect our staff and our community. I am not able to ensure you socially distance in the queue at pick-up time but I highly advise it.

School Office

Only one family at time will be permitted to enter the office. You will have to wait; therefore, I would avoid being late.

Nativity

This is will live streamed. The performances are as follows:

- Reception Nativity: Tuesday 14th December – 1.30pm – 2.00pm
- Morning Nursery Nativity: Wednesday 15th December – 9.30am – 10.00am
- Afternoon Nursery Nativity: Wednesday 15th December – 1.30pm – 2.00pm

Carol Concerts

We will hold these within school without parents on Friday 17th December, however the choir will stand on Moat Drive to perform for you after school on Wednesday 15th December. Please do not get too close and remain at a distance, but please do give some money towards Slough Food Bank. The choir students will also visit Oak House Care Home to sing to them, this has been risk assessed and will be carried out safely.

Remote Learning

The Omicron variant of COVID is very infectious, schools in Maidenhead and Bracknell have already started to close year groups. Last week, schools local to us also had very high levels of infection resulting in part closures. Should the cases continue to rise, we have been asked to



ensure remote learning is in place. I attached our remote learning policy, which is available on the school website. Please can you ensure that your child's TEAMS login is working, if not, call the teacher as soon as possible. Should we need to revert to remote learning, we will follow our plan from last time, which worked very effectively. We will allocate some laptops on a priority basis. Christmas is such a lovely time of year, we have a number of things planned for the pupils, such as Santa's visit, Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch etc. I hope we can remain safe and spread some Christmas cheer at the same time!

December – the month of gratitude

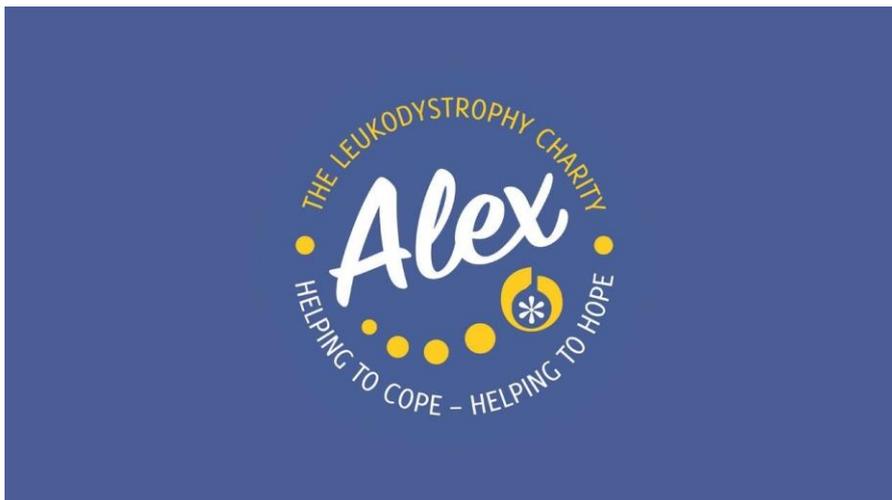
Thank you for your generous donations so far. Please remember to donate items for the class hampers for our public sector workers within our local community by Thursday 9th December. We are looking for parents' volunteers to come and help us wrap the hampers on Friday 10th December – please contact the office if you are interested.

ALD Charity

I would like to draw your attention to another charity which is very dear to us. It is the **ALEX TLC Charity** which is the only charity that specifically works with families with ALD. (ALD is a degenerative disease that attacks the body's neurological system, resulting in the premature death of the child.) This is a devastating condition which changes the lives of boys, who had previously been fit and healthy. Families are left to deal with a very quickly changing situation and with little support or guidance. They need somebody to talk to, so that they can make sense of what is happening and start to deal with the many complications associated with the disease. This will be our chosen charity for next year.

Burnham Junior FC are having a charity Coaches v Parents game this week. Money raised from the event will be donated to Alex TLC so if anyone wants to donate you can do so by visiting their JustGiving page link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Nolan5?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Andrew-Nolan5&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=326778a2fc1b4871919fcb43a225a44





The Owls came to visit

Last week, we also had some very special guests visit our Nursery children. Check out the pictures below to see how much they enjoyed it!





Art Week

Art week at Wexham Court, is a time for pupils and staff to fully immerse themselves in hands on creative activities. We realise as a school, that the arts are subjects that often get neglected, however they are vital subjects for children to be able to express themselves. Throughout last week, year groups spent the afternoons focusing purely on Art and DT based sessions building up to a final piece by the end of the week.

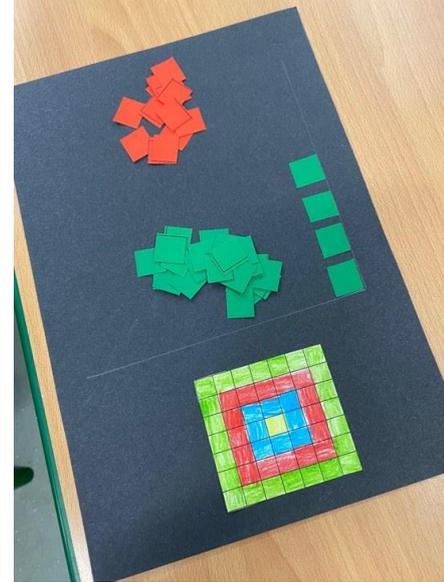
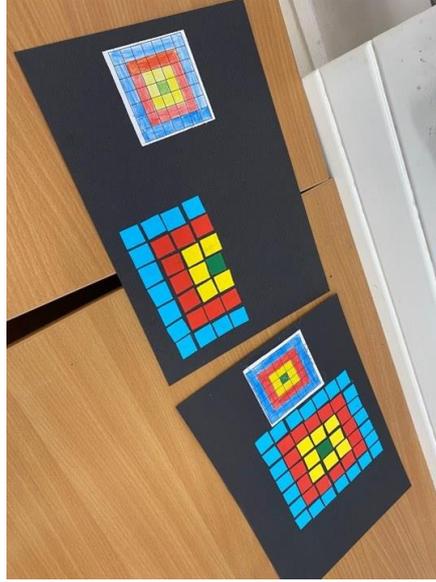
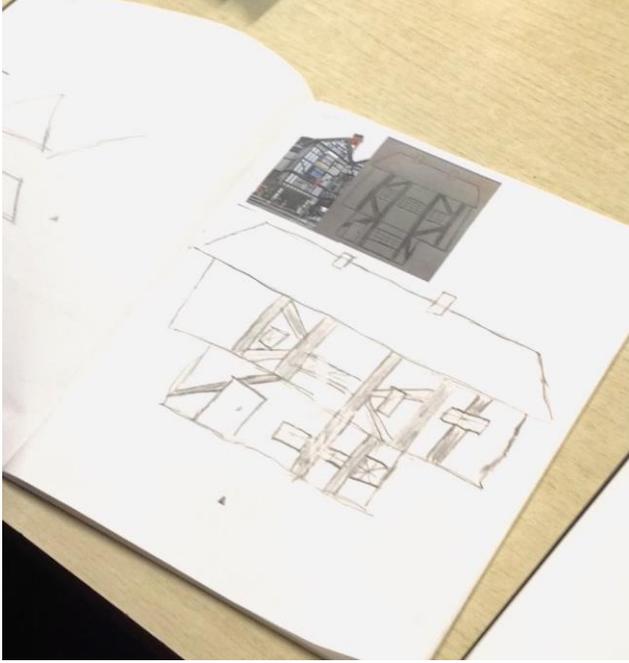
- **Year 1** – produced a collage and drawing of a train carriage. Children focused on shapes, lines and learning to draw faces.
- **Year 2** – constructed a town from the 1600s. Children focused on construction, how materials stick together, shapes and building structures.
- **Year 3** – produced a roman mosaic. Children focused on patterns and colours with a basic design.
- **Year 4** – produced a piece of Viking jewellery. Children focused on clay work with the technique of carving.
- **Year 5** – produced a stained-glass window based on a geometric design. Children focused on researching Islamic art in architecture, colour theory and tessellation.
- **Year 6** – produced a piece of Greek pottery from air dry clay. Children focused on researching Greek pottery, the pinch pot technique and inscribing stories/images into clay.

Have a look at the amazing work that was produced – well done to you all!!!



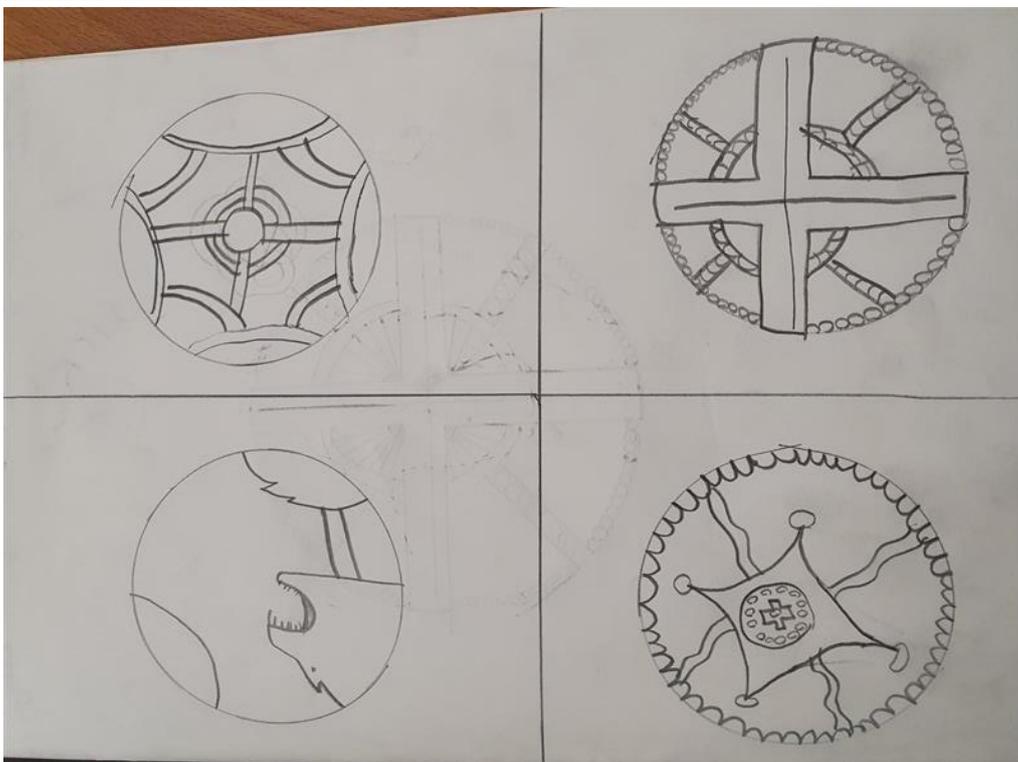
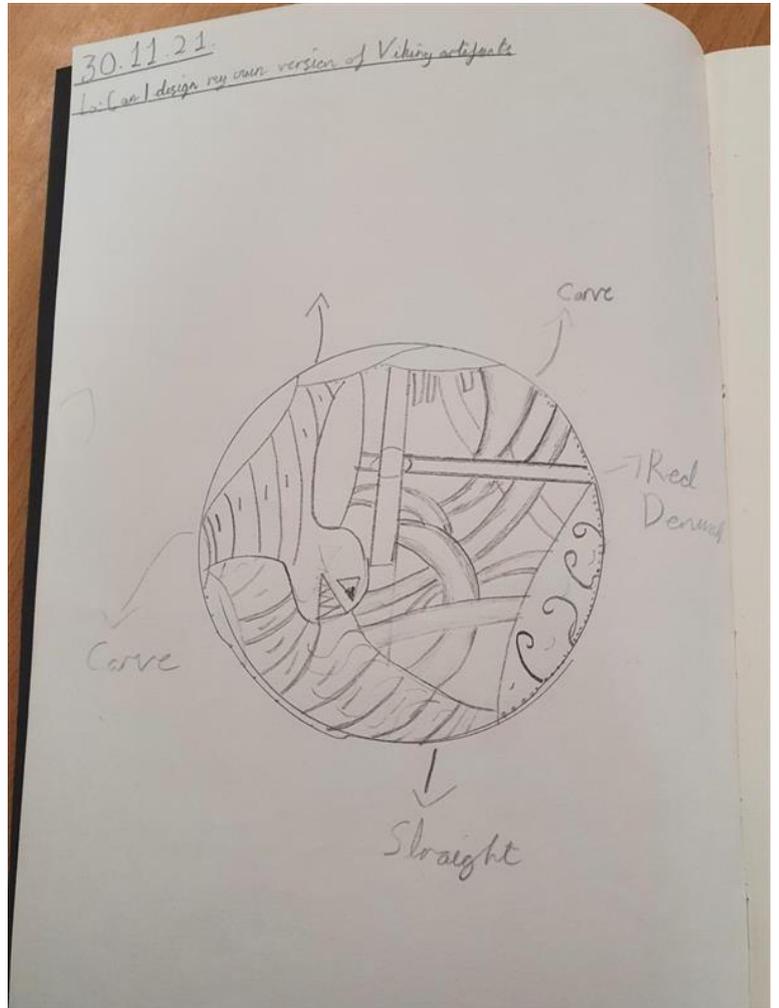


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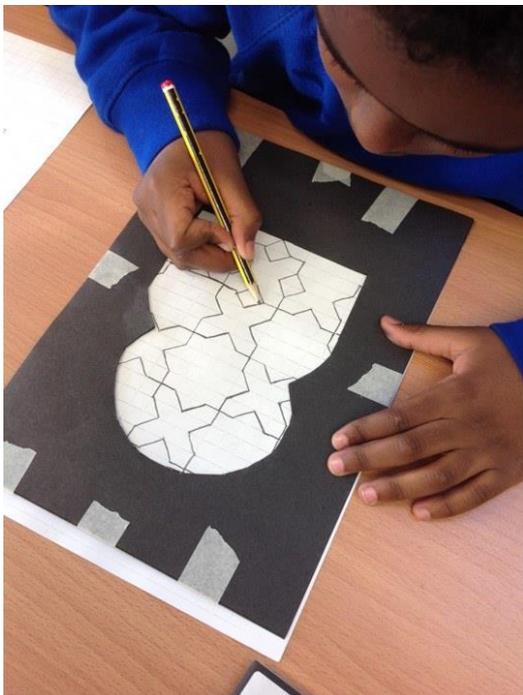
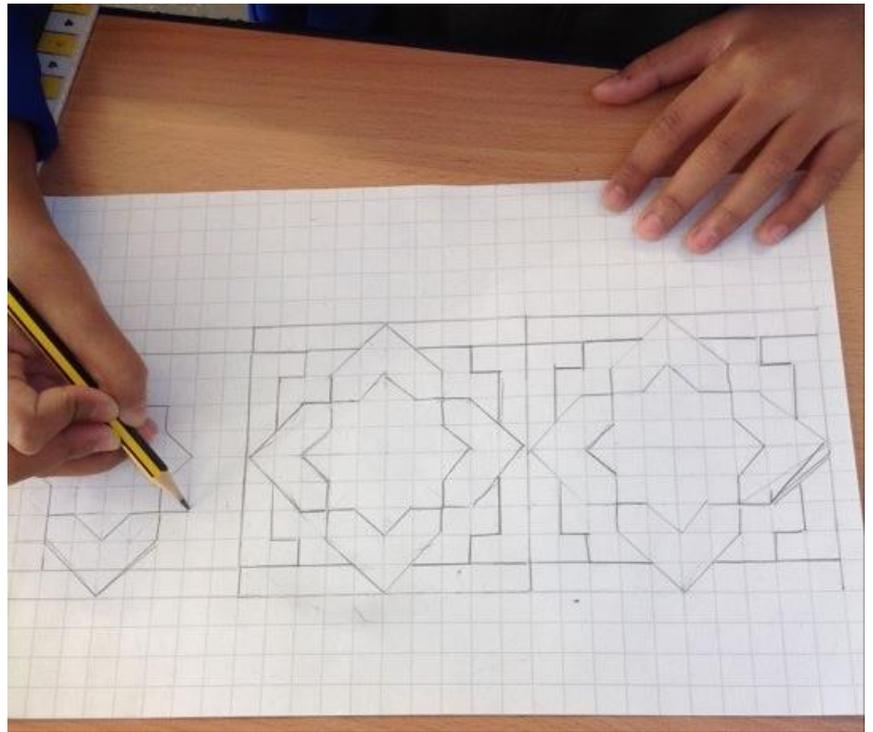
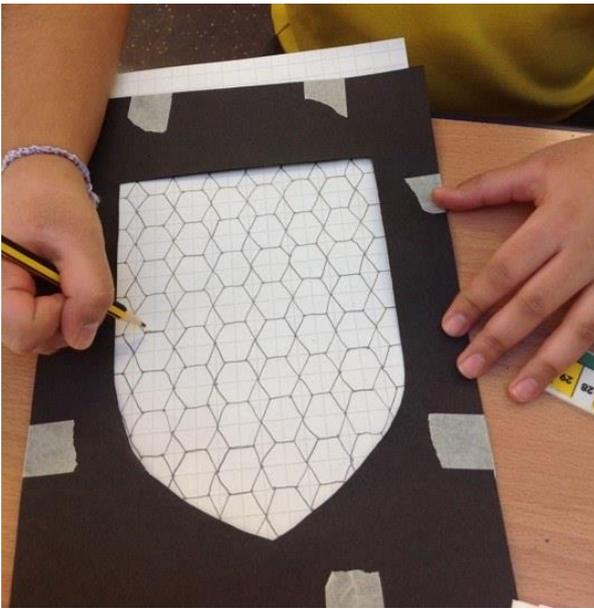
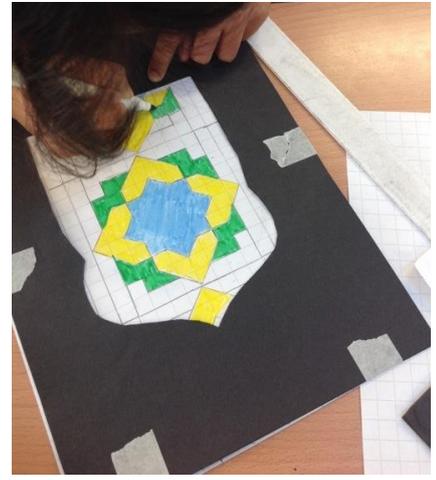
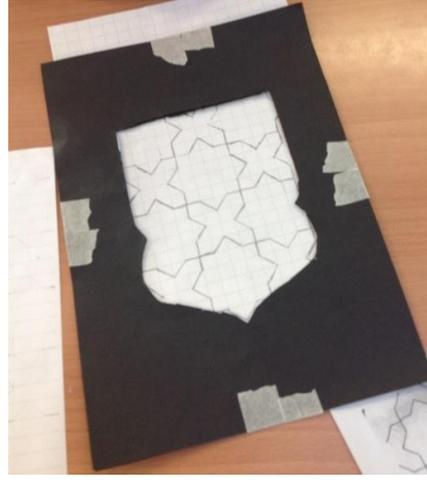
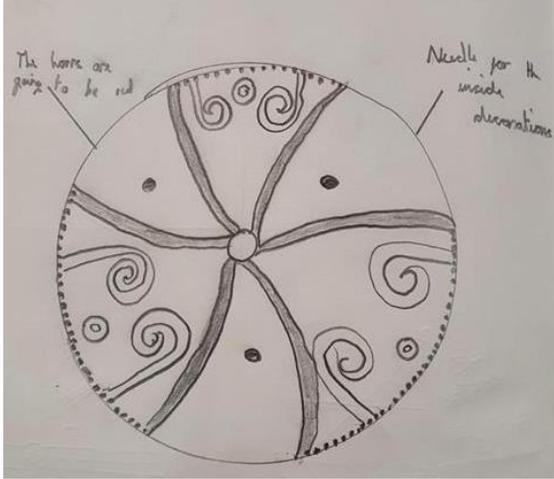


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I wish you a great week ahead!

Miss Mehat



Messages & Reminders

Reception Applications

Reminder for Nursery Parents – Applications for your child to be allocated a Reception place for September 2022 will be closing on the **15th January 2022**. Please make your application via the Slough Borough Council website as soon as possible. If no application is made, your child will not receive a Reception place. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs Thistle in the school office.

Front Office Team

Flu Immunisations

Any parents/carers that have been unable to complete their forms by the deadline will now need to follow the below process:

Any parents wishing to consent for the flu will need to wait until 24 hours after the session when the school consents will be reopened. They will then need to complete a form using the original information sent from the school and wait for the link to be emailed to them to book into one of our catch-up clinics.

School-aged Immunisation Team

Autism support during holidays

Christmas and holidays can be a challenging time for our children with autism, even if it is not celebrated at home. Please use the link below to see how you can support your child during the break. https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/christmas-resources?utm_source=The%20National%20Autistic%20Society&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12834231_autismpracticesubscribers02.12.21%20%5Bautismguidance%5D&dm_i=YA3,7N2YF,75OYLH,V4HO6,1

Mrs Harris



Awards & Honours

HOUSE POINTS

House Name	Points	Ranking
Copper Beech	2741	1 st
Horse Chestnut	2719	2 nd
Majestic Oak	2712	3 rd
Sycamore	2553	4 th



MATHLETICS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
South Africa	Egypt	Canada
Lets Improve	Argentina	
Top Scorer	Sagan Egypt	



STARS OF THE WEEK

EARLY YEARS

Morning Nursery	Manahal for having such creative ideas, selecting her resources independently and producing a final piece
Afternoon Nursery	Hakam for joining in with discussions on the carpet and beginning to initiate conversations with the teachers in Nursery.
 England	Mankirat for coming in to school happy, showing she is ready to learn and for being so kind and caring to others.
 Scotland	Charlie for growing in independence, making excellent progress in phonics and number.
 Wales	Enoch for making excellent progress in phonics.





STARS OF THE WEEK

LOWER PRIMARY



	Spain	Inaaya for being consistently helpful and respectful
	Poland	Viraj for using kind hands
	Italy	Aamina for trying harder with her writing and taking part in the class discussions
	Fiji	Ayaan for brilliant communication and team work
	Australia	Balqis for always showing kindness and empathy
	Tonga	Harjot for his growing concentration and progress in Cracking Times Tables.
	Egypt	Aairah for working really hard during English and coming up with some good ideas for her innovation.
	Ethiopia	Anes for challenging himself and making excellent progress in Maths.
	South Africa	Afis-Ola for working hard on his timetables this week and always striving for excellence in his work.



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UPPER PRIMARY



	Cuba	Taylor for always being respectful, putting effort into his work and continuously working to improve his handwriting.
	Canada	Peter for his innovative ideas in writing and for always challenging himself.
	Mexico	Aysha for her dedication to improving her learning both inside and outside of school
	Brazil	Nawfal for a great improvement in his attitude to learning and coming up with a great plan for his innovated write
	Argentina	Harveen for always being ready to learn and having a great attitude towards her learning
	Peru	Anaya for the focus that she has put in to her Maths work and for continually working hard to improve her understanding of the topics that we are learning about.
	Sri Lanka	Aziz for always providing excellent contributions in class and working hard to read more at home.
	China	Jawaad for having a brilliant attitude towards learning, challenging himself and striving for excellence at all times.
	Philippines	Ekampreet for challenging himself to use adventurous vocabulary within his writing and for identifying and fixing his run on sentences.





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Clubs & Activities



Powerleague Tournaments
Xmas Holidays Junior 5 a side
20-23 December
10:30am-2:30pm

Powerleague, Slough & Eton School, Ragstone Road, Slough, SL1 2PU

FREE 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

Slough school kids age 11-16 boys and girls.

No need to be part of a team, just register, turn up and play.

Or turn up with your friends and play as a team.

It's all about getting involved.

To register go to www.sportsinc.org.uk and click the

sign up button to fill out the registration form.

Spaces are limited so register early to secure your spot.

Healthy Hot Lunch and snacks available each day.

Make sure to use your HAF number if you have one.



For more information
Email: info@sportsinc.org.uk





Our Activities



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HAF

What is the HAF Scheme?

The HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Scheme is a government funded programme to provide activities and nutritious food to children entitled to benefit related term-time free school meals.

Children who receive benefit related free school meals are invited to attend one of our HAF venues over the Winter Holidays absolutely free. All you need to do is book their space and attend the sessions you have selected.

How to book

- 1 Visit www.getactivesports.com and register yourself and your child(ren) if your new to Get Active. Sign in with usual logins if you have used us before.
- 2 Select your nearest venue and view live availability.
- 3 Select the days and session times required.

If you need any help with your booking please call us on 01344 860868



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Get Active

READING

Meadow Park Academy - Reading, RG30 6BS **HAF**
Full: 9am-6pm £29.95 Half: 9am-3:30pm £26.95

Prospect Park - Reading, RG30 4EX **HAF**
Full: 9am-6pm £29.95 Half: 9am-3:30pm £26.95

WOKINGHAM

Willowbank Primary - Reading RG5 4RW **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

Radstock Primary - Reading, RG6 5UZ **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

Hillside Primary - Reading RG6 4HQ **HAF**
Half Only: 9am-3:00pm £26.95

Shinfield Junior School - Reading, RG2 9EJ **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

Robert Piggott Infant - Wargrave, RG10 8ED **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

SLOUGH

Priory Primary - Slough, SL1 6HE **HAF**
Half Only: 9am-1pm £19.95

Winter Venues

BUCKS

Beechview Academy - High Wycombe, HP13 7NT **HAF**
Full: 9am-6pm £29.95 Half: 9am-3:30pm £26.95

Lent Rise School - Slough, SL1 7NP **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

Great Missenden School - Great Miss, HP16 0AZ **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

OXFORDSHIRE

Didcot Academy - Didcot, OX11 6DP **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

WEST BERKS

Thatcham Park Primary - Thatcham, RG18 4NP **HAF**
Half Only: 9:30am-3:30pm £26.95

St Nicholas CofE Junior - Newbury, RG14 7LU **HAF**
Half Only: 10am-2pm £19.95

BRACKNELL

Wildridings Primary - Bracknell RG12 7DX **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

Jennetts Park - Bracknell, RG12 8EB **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

Holly Spring Primary - Bracknell RG12 2SW **HAF**
Full: 9am - 5pm £27.95

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HILLINGDON

Hillingdon Leisure Centre - Uxbridge, UB8 1ES **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

HAMPSHIRE

Winklebury School - Basingstoke RG23 8AF **HAF**
Full: 9am-6pm £29.95 Half: 9am-3:30pm £26.95

Southwood Infant - Farnborough, GU14 0NE **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95

MARLOW

Redgrave Leisure Centre - Marlow SL7 1JE **HAF**
Full: 8am-6pm £29.95 Half: 8am-3:30pm £26.95





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Our Venue

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You are welcome to book up to up to 2 full days at one of our completely free venues. A nutritious hot meal will be included as part of the scheme. Please only select one time slot.

We offer arts and crafts, sports and team games, winter wonderland party, talent shows, music, dancing and much more!

Benefit related free school meals*
For example if you receive Universal Credits, Income support etc the council will contact you to let you know your entitlement. This scheme does not cover children who receive free school meals based on their year group alone.



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