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**Letters sent home & e-School messages this week:** Mufti Day Donations for the Tombola, Making Gingerbread People (Rec), Free Workshops for Parents (Nursery/Rec), Digital Childhood, Winter Fayre, Reminder: Marchants Hill Residential (Y5), Trip to Bletchley Park (Y6)

Dear all

There is an air of excitement here this morning as we eagerly wait for the Christmas Fayre this afternoon. It promises to be great fun, and obviously for a very good cause, so I hope to see lots of people later on.

To confirm, if you are attending, you should collect your child from their class room (just as you would on any other afternoon), then go round to the school front entrance (where the offices are) and from there to the school hall. Please do not come through the school buildings as we need to ensure the safety of children remaining in classrooms.

You can collect your children any time between 2.20pm and 3.20pm, remembering that the doors to the fayre will open from 2.30pm and that it will continue until 4.30pm.

There has been a lot of singing this week with rehearsals for performances from Years 1 and 2, Year 5 and Nursery next week, and of course, the Reception nativity performance. Many of you have been kind enough to pass on your thanks and appreciation for what was a fabulous rendition of The Sleepy Shepherd. This makes such a difference to us all. We thank you in turn for your recognition for all the hard work that the Reception team put in.

Sadly, I need to include another photo of dangerous and thoughtless parking. Children and adults need to be able to use the pavement. When you park like this you put your children's friends at risk of harm. Please stop.



Best wishes for a happy weekend.

Clare Pankhania

## ATTENDANCE

To report your child's absence please phone and leave a message or send an email to:

[reception@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:reception@highworthcombined.co.uk)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS **96%**

BEST ATTENDANCE: **98.3%**

(CLASS 5S)

**WELL DONE**

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

**91.8%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**1:45pm:** Y1 & Y2 Performance to Parents  
(entry by ticket only)

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**2:00pm** Y1 & Y2 Performance to parents  
(entry by ticket only)

**(10.45am & 2.30pm)** Nursery Stay & Play  
Session

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch for those children who  
have ordered a school meal. Children  
(and staff) may wear Christmas jumpers

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (pm)

Christmas Parties & Mr Marvel

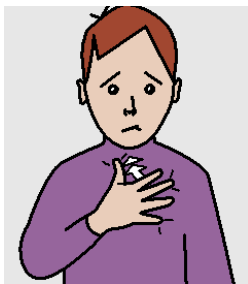
### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00am:** Y5 Christmas Assembly

**2.15pm:** School finishes – End of Term

## PARENT ZONE

### SIGN OF THE WEEK



### **upset**

disturb the balance or stability of

*"The hostile talks upset the peaceful relations between the two countries";*

to make someone [worried](#), [unhappy](#), or [angry](#):

*'It still upsets him when he [thinks](#) about the [accident](#).'*

*'Don't upset [yourself](#) by [thinking](#) about what might have been.'*

Follow this link to see how to sign 'upset' in BSL

[British Sign Language BSL Video Dictionary - upset](#)

## **Christmas Events**

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm:**

School choir performing at St Francis Church

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm:**

Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) performance to parents and carers; Tickets are required (maximum 2 per family)

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (10:45am & 2.30pm):**

Nursery Stay & Play Session with parents and carers in Nursery classroom; Christmas craft activities and songs - invitations for allocated sessions have already been sent out

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:**

Christmas Lunch; order by the end of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December; All children (and staff!) may wear Christmas jumpers

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (pm):**

Christmas Parties; a visit to see Mr Marvel in the hall followed by games and food in classrooms; children may come to school in party clothes, but these must be suitable for a school day including break time and lunch time outside; please send a SMALL plate of party food that is clearly named. Children will have eaten lunch as usual so just a couple of items please

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9am:**

Year 5 Christmas Assembly performance; parents and carers of pupils in Year 5 only invited to attend; tickets not required, but space allows maximum of 2 people per family

End of Term – school finishes early at **2.15pm**. Please collect your child on time.

**Christmas services and activities at**  
**St Francis Church Terriers, Amersham Road, High Wycombe**

It is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of the Christmas season and to spend our time rushing around buying presents, decorating the house and preparing special food and to forget the true message of this special season. Why not make some time and space to reflect on what Christmas is really all about, the birth of the Christ child, and join us at St. Francis church for our special Christmas services.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 9 Lessons and Carols Service at 6.30pm

With Highworth School choir.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Christingle Service at 4.00pm – come and support the Children’s Society and make a Christingle to take away with you.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Crib service at 4.00pm – hear the story of the birth of a special baby over 2000 years ago.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Midnight Mass at 11.30pm – the first communion service of Christmas day.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas morning service at 10.00am

Do join us. All welcome.

# Nurture Programme

## Parenting group

The Nurture Programme is a parenting group that aims to empower parents to:

- build positive relationships
- encourage co-operative behaviour
- develop resilience, empathy, and self-esteem in themselves and their children.

**Places must be booked prior to the course starting.** Contact us or scan the QR code for more details and to book your place.



### Get in touch

01296 383293  
familyhubgroups@  
buckinghamshire.gov.uk



**High Wycombe**  
(3-day course)  
Thursdays

16 to 30 January 2025  
9:30am to 2:30pm



**Aylesbury**  
(5-day course)  
Wednesdays

26 February to 26 March 2025  
9:45am to 12:30pm



**Burnham**  
(3-day course)  
Wednesdays

12 March to 26 March 2025  
9:30am to 2:30pm

## Courses start January 2025

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# Keeping your child in mind

## Healthy parent relationships

This programme works with parents or carers who have different parenting styles, changes or breakdowns in relationships.

It aims to help you understand how your relationships impact your children and how working with positive, respectful communication can support your child to reduce the impact.

For more information and to book your place scan or press the QR code.

**4-week and 1-day courses available.**



### Contact us

01494 776 786



earlyhelpduty@

buckinghamshire.gov.uk



**Youthspace Centre**  
**High Wycombe**  
Thursdays

**16 January to 6 February**  
**4-week course**  
10:30am to 12:30pm



**Amersham**  
**Family Centre**  
Thursday

**30 January**  
**1-day course**  
10am to 4pm



**Castlefield**  
**Family Centre**  
Thursday

**12 March**  
**1-day course**  
10am to 4pm

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# Wellbeing matters

For 7 to 11 year olds

A one-day workshop during the February half-term for primary-aged young people.

Topics will include your wellbeing, emotions, self-esteem, resilience, and relationships with others.

**Spaces are limited, secure your place now!**

Scan/press the QR code to secure your place or for more information

If you need help completing the form or registering your interest please email:

**[familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubgroups@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or call 01296 383293.**



**Berryfields Family Centre**

**Monday 17 February 2025 | 9:30am to 2:30pm**



**Mapledean Family Centre Plus**

**Wednesday 19 February 2025 | 10am to 3pm**

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# Buckinghamshire Family Information Service

Age 0 to 19 (25 SEND)



The **Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (BFIS)** provides information and advice on family matters, childcare and things to do locally.

We support parents, parents-to-be and children and young people from birth to 19 (up to 25 with SEND).

## You can find

- Support with family issues
- Family centres
- Support for children with SEND
- Childcare and early years providers

## Get in touch

☎ 01296 383293  
✉ familyinfo@  
buckinghamshire.gov.uk

For more information please visit  
<https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

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# Messy play and explore

Free play sessions for children aged 0 to 5 years



Come along for lots of fun including arts, crafts, toys and outside play at one of our Wycombe Family Centres. **Dress for a mess!**



**Mapledean  
Family Centre +**

Mondays and Fridays  
9:45am to 11:15am



**Hampden Way  
Family Centre**

Mondays  
9:30am to 11:30am



**Hithercroft  
Family Centre**

Tuesdays  
9:30am to 11:30am



**Risborough  
Family Centre**

Wednesdays  
9:30am to 11:30am



**Marlow  
Family Centre**

Thursdays  
9:30am to 11:30am



**Castlefield  
Family Centre**

Fridays  
9:30am to 11:30am



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Mental Health Support Team  
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust



**FREE**

**FOR PARENTS  
AND CARERS**

# LIVE WEBINARS

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**



**DATES:  
VARIOUS**



**TIME:  
6PM - 7.30PM**

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!

03000 903565

buckamhs@oxfordhealthnhs.uk

\*PLEASE NOTE: YOUR ONLINE ENTRY WILL ONLY BE VALID FOR ONE PLACE FOR THE WEBINAR. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED FOR TWO.

## SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	School Age	QR
Introduction to Mental Health	16th October 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Introduction to Mental Health	22nd October 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Childhood Anxiety	6th November 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Adolescent Anxiety	13th November 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Child Behaviour and Development	22nd January 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	6th January 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Low Mood and Depression	26th February 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Adolescent Development and Behaviour ( teenage brain)	17th March 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Change and Transition	2nd April 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	20th April 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	