

Gwladys Street CP & Nursery School



News Letter 15th December 2023



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week with Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas productions. It was fantastic to see so many people attending these and enjoying the singing, dancing and acting.

In Year 4, our pupils became Romans on Wednesday and immersed themselves in cooking, marching and creating a museum. Again, we were overwhelmed by the number of parents and carers who attended. This meant a lot to our pupils.

Next week we are preparing to break up for the festive season. We look forward to seeing Key Stage 2 parents at St Luke's Church for the Carol Service.

On Tuesday we have our Christmas Fair, don't forget that **school closes at 2:00pm** so that you can then look around with your child.

We are hoping a surprise visitor will also be attending our Grotto!

There will also be a pantomime for the children to watch next week and lots of Christmas activities including class parties. Pupil's can attend school on Wednesday in their own party clothes. Remember, school closes at 3:30pm on Wednesday for Christmas and all pupils will return to school at 08:50 on Monday 8th January.

On behalf of the Governors, myself and the staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for all your support over the Autumn term.



Diary Dates

18/12/23 @2pm—KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Luke's Church

19/12/23 from 2pm—Christmas Fair

20/12/23 3.30pm— School Finishes for Christmas

8th Jan—All Children return to school



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Click [here](#) to view

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

[Apply Here](#)



Please click [here](#) to view term dates for the school year.

Calendar



Attendance Matters

Whole School Target: 97% - This week's Whole school attendance: 90.5%

Absence—if your child is absent from school you **MUST** contact the school before 9:00am each day of your child's absence. Failure to make any contact with the school will result in a home visit from staff and Head teacher.

Appointments—should be arranged outside of the school day and if this is not possible, medical evidence should be provided.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Position</u>
Russia	96.92%	1st
China	94.6%	2nd
Germany	94.3%	3rd
Caterpillars	94%	4th
Australia	93.7%	5th
Costa Rica	93.6%	6th
Chile	93.3%	7th
Japan	92.4%	8th
India	89.6%	9th
France	88%	10th
Morocco	88%	10th
Kenya	87.1%	12th
New Zealand	87%	13th
Butterflies	84.8%	14th
Ladybirds	81.6%	15th

CONGRATULATIONS



**To the 318 children who
had 100% attendance
this week.**

Congratulations
to Classes **Germany** and **Russia** who
are our Attendance winners this
week. The children will all
receive a
Golden time activity.
Well done!



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky

deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or play-group when they're unwell.

[Use this link for information and advice.](#)



Class Assembly Dates;

China - Monday 15th January @ 3:00pm

Japan - Monday 22nd January @ 3:00pm

Morocco - Monday 29th January @ 3:00pm

New Zealand - Monday 5th February @ 3:00pm

Australia - Monday 26th February @ 3:00pm

France - Monday 4th March @ 3:00pm

Germany - Monday 11th March @ 3:00pm

Butterflies - Monday 18th March @ 3:00pm

Ladybirds - Monday 25th March @ 3:00pm

Caterpillars - Monday 25th March @ 3:00pm - In Nursery

&

Wednesday 27th March @ 3:00pm - In Nursery



PE TIMETABLE

Monday:
New Zealand
Year 6

Tuesday:
Australia
Year 5

Wednesday:
France
Year 4

Thursday:
Germany

Friday:
Year 3



All children must wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

After School Clubs

	<u>Key Stage 1</u>	<u>Key Stage 2</u>
<u>Mon</u>	Dance club Year 1 and 2	
<u>Tue</u>		
<u>Wed</u>		Choir Years 5 and 6
<u>Thur</u>		Art Club Homework Club
<u>Fri</u>	TTRS Lunchtime Multi Sports	TTRS Lunchtime

Perfect Attendance!



EYFS/ KS1 Germany



KS2 Russia



TEAM

Stars of the Week

Class

Name

Caterpillars	Amelia E & Zelan A
Butterflies	Nithara N
Ladybirds	Evan JG
France	Damian M
Germany	Logan G
Australia	Ellissa-Rose C
New Zealand	Ryan L
Kenya	Austin L
Morocco	Maddison Mae J
Chile	Alyssa JF
Costa Rica	Logan B
India	Louie J
Russia	Lilly-May H
China	Milosz S
Japan	Holly M



Well done to
our wonderful



TEAM

STARS OF THE WEEK

Your hard work and
efforts have not gone
unnoticed.



COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



0300 123 3393
Helpline
mind.org.uk

Text SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text service
giveusashout.org

116 123
24/7 helpline
samaritans.org



Text YM to 85258
24/7 text service
youngminds.org.uk

0800 58 58 58
Helpline for men
thecalmzone.net

0800 068 4141
Under 35s Helpline
papyrus-uk.org

For Mental Health and Wellbeing

Crisis Care line

*Families/Professionals can call: 0151 293 3577 or 0151 282 4724 or freephone 0808 196 3550.

*Email: CrisisCare@alderhey.nhs.uk

*General enquiries: 0151 293 3662

<https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/children-young-people/covid-19-liverpool-camhs-support/>

SHOUT (Alder Hey)

A free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for any CYP who is feeling overwhelmed or struggling to cope.

To start a conversation text the word **GREEN** to 85258
More info here:

<https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/reach-out/>

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Drop in advisory sessions via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties, waiting an ASD assessment or your child has a diagnosis of autism. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be one half hours long, you can choose to join anytime with in the time slot or stay for the duration.
You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Date: December dates and Times (am / pm sessions)

Dates	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
8 th December	X	1pm – 2.30pm
18 th December	9.30am – 11am	X
19 th December	9.30am – 11am	X
20 th December	9.30am – 11am	X

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk



Supporting Your Neurodiverse Child: Strategies for Parents, Grandparents & Carers

We want to help the Grandparents and Carers of Liverpool who need some help with supporting their neurodiverse children. Working alongside Positive Futures, we are offering face to face workshops to build your skills and knowledge around neurodiversity.



We offer face to face skills building workshops. For more information on this, please contact the school SENCO or Rachel at the ADHD Foundation (details below).



The skills building workshops can also be accessed online through live webinars.

We will cover:

- ADHD - Neuroscience of ADHD & key characteristics
- ADHD - Sleep and wellbeing
- ADHD - Stress response and self-regulation
- Understanding Autism and Autism Characteristics
- Understanding & Supporting Behaviour



Understanding and Supporting My Child's ADHD



ADHD Guide for Children



ADHD Guide for Teenagers



pfr@adhd.foundation.org.uk



www.adhd.foundation.org.uk



The ASD Training Team



The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop-in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting or in a group setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Date and time for 1:1 session

Thursday 28th December 2023
Friday 29th December 2023
Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Thursday 4th January 2023

9.30 – 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45

Date and time for Group Q & A session

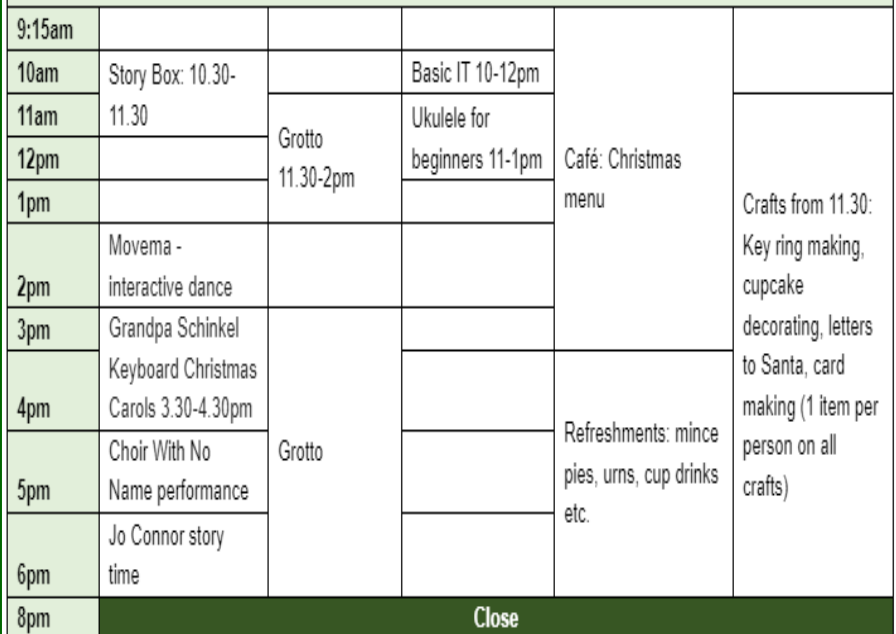
Friday 5th January 2024 Time 9.30am – 11.00am
Friday 5th January 2024 Time 1pm – 2.30pm

To book your place please email your choice of date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link.

asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk



Things to do with family through Christmas and December



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris Van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds 2 read design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Someone you know is preparing for their first Christmas without their husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, daughter or son. Others are preparing for their last. Regardless of the specifics, remember that this season of joy is often times a season of sorrow for many. Be kind, be generous, give love, give help; if nothing else, just don't give people a hard time.