

Friday 9th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week. We hope you are all looking forward to the new term. There are lots of dates in this letter for your diary.

Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning

On Friday 16th January (next week) Rachel Badzire from the Parent Carer Forum will be hosting a coffee morning in school for any parents/carers that wish to attend. The [Parent Carer forum](#) support the families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). They provide advice and signpost resources operating independently of, but collaboratively with the local authority. Please come to the front entrance of school at 9.00am.

Open Mornings

We are pleased to be able to invite one family member of each child into class for an Open Morning on the week beginning 9th February. Lessons will be exploring themes from Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day which both take place in this week. A separate letter will follow with further details, but dates and time are below for your diaries.

	Mon 9 th Feb	Tues 10 th Feb	Wed 11 th Feb	Thurs 12 th Feb	Fri 13 th Feb
9.00am	Year 5	Reception Year 4 Year 6	Year 1	Year 2 Year 3	Nursery

Visit at Lunchtime to try a School Dinner

Our school dinners are cooked from scratch each day with fresh ingredients, are healthy and tasty and very good value. On the following dates over the Spring term, we will be inviting family members into school to join their child for a school lunch. A separate letter will be sent near the time with further details.

Date	Year Groups
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 22 nd April	Reception

'Parentalk' Workshops

Mrs Nicholas will be running Parentalk this term. Workshops are an informal, relaxed, confidential and supportive way to meet with other parents, to chat and share ideas and discuss different parenting strategies. A crèche run by school staff, will be available to look after your children whilst you attend if you are unable to get childcare. Please let Mrs Nicholas, the office or any other member of staff know if you plan to attend.

Thursday January 22 nd 5.00pm-6.30pm	It's not just me
Thursday January 29 th 5.00pm-6.30pm	Love them and let them know
Thursday February 5 th 5.00pm-6.30pm	It's good to talk
Thursday February 12 th 5.00pm-6.30pm	Boundaries and battles
Thursday February 26 th 5.00pm-6.30pm	Parenting with elastic
Thursday March 5 th 5.00pm-6.30pm	Create a sense of belonging

CWAC Navigator Service

Amanda Leigh from the CWAC Navigator Service team will be at Winnington Park on Thursday 29th January, from 8.45am. Amanda will be leading a confidential session open for advice and guidance to all families at a universal level, with a child living in the property between 0 – 19 yrs of age or 0 – 25 with SEND. The family should not currently be open to Social Care or have a TAF. Please see the link below for further information on the services they offer.
[Navigator Service](#)

Parents Evenings and Work Gallery

Spring Parents Evenings will run across three evenings from 3.30pm-6.00pm. The Dane Hall (KS2 building) will be open on both occasions with a gallery of the children's work from across the curriculum, including their Art work and their Design and Technology projects. A letter will be sent next half term with appointment booking details and we hope you will be able to pop into the gallery when you visit.

Tuesday 24th March	Wednesday 25th March	Thursday 26th March
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Reception Miss Ikin	-	Reception Miss Ikin
-	Reception Allen/Turner	Reception Allen/Turner
-	Year 1	Year 1
Year 2	-	Year 2
-	Year 3	Year 3
Year 4	Year 4	-
-	Year 5	Year 5
Year 6	Year 6	-

Upcoming PTA Event

Keep your eyes open for information about Jolly January on Friday 30th January. A day to be jolly and dress up for fun!

Elf Run

The Elf Run on Friday 19th December in aid of [St Luke's Cheshire Hospice](#), was good fun and enjoyed by all. Now that we are in January, please can the children bring their sponsorship money back to school in their envelopes. There is no expectation that this should be a large amount and any small contribution is welcomed by the hospice. Thank you for your support.

School Places for Reception September 2026

The closing date to apply for a September 2026 Reception school place is 15th January 2026. Parents of children who attend our school Nursery will need to apply for a school place. All applications should be made online through the local authority [CWAC School Admissions](#)

School Uniform Change

A reminder that governors have agreed that from January, PE kit will now include the option of wearing a dark blue, plain, round neck t-shirt. This can have a school logo, but does not have to.

Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks

Children in Years 1 to 6 should bring a named water bottle to school every day holding water only. Squash and juice damage books when accidentally spilt and do not support school promoting healthy eating. Breaktime snacks should be healthy to support the children with their morning learning. Children in Early Years, Years 1 and 2 are provided with fruit and vegetables for snacks.

Cultural Heritage and Languages Display in School

At the end of November Mrs Holmes sent a letter asking for contributions from families to help us celebrate different cultures, heritage and languages spoken by our pupils and families. If you are happy to participate, it would be lovely if you could send a photograph of a special person in your family with a note about a different country in the world that they may be connected to. We would love to hear about different languages you speak at home. We would love to find out special cultural events or activities that are important to you. If you would like to participate, please send in some photographs and information to Mrs Holmes. Thank you for your support.

Safe and Considerate Driving

Please drive carefully and considerately when bringing the children to school. The last thing anyone wants is an accident or injury. The staff car park is not to be used for drop offs – there are two car parks at Moss Farm that families can use.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for sending the children into school this week with the appropriate warm clothing and for getting them to school in such tricky travel conditions. Despite the cold weather, punctuality has been very good this week: thank you for your efforts.

Please continue to ensure the children have the appropriate, named, warm clothing with them throughout the winter months as the children like to enjoy their breaktimes and lunchtimes playing outside as much as is possible.

Please remember that children should be inside their classrooms by 8.45am when registers are taken and all holidays should be booked outside of term time. Good attendance at school is essential if children are to make the most of their education. All absences for holiday will be unauthorised (unless in exceptional circumstances) and may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. Thank you for your support.

Reminder: Allergens and Intolerances – Is School Nut Free?

Winnington Park Primary School supports the approach advocated by [The Anaphylaxis Campaign](#) and [Allergy UK](#) towards nut bans and nut free schools. These charities do not support blanket bans on any particular allergen in schools. This is because nuts are only one of many allergens that could affect pupils, and no school could guarantee a truly allergen free environment for a child living with food allergy. They advocate instead for schools to adopt a culture of allergy awareness and education.

However, it is important for our school community to understand that there **are** pupils in school with very severe allergies to peanuts, nuts, milk and other allergens. It is very important therefore that children do not share food and snacks with each other and we ask **that nuts and nut products are not sent into school**.

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please make sure you let us know. We can then work with you to ensure your child is safe and included. Please contact school if you have any questions.

Is your child Eligible for Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium?

Some families who currently pay for their child's school meal may be entitled to receive free school meals. If your child is in Reception and Key Stage 1 they receive a 'universal' free school meal every day, but they may also be entitled to receive Pupil Premium funding. This is an amount of money paid to school for children in families who qualify for free school meals that we are able to put towards improving their education. If you think you might qualify for free school meals, even if your child receives the universal free school meal, please apply online using this link [Free School Meals](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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