

## Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4.13*

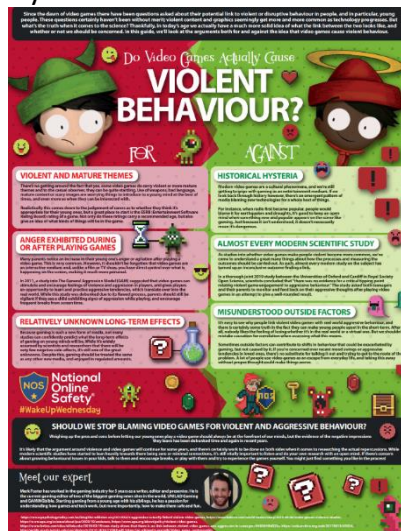
15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this week, it was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to Parent's Evening this week.

### Safeguarding:

If you are worried about violent behaviour after your child has accessed video games, please contact school to discuss how we can support you.



### Wellbeing and Mental Health:

Our children need protecting from online grooming. Please read this summary that explains why.



## The school community:

The Rackham makes a conscious effort to consider questions, suggestions and concerns of parents and carers. [You suggested, we listened | The Rackham C of E \(VC\) Primary School](#)

All our parents and carers whose children attend pre-school and primary school are actively encouraged to get in touch to discuss any suggestions, questions or concerns. We will identify a mutually convenient time to meet so working together for the benefit of everyone.

If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to share, please use the link below. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7DMNAQVqsR>

## Top Tips for Respect Online: A Digital World for Everyone:

Adults can feel vulnerable, and their mental health affected by WhatsApp chats and social media.



## Year 4 parent meal – 28<sup>th</sup> November:

We would like to invite Year 4 parents and carers to join us for school dinner on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The meal will be our extremely popular (and very delicious) roast dinner.

Parents and carers are asked to purchase their school dinner through MCAS under the Products and Trips tab. The meal will cost £3.60. **Meal choice and payment must be made by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November please.**

Please complete this form to book your meal once payment has been made on MCAS:

<https://forms.office.com/e/g5MtSCiDM1>

Unfortunately, we can only offer for one parent or carer to attend. This will be an annual event moving forwards so will be repeated next academic year.

Children in Year 4 who prefer to have a home packed lunch will still have opportunity for their parent or carer to join them. Adults can still order a school dinner or bring a packed lunch from home to sit to eat with their child.

Please can parents and carers of Year 4 children arrive for school dinner at 12.20pm.

**Book Fair, an enormous THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all our families who have purchased books from the Book Fair. We have earned £261.29 in rewards. Thank you so much for your support. We will spend the funds on some new non-fiction books for classroom libraries.

**Christmas Performance dates:**

Christmas performances will take place as follows. Attendance at the performances will require a ticket. Bookings will open at 4pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. **Tickets can be booked through MCAS and will appear under the Products and Trips tab.** Tickets will initially be limited to 2 per family. If you would like extra tickets, please contact the office to be added to the waiting list.



Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 at 9.30am in the school hall	Reception at 2pm in the school hall
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception at 9.30am in the school hall <b>Younger children welcome to this performance.</b>	Years 1 and 2 at 2pm in the school hall
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 at 9.30am in the school hall <b>Younger children welcome to this performance.</b>	Mingle and Jingle – Pre-School Christmas event
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 at 10am in St Andrew’s Church <b>Younger children welcome to this performance.</b>	Years 3 and 4 at 2pm in St Andrew’s Church
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 at 10am in St Andrew’s Church <b>Younger children welcome to this performance.</b>	Years 5 and 6 at 2pm in St Andrew’s Church

**Pre-School Christmas performance – Mingle and Jingle:**

We would like to invite all pre-school parents to ‘Mingle and Jingle’ in the school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Please book your place through MCAS from 4pm today (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November). Mingle and Jingle can be found under the Products and Trips tab.



**FWR Christmas jumper swap:** Children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper if they wish on their Christmas Dinner day this year. FWR have kindly offered to organise a jumper swap where parents will be able to purchase a jumper for a suggested donation of £2.00. If you have any Christmas jumpers you would like to donate, please drop them into the office between now and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The jumper swap will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## FWR Festive wreath making workshop:



**FWR**  
Friends of  
Wickford  
Rackham

# FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

## £45\*

Make your own beautiful  
Holiday Wreath with guidance  
and a glass of Prosecco!

Thursday 5th December 2024  
Doors Open at 6:30PM  
Start From 7:00PM  
The Rackham Primary School Hall  
Email:  
FWR@rackham.cambs.sch.uk  
to book your space

Limited Spaces  
Available

\*All tools and materials are included  
in the cost of the workshop, along with a glass of  
Prosecco  
or soft drink substitute.

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor newsletter:

### Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter November 2024

#### A Message From Me

If you'd ever like a 1:1 conversation with me, just let me know using the contact details below. Alternatively, you can book into some of the online workshops run by the Education Inclusion Family Advisor team if you'd like a bit more anonymity (see right).

#### Virtual Workshops

**What to do when kids push your buttons**  
Tuesday 19th November 2024 6-7.15pm


**Supporting your child with feelings of worry** Tuesday  
12th November 2024 12-1.30pm  
or Tuesday 3rd December 2024 6-7.30pm

**Supporting your child with feelings of anger** Tuesday  
26th of November 2024 12-1.30pm  
or Tuesday 17th of December 2024 6-7.30pm

**Sleep** – Tuesday 10th of December 2024 12-1pm

To book a place on any of our workshop, please click on the link below: <https://forms.office.com/e/c8SPp62F1>


#### Remembrance



November is the month in which we remember our Armed Forces, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, on the 11<sup>th</sup> Month, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour (Armistice Day). If you would like to teach your child about this further, here is a useful link: [Teaching Remembrance | Learning Resources | Royal British Legion](#)

Or if you have a child whose parent is serving in the British Armed Forces, you can access specialised support through Little Troopers: [Home - Little Troopers](#)

#### Activity Idea



**Autumn Air-dry Clay Leaves**  
While you are out and about pick up some nice, shaped autumn leaves.


Soften and then roll out some air-dry clay to roughly ¼ inch thick.

Lay the dry leaf on the clay and roll over it with a rolling pin.

Cut around the leaf with a play-doh knife or similar and neaten the edges with a little water.

Once fully dry paint your leaf in autumnal colours and add a layer of mod podge or varnish.

Cambridgeshire County Council Holidays, Activities & Food Programme – Click below to find out more and see if your children are eligible.  
[Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)



Cambridgeshire  
County Council

Contact me directly on ☎ 07879 426 947 or  
✉ [Emily.Norman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Emily.Norman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Uniform orders:**

Uniform items for school and pre-school pupils are now available from Sigma. [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)

Orders must be placed by parents and carers and can be collected from Sigma Embroidery on Sedgeway.

**St Andrew's Church, Witchford notices:**

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 4p.m.

Led by: Rev Canon Stephen Leeke

**ST. ANDREW'S  
CHURCH  
WITCHFORD**



**SWITCHING ON THE  
ADVENT STAR**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
WITCHFORD

St. Andrew's Day  
Saturday 30th November 6p.m.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies  
All Welcome



  
**CAROL CONCERT**  
 TUESDAY  
 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7 p.m.  
 ST. ANDREW'S HALL,  
 WITCHFORD  
 with THE ISLE  
 SINGERS  
  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**RETIRING COLLECTION**  
**ALL WELCOME**

  
**CAROL  
SERVICE**  
 CAROLS and READINGS  
 SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
 6 p.m.  
 ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
 WITCHFORD  
 ALL WELCOME  
  




### **Anglia Ruskin University:**

We are delighted to announce that we are partners with Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge to support their Bachelor of Education training programme. We hope to welcome some trainee teachers to work alongside our teaching team during the summer term.

### **Attendance:**

The Rackham has an updated policy on Attendance. Please follow this [link](#) to read the policy on the school website.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our drive for improved attendance. The Government has identified a child's attendance of 96% and above is the key figure to give best chance of academic progress. Please can we remind you that absence must be reported to the office by 9am on each day of absence.

This week's attendance: 92.8%

## **ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

**EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT**



Looking forward to seeing everyone next week.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

**Dates for your diary:**

20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Burwell information evening
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Vision screening for Reception children
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Parent meal (booking required)
27 <sup>th</sup> November	FWR Christmas jumper swap
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Parent or carer school dinner invitation (booking required)
29 <sup>th</sup> November	FWR Christmas Bingo – Doors open at 6.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	KS1 – 9.30am Reception at 2pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception at 9.30am KS1 at 2pm
4 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 at 9.30am Pre-school Mingle and Jingle at 2pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 at 10am (St Andrew’s Church) Year 3/4 at 2pm (St Andrew’s Church)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	FWR Festive Wreath making workshop (booking required) Year 3/4 at 10am (St Andrew’s Church) Year 5/5 at 2pm (St Andrew’s Church)
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert 9.30am (booking required)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	FWR Christmas disco
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner – Reception and KS1
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner – KS2
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
23.12.2024	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23.12.2024 – 03.01.2025
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First day of term.
W\C 20 <sup>th</sup> January	SEND Coffee Morning date tbc
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Parent or carer school dinner (booking required)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children’s Mental Health Week
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 to Burwell House (10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 February)
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
W\C 17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM