

Dear Families

Dear Families,

Firstly, we hope all our families who have been celebrating Diwali, since Sunday and over the last 5 days, have had a wonderful time and we wish you well during this year's festival of light.

This week has been super busy, I seem to say this a lot but it really has! We started the week with an Anti-Bullying assembly delivered by Mrs Hudson and in class the children have been reading "Cloudbusting" By Malorie Blackman, exploring the issues raised in this book. We have also had the Life Education Team in delivering great, interactive lessons in class. The second group of children have completed their Bikeability in Y6, and they have thoroughly enjoyed this, the team who deliver it are fab!

We have had OFSTED Inspector, Richard Blackmore, at our school for a second time. This week he was coaching and interviewing staff about EYFS, SEND provision, Modern Foreign Languages, PE and History. It was an intense but highly productive day as we continue to focus on our school improvement journey. The feedback was good, as always we have some new things we need to focus on but in general this was a positive day.

My new school improvement partner visited on Thursday and his first response was "Doesn't this look smart." He had previously visited the school in the 1980's when he was a young teacher, and it was lovely to hear he first impressions of our new refurbishments.

Thank you for all the positive feedback about our newly extending Reception outdoor area and the Forest School. What seems like a simple thing, in terms of moving fences to extend areas does take time and thought, and money! Everything we are doing at the moment, in terms of school improvements places the children at the centre of it, to ensure their provision is the best it can be. School improvement does take time and I think at the end of 2025 we will have a school that is quite unrecognisable to the one in 2022. Thank you for your patience and support in delivering on this.

Within this newsletter is a fabulous idea from Flo in Y6 – we hope as many people get on board with her great suggestion on Birthday Books. In addition there is a survey from the Children's Commissioner.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Happy Children in Need Day...

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Birthday books!



Illustration: Lyndsey Lewis

We are always wondering how to ensure a steady supply of lovely new books for our classroom book shelves – books that the children have recommended to each other and latest books by authors the children love.

Flo in Year 6 has come up with a great suggestion and we hope you like the idea!

She thought it would be really lovely if on a child's birthday they bring a book for their classroom library (it can be either new or nearly new/ pre-loved). The idea is that they bring a book that they have loved and would like others to read too. We will put a label in the book to say who the book was donated by.

We look forward to using this as a way of celebrating reading and birthdays all in one go.

Comics going spare?

Some children love reading comics so if you have any spare comics at home that are nearly as good as new and which you don't need anymore, please leave them at the office for the attention of Mrs Saladino. They would be very gratefully received and distributed between classes.

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PTA

Please could you add the following to Friday's Parklife. Thank-you!

NPPTA Update

Last chance for Christmas cards TODAY

Remember to order your Christmas Cards, wrapping paper, mugs and/or tote bags from [APFS](#) by Friday 17th November. You'll need the unique code on the back of your child's artwork.

Winter Fair 2023 - Friday 24th November, 6-8pm

Please join us for an evening of fun and games at Naunton Park Primary School on Friday 24th November - Santa's Grotto, BBQ, Bar, Face painting, Games, Stalls

Check out the [volunteers list](#) to see how you could help out.

<https://volunteersignup.org/JQMCM>

Thank-you to everyone who has signed up already!

Remember to...

- **BBQ** - [Pre-order your German Bratwurst](#) to avoid food waste and missing out on a tasty sausage! **Please order by Monday 20th Nov.**
- **Raffle** - Text SNOWY23 to 70970 and share these details with everyone you know!

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Stalls

If you would like a stall at the winter fair to promote your business or sell homemade products (no food or drink), please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk for further details.

Raffle and Mystery bag donations

If you can donate a raffle prize or, a quality item or voucher to be included in a mystery bag (mystery bags are sold to adults for £10 - the contents of the bag adds up to over £10), please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk.

Donations morning - Thursday 23rd November

Please bring donations to the playground at drop off on Thursday 23rd November to support this year's winter fair. We are hoping for:

- Bottles for the tombola - wine, prosecco, spirits, beer, etc.
- Chocolates / biscuits for the tombola - sealed and in-date
- Mystery parcels to be sold for £1 to the children - label with intended age if necessary
- Sweets - sealed and in date

Bag2School - TUESDAY 21st NOV

The next Bag2School collection will be on **Tuesday 21st November**. Donations to be dropped off at school between 0800-0930. Collection point will be set up for those dropping off at breakfast club. A reminder and full details will be sent out nearer the time. We cannot accept donations prior to this. Check out www.bag2school.com for what is and isn't accepted.

Emmanuel Carol Concert - Sat 9th Dec - volunteers needed

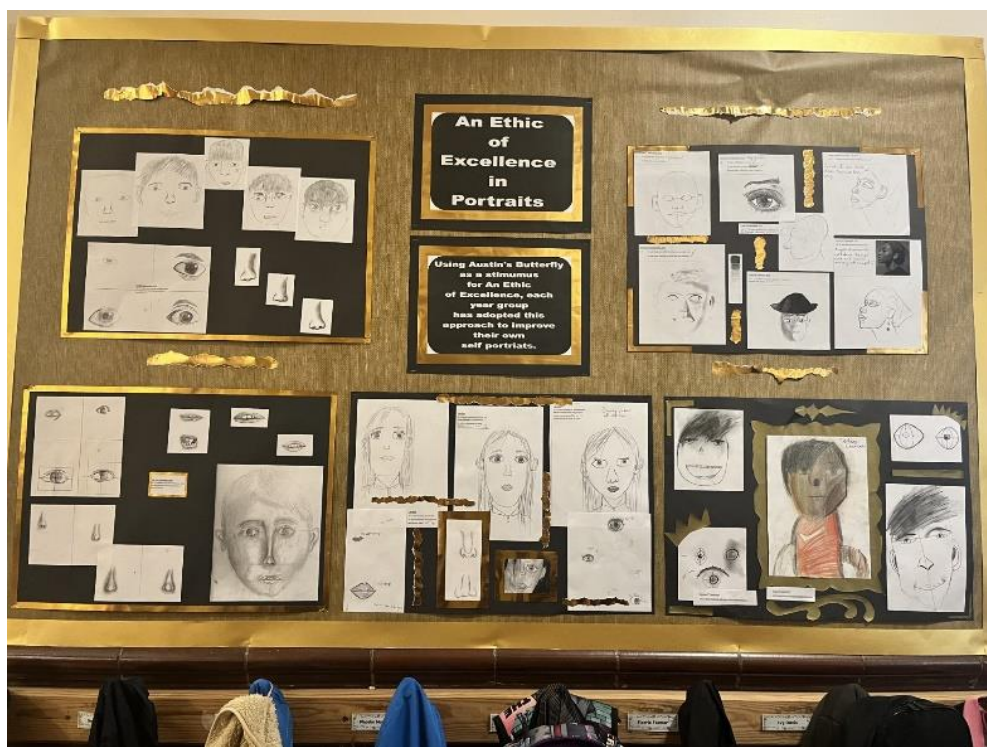
On the evening of Saturday 9th December, the school choir will be performing alongside the Cotswold Male Voice Choir. We are looking for a couple of people to help serve drinks and mince pies at half time. If you could help, please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk or get in touch via your **PTA** rep on your year group Whatsapp. Thank-you!

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Dates for the diary

- Deadline for Christmas card orders - Fri 17th Nov
- Bag2School - Tues 21st Nov
- Donations Morning - Thurs 23rd Nov
- Winter Fair 2023 - Fri 24th November
- Emmanuel Carol Concert (choir) - Sat 9th December

Beautiful Work



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Class News

Avon

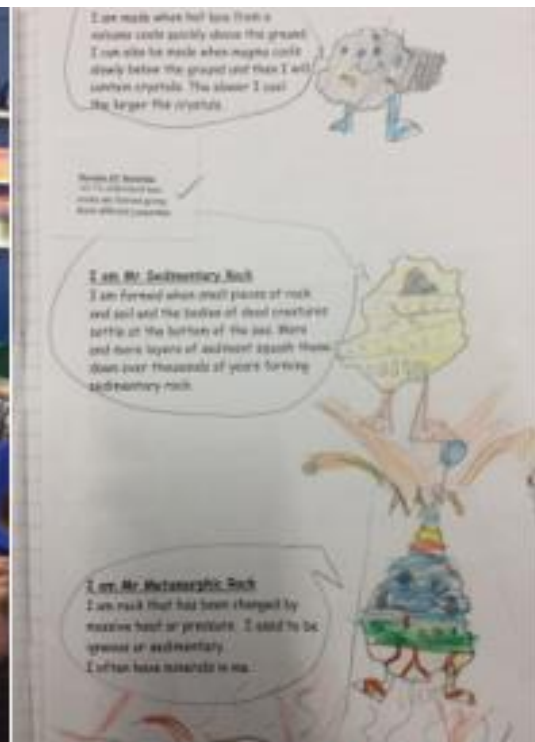
For the first time this year, Year 6 have visited the Reception classes to start our Buddy Reading sessions. The children paired up and shared the books from the KS1 library taking it in turns to read.



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Cherwell

We have been busy this week working on answering our leading question: What Lies Beneath Our Feet? We have been rock detectives: observing rocks; investigating whether they are sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic; and drawing our own rock people to show what we know about how the rocks were made and what their properties are.



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Class – Orange

This term during our Charanga sessions, we are learning to Dance, Play and Sing! We are thinking about how music is made up of long and short sounds called 'rhythm' and high and low sounds called 'pitch', as well as continuing to listen and move to the beat of the music. We began to learn a new song called 'Dancing Dinosaurs' and played along with the glockenspiels using the repeated notes of C D and E. We did so well!



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Class – Thames

In Thames' Computing lessons this term we have been using a programme called Pivot Animator to create our own animations. They have had to complete tasks like making a short story, have two figures in your animation and make something happen in the animation. We have saved, shared and enjoyed them in class, discussing what makes them effective and enjoyable to watch.



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Eco-warriors, assemble!

On Wednesday afternoon, our Eco-Warriors met with The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to plant seeds in the newly developed areas of Naunton Park. We planted native wildflower seeds by the swale (bottom left hand corner of the park) and will hope to see them bloom in the spring time. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and were talked through the new areas developing in our local park. We took the opportunity to litter pick after, filling two buckets of plastic, glass, cans and other rubbish. The children felt that the park looked very litter free but knew all the hot spots to look - no bushes were left unchecked. An afternoon well spent with a brilliant bunch of future change makers!

Mrs Windsor



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Class – Purple

This week in Science Purple class have been outside in Forest School. They have been looking at what all animals and humans need to survive. One basic need is shelter, so what better way to put this to the test than building a shelter in forest school. The children could use a variety of natural and man-made materials and really enjoyed the opportunity to take their learning outside!



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Class – Red

Forest School Fun!

This morning red class had our first ever forest school session. The children enjoyed talking about autumn and the seasons. After taking some time to notice all of the beautiful colours in nature they made their own leaf wreaths!



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Class – Frome

Year 5 had a great time with Becky from the Life Bus. They had lots of interesting discussions and completed group tasks around friendship, focussing mainly on peer pressure. They watched scenarios to help them understand how best to handle situations when they are being pressured to do something they do not want to do. They were very excited at the end to see their old friend, Harold the giraffe!



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Dates

Planned activities are listed below.

Please note that these are subject to change and additional activities will be added in due course.

Monday 20 th November	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 21 st November	Bags4Schools (PTA fundraiser)
Tuesday 21 st November	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
Thursday 23 rd November	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 24 th November	YR Forest School (Red)
Friday 24 th November	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Monday 27 th November	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 28 th November	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Thursday 30 th November	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
Friday 1 st December	YR Forest School (Green)
Friday 1 st December	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Friday 1 st December	Windrush Class Assembly
Monday 4 th December	Y4 swimming
Thursday 7 th December	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 8 th December	YR Forest School (Red)
Friday 8 th December	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Friday 8 th December	Thames Class Assembly
Monday 11 th December	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 12 th December	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Wednesday 13 th December	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms
Friday 15 th December	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Friday 15 th December	YR Forest School (Green)
Monday 18 th December	Y4 swimming
Monday 18 th December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity TBC
Tuesday 19 th December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity TBC
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch TBC
Thursday 21 st December	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 22 nd December	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Friday 22 nd December	KS2 carols
Friday 22 nd December	3:15pm end of term
Monday 8 th January	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 th January	Arts Week (until Friday 12 th January)
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Tuesday 9 th January	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Friday 12 th January	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Monday 15 th January	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 16 th January	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)
Wednesday 17 th January	6pm, Online Safety Information meeting for parents with Glos. Constabulary
Friday 19 th January	Y3 Forest School (Cherwell)
Friday 19 th January	Wye Class Assembly
Monday 22 nd January	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 23 rd January	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Friday 26 th January	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Friday 26 th January	Cherwell Class Assembly
Monday 29 th January	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 30 th January	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)

Term dates and events in the diary can be found here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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Safeguarding

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Every year, we use the national Anti-Bullying Week as an opportunity to stop and reflect: we teach the children more about bullying (what it is and what it isn't), how to report their worries and concerns, who to go to with a worry and how to speak up for others who may be on the receiving end of bullying behaviours.



Children are taught in school that bullying is intentional behaviour that hurts someone else; it is repeated, often over a long period of time, and can hurt someone physically and emotionally. Children are taught that this can be face-to-face or online.

Statistics

- 4 in 10 children in the UK aged 8-17 reported to experience bullying, either on or offline, in the last 12 months.
- 59% of young people who have experienced bullying behaviour in the past 12-months think that it was because of others' attitudes towards their appearance. 46% think it's due to their hobbies/interests and 25% think it's due to their clothing choices.
- The most common form of bullying reported was name calling (including via text and social media).
- Bullying behaviour is the most common concern called through to Childline, particularly by boys, amongst children under the age of 11.
- Spending more than 10-hours a week on social media doubles the chances that a 12-15 year old will experience cyberbullying behaviour.
- 32% of children aged 8-12 report that they have experienced bullying or negative comments made about a photo they have posted online.
- For children who have experienced bullying behaviour, boys are more likely to have experienced it via online gaming than girls.

Information for parents

Please talk to your child about this issue. It's really important to reiterate to children at home that telling an adult if they have a worry about anything can really help. We explain to children that they should report any concern to an adult, especially if someone is being unkind or they have witnessed or been on the receiving end of bullying behaviour.

- There is very useful information available to parents on the NSPCC website here: [Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC](#)
- There is a National Bullying Helpline, available for children and adults to access: [Bullying at school | Bullying advice for parents and children \(nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk\)](#)
- Professional help is available to children and young people. More information can be found here: [Getting Help For My Child | Where to Start | YoungMinds](#)
- Parent resources for Anti-Bullying Week are available to view and download here: [Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Parent Pack FINAL.pdf \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](#)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

By now, I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. Please ensure you have shared this survey with the children and parents within your school community.

Children or parents can complete the survey

here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. Further resources are available on our [website](#).

It is really important that the pupils at Naunton Park Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the Cheltenham area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Please share the survey and resources with teachers in your school and encourage them to use it in their lessons. Children can complete the survey in assemblies, form times, PSHE or in other lessons this term. The survey can also be done as homework and parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice. Be sure to check out the lesson plans on my website if you want to teach your pupils more about politics before they fill in the survey!

Please do get in touch if you have any problems. My team is happy to support with the roll out in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,



Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

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Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
YR	Theo Needs Jed Robbins-Stokes	Amayah Johnson Sadie Carroll
Y1	Beatrice Arstall-Groom Keira Wilson	Tahla Zasikowska Ollie Beake
Y2	Archie Cox Talviah Davies	Kate Rice Jasper Forster
Y3	Cece Mclean Bel Crownshaw	Alice Howell Effie Gibson
Y4	Orla Stewart Bea Foster	Eva Puttnam Freddie Dexter
Y5	Arthur Eeles Eden Nield	Toby Fraine Birdie Milner
Y6	Alex Hall Delilah Roylance	Benjamin Hannaford- George Charlie Taylor

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