

Wistanstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th December



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very festive and busy couple of weeks! It all began with the whole school coming together to decorate a Christmas tree in the Village Hall for the Wistanstow Christmas Fair. The children handcrafted beautiful decorations, and our Art Club created a lovely tree skirt.

Our Year 6 students have been focusing on the importance of sharing and giving during this season. They chose to support a local charity, *Eat, Grow, Cook*, by organizing a bake sale earlier this week. Thank you for your generous contributions of cakes and baked goods! To continue their fundraising efforts, they will host a (good condition) used book and toy sale on Monday, 16th December.

This is a great opportunity to declutter, and they would be grateful for any donations you can provide.

I've been truly impressed by the children's fantastic singing during rehearsals for our upcoming church service. I'm sure you'll enjoy it as much as I have when you hear them perform.

Looking ahead to next week, our Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform for the occasion. There may even be a surprise visit from a certain special someone that day—let's keep it a secret for now!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Sue Phillips
Head of School

Wistanstow School – Growing and Learning Together



The Parable of the Sower

Our Christian value this term is TRUST



Jesus' friends found themselves in a scary situation. Jesus asked them, "Where is your faith? Why didn't you trust me?"

I wonder if you or I would have reacted as the disciples did?

Food Bank Friday



Wistanstow CE Primary School are collecting on Fridays for Craven Arms Food Bank.
Please bring your donations to the school office.

Thank you for your generosity.



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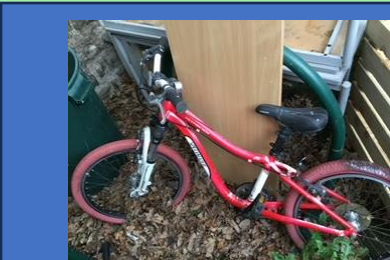
Dates for your diary



Reminders and School News

Monday 16th December	Y6 Used Books and Toys Sale (please donate)
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 20th December	Term ends
Tuesday 7th January	Pupils return to school Y6 SATs Club begins on Tuesdays
Wednesday 8th January	Netball Club begins on Wednesdays
Monday 13th-Tuesday 14th January	C3 Bikeability
Thursday 16th January	Art Club begins on Thursdays
Tuesday 4th February	Imam from Craven Arms Mosque visiting school
Friday 7th February	National Number Day

PE Days: Please come in PE Kit.
Class 1: Wednesday
Classes 2 and 3: Monday and Friday



Do you recognise this bike? It has been sitting under the bike shelter in our car park for a while now.

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 receive Universal Free Meals. If you receive certain benefits, school receive extra funding for your child called Pupil Premium. Please check using the link below:

[Apply for free school meals | Shropshire Council](#)



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Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day are on Wednesday 18th December.

We are proud to be supporting a local charity, *Grow Cook Learn*, instead of sending Christmas Cards this year. This is a charity with strong links to our School and we all benefit from their work. Y6 will be introducing their fundraising efforts in Assembly on Monday. They are planning a bake sale and a used books and toys sale and would be grateful for your donations.



School Dinners Update



School meals review

Thank you to the pupils from all 3 Federation schools and parents/carers who attended our Autumn term school meals review. We received thoughtful feedback on this term's menus and held an enthusiastic planning session for next term. We hope you enjoy the menus the panel has put together for you! *The New Menus for the Spring Term are at the end of this newsletter.*



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We are delighted that Tesco in Ludlow have chosen our playground improvement project for fundraising in store from October 2024 to January 2025. We hope to purchase play equipment, planters and plants. Customers can vote by placing a token in the box by the store entrance after shopping. We will win either £500, £1000 or £1500 depending on the total of votes. Thank you to Tesco and please vote for us when you do your shopping. Many thanks for your support.

Private Tutors

We are aware that sometimes parents choose to hire a private tutor for their children. Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that anyone you are “hiring” as a private tutor, has the appropriate credentials and safer recruitment checks in place. Always ask to see their DBS documentation and recent references.

We politely ask all parents who need to drive to school, to remember to park legally, considerately and safely at school drop off and pick up times. This will ease congestion around the school and help make the area around our school a safer place for our children. Alternatively, when possible, please walk to school or park at the village hall or at the Plough as this will help keep our school street a safer place as well as having health benefits. We all want our children to be safe and by respecting the space outside school we can do this together.



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short). Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.



www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis

Please check your SchoolMoney account regularly.
Many thanks.

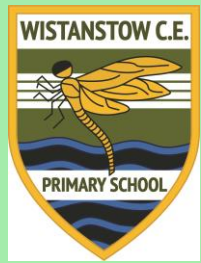


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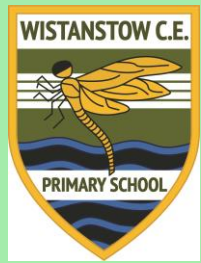
Well done to all our Wistanstow Stars!



Thank you to everyone who donated for the Food Bank on our non-uniform day this week. We are amazed by the generosity shown. You are all stars!



Well done to the School Council for supporting such an important initiative. Thank you to everyone who sent a card or picture.



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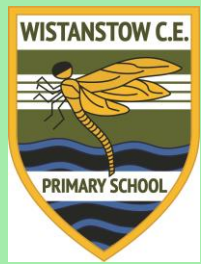


Our School Christmas Tree looked amazing and we had a great time decorating the tree.



A special Thank You to Mrs Goode and the Art Club for a superb Christmas Tree Skirt!



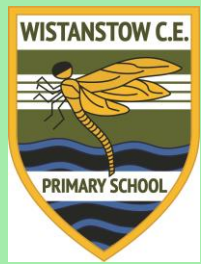


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Panto Fun!

Thank you to the PTA for paying for our travel to the Panto. We all enjoyed it and we met an ex-Wistanstow pupil who was acting in the Panto!

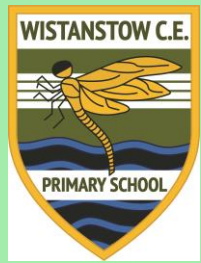




Class 3 Fundraising



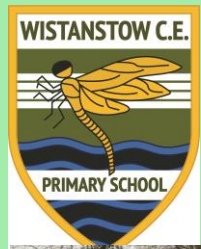
Year 6 Fundraising Bake Sale
Thank you to all who donated and bought from our bake sale, in aid of Grow, Learn, Cook, on Wednesday. Year 6 were so pleased with your efforts and thank you. They will be holding their good condition used toy and book sale next Monday. All donations gratefully received.



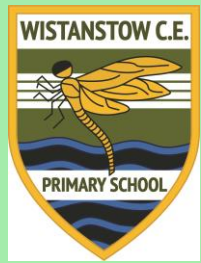
Class 1

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term





We did a Santa Dash in PE!

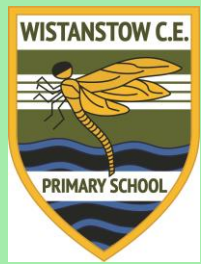


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Class 3



We did a Santa Dash in PE!



Art Club



At Art Club this week, the children made some fabulous candle decorations. They all did a brilliant job. Thank you to Mrs Goode for all her creativity, and to Mrs Pengelly, our Art Club Volunteer.

If you would like your child to attend Art Club after Christmas, please complete the Microsoft Form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/P5FYRi8ZBX>

WB 16th December 2024

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Week 1 Menu

Autumn 2:
Weeks commencing:
4th/18th Nov
2nd Dec

We can now offer a daily option of Baked Potato (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF) with the vegetable of the day

Please note that bread, fruit and yoghurts will be available each day

V = Vegetarian
GF = Gluten Free
DF = Dairy Free

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Chicken Curry (GF,DF) with White Rice (V, GF, DF)	Pork Sausages (DF)	Turkey in Gravy (GF, DF)	Chicken Breast in a tomato sauce (GF,DF)	Fish Goujons(DF)
Main 2	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Vegetarian Hotpot (V, GF, DF)	Vegetable Gratin (V, DF)	Plant based Shepherds Pie (V,DF)	Baked Potatoes (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF)
Sides	Croquette Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Peas (V,GF,DF) or sweetcorn (V,GF,DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) or Carrots (V,GF,DF)	Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots (all V, GF, DF) Pigs in Blankets (DF) Stuffing (V, DF)	Saute Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Broccoli (V, GF, DF) or Sweetcorn (V,GF,DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF)
Desserts	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)	Lemon Sponge (V,DF)	Hot Chocolate Brownie or Apple Crumble (both V, DF)	Chocolate Sponge (V,DF,GF)	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)

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Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future meal options.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December

£2.50

Main course

Turkey in gravy (GF,DF)
or
Vegetable Gratin (V,DF)

Sides

Golden roast potatoes
(V, GF, DF)
Peas (V,GF,DF) and
Carrots (V,GF,DF)
Pigs in blankets (DF)
Stuffing (V,DF)

Pudding

Hot chocolate brownie (V,DF)
Apple crumble (V,DF) with
custard

(Chocolate Sponge (V,DF,GF)
will be available for those with
dietary requirements)

Please let us
know via the
office if your child
DOES NOT want
to have
a Christmas
dinner by
Thursday
5th December.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future meal options.

New Menu!

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New Menu!

Week 1 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Beef hotpot (GF, DF)	Cottage pie (GF)	Premium roast beef in gravy (GF, DF)	Pork sausages (DF)	Fish Goujons (DF)
Main 2	Macaroni cheese (V)	Vegetable gratin (V, DF)	Cauliflower Cheese (V, GF)	Cauliflower curry with rice (V, DF, GF)	Baked Potato (V, GF, DF)
Sides	Croquette potatoes (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF) Broccoli (V, GF, DF)	New potatoes (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF) Cauliflower (V, GF, DF)	Roast potatoes (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V, GF, DF) Cut green beans (V, GF, DF)	Mashed potato (V, GF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF) Mixed vegetables (V, GF, DF)	Chips (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF) Peas (V, GF, DF)
Dessert	Ice cream (V)	Syrup sponge (V)	Apple crumble (V, DF)	Chocolate sponge (V, GF, DF)	Ice cream (V)

We offer a daily option of Baked Potato (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF) with the vegetable of the day

Spring Term

6th/20th Jan
3rd/24th Feb
10th/24th March
7th April

Please note that bread, fruit and yoghurts are available each day

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Week 2 Menu

New Menu!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Chicken goujons (DF)	Beef lasagne	Sliced turkey in gravy (GF, DF)	Chicken korma (GF)	Breaded Cod (DF)
Main 2	Bean chilli with rice (V, GF, DF)	Tempeh katsu curry (V, DF)	Macaroni cheese (V)	Vegetarian hotpot (V, GF, DF)	Baked Potato (V, GF, DF)
Sides	Chips (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF)	Saute potatoes (V, GF, DF) Spring vegetable medley (V, GF, DF)	Roast potatoes (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF)	White rice (V, GF, DF) Vegetable medley (V, GF, DF)	Chips (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF)
Dessert	Ice cream (V)	Ginger pudding with orange sauce (V)	Jam sponge (V)	Chocolate sponge (V, GF, DF)	Ice cream (V)

We offer a daily option of Baked Potato (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF) with the vegetable of the day

Spring Term

13th/27th Jan
10th Feb
3rd/17th/
31st March

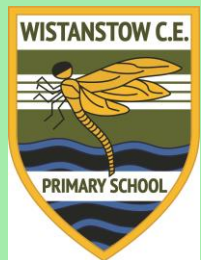
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Term Dates 2024-2025

Monday 2 nd September and Tuesday 3 rd September	Training days for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Wednesday 4 th September - Thursday 24 th October	Pupil days
Friday 25 th October	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half term holiday
Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th December	Pupil days
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Tuesday 7 th January – Friday 14 th February	Pupil days
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half term holiday
Monday 24 th February – Friday 11 th April	Pupil days
Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 28 th April – Friday 23 rd May	Pupil days
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday (school not open to pupils)
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half term holiday
Monday 2 nd June – Friday 18 th July	Pupil days
Monday 21 st July	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)