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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: After School Sports Clubs (Y1-Y6), Times Table Rock Stars (Y3-Y6), Marchants Hill Residential Trip (Y5), Christmas Events, Y1 & Y2 Performance, Christmas Nativity (Rec), Nursery Christmas Party

Dear all

On Tuesday we had a fabulous music event with instrumentalist and vocal performances from many of our pupils. You will find a few photographs on the website here: https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/december_2024/701917 As ever, many thanks to Mrs Martin for her hard work and dedication in putting on an enjoyable event, and also in delivering such high-quality music lessons as part of our curriculum.

We are in full festive mode here at school and are very much looking forward to all the events we have taking place in the build up to the Christmas Holidays. We sent a guide to all that is to come yesterday. See the list of Christmas Events on the next page as a reminder.

As you know, we are holding our annual Highworth Friends Christmas event next Friday from 2.20pm (you can collect children from their classrooms at this time or at any time up to 3.20pm). We would like to be able to offer you and the children opportunities to take part in activities such as a Santa's Workshop, a raffle, tombola, gift buying, games and refreshments.

Sadly, it is currently looking like all of this may not be possible due to a lack of volunteer helpers. We desperately need volunteers to run a stall between 14:30 – 15:30 and 15:30 to 16:30.

If you are able to offer any help, or have a friend or family member that could, please fill in the volunteer sign up document by visiting: <https://volunteersignup.org/FLY7J> or email Highworth Friends directly at HighworthFriends@gmail.com

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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 99.3%
(CLASS 3H)
EXCELLENT

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:
93.9%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 11th December

2.15pm: Reception Performance to Parents

Friday 13th December

Mufti Day – bring a donation for the Winter Fayre

2.30pm to 5pm: PTA Winter Fayre

Christmas Events

Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm:

Reception performance to parents and carers; Tickets are required (maximum 2 per family)

Friday 13th December from 2.30pm to 5pm:

PTA Winter Fayre; Parents and carers can collect their children from the classroom at 2.20pm if they wish.

Mufti Day - bring a donation for the Winter Fayre

Sunday 15th December from 6.30pm:

School choir performing at St Francis Church

Monday 16th December at 1.45pm and Tuesday 17th December at 2pm:

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

Tuesday 17th 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 18th December:

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

Thursday 19th 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

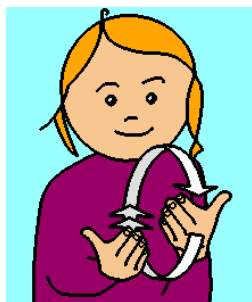
Friday 20th December at 9am:

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 at **2.15pm**

PARENT ZONE

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Story

a message that tells the particulars of an act or occurrence or course of events; presented in writing or drama or cinema or as a radio or television program

"his narrative was interesting"; "Disney's stories entertain adults as well as children";

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

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

PTA NEWS

A festive poster for a Winter Fayre. At the top, there's a string of colorful Christmas lights. The title 'Winter Fayre' is written in a large, elegant cursive font. Below the title is a small circular logo with a green and yellow design. The text 'Let's celebrate together!' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The date '13TH DECEMBER' is prominently displayed in bold, blue, uppercase letters. Below the date, the time 'After school 14:30 - 17:00' is written. A list of activities follows: 'TOMBOLA | RAFFLE | FESTIVE GAMES', 'BAUBLE STALL | GIFTING STALL', and 'SANTA'S WORKSHOP | TUCK SHOP'. The bottom of the poster features a winter scene with snow-covered houses, evergreen trees, and a reindeer pulling a sleigh. The text 'Registered Charity No.1103144' is at the very bottom.

Winter
Fayre

Let's celebrate together!

13TH DECEMBER

After school 14:30 - 17:00

**TOMBOLA | RAFFLE | FESTIVE GAMES
BAUBLE STALL | GIFTING STALL
SANTA'S WORKSHOP | TUCK SHOP**

Registered Charity No.1103144

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.

Saturday 7th December – Make Decorations and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake at St. Francis Church Hall 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 15th December - 9 Lessons and Carols Service at 6.30pm

With Highworth School choir.

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

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

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

Wednesday 25th 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 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 ONE.

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	