

William Martin CofE Schools and Nursery

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Experiencing life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we have managed to make it through a bit of a rollercoaster of a term, but we have finally arrived at the Christmas holidays! The children have worked their socks off producing amazing work, practicing their reading, learning their times tables and singing their hearts out during our Christmas Productions - well done each and every one of you!

A big thank you to all the staff who have worked equally as hard to support the children in all the brilliant progress they are making - we wish all of our school community a fantastic Christmas and pray you all stay healthy, so you can share this wonderful time with your families!

Fund Raising

A massive THANK YOU for your generosity this term. We have had many fundraising events for charity and the PTA and here are the totals:

Event	Total Raised
Children in Need	£259.41
The British Legion Poppy Appeal	No total provided by the charity, but the containers were full to the brim!
Sports for Schools	£2425.27 To be spent on school sports equipment
Christmas Jumper Day 'Save the Children'	£102.48
Year Group Christmas Celebrations- PTA	£428.74
Xmas4Schools- cards, mugs etc	£139
Christmas Raffle	£1145



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The money raised by the PTA for the Christmas Raffle is being put towards a bike shelter for the Junior school, which Mr Russell is ordering in the New Year!.

Pizza Making- Year 3

Thank you very much to Calum's Mum in Year 3 who donated the pizza ingredients and boxes for year 3's pizza making day this week. The children had a brilliant time designing their pizzas, as part of their Design and Technology Project and then of course the best bit - to make the pizzas!! Well done Year 3!



Parental contributions already paid for this activity will be put towards future enrichment activities for year 3.

Vine Passport

Children can bring in their Vine Passport after Christmas to show their teacher which zones have been completed, along with any scrapbooks too! Badges and certificates will be awarded on Friday 7th January and the passport returned to them. Please ask your class teacher if you need another copy.



Year 6 DT Bag Project

Year 6 have been working hard designing and making bags as part of this term's DT Project Explore. We think their designs are brilliant - well done Year 6!



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Applications for Reception: Deadline Saturday 15th January

If you have a child due to start school in Reception in September 2022, applications must be made by 15th January. Go to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Applications for Year 3: Deadline Saturday 15th January

If you have a child in Year 2, due to start Year 3 in September 2022, applications must be made by 15th January. Go to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-junior-school-place>

Value of next half Term: Perseverance



Dates for your diary

Friday 17th December: Last day of term- Early Finish- Infants 1.10pm, Juniors 1.15pm

Monday 20th December- Tuesday 4th January: Christmas Holidays (Including Non-Pupil Day 4th January)

Wednesday 5th January: First Day of Spring Term 2022 (Nursery- only for new pupils)

Thursday 6th January: Nursery opens for all pupils

Friday 7th January: Year 2 History off the Page: The Great Fire of London

Thursday 13th January: Year 4 start swimming

Thursday 20th January: Year 1 History off the Page: Castles

Tuesday 1st February: Year 5 going to St Marks to watch Oliver

Friday 11th February: Last day of first half term- normal finish time

Monday 14th February- Monday 21st February: Half term (including a non-pupil day on Monday 21st Feb)

Tuesday 22nd February: First day of Spring Term 2

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th February: Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Friday 4th March: Year 3 Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

Monday 14th - Friday 18th March: Science Week

As always, we would like to thank all of you for your fantastic support this term, we couldn't have done it without all our brilliant parents! And if you are feeling a bit frazzled with the run up to Christmas, maybe allow some time to do some of the self-care activities listed below!

Have an amazing Christmas!

Gina Bailey

Claire Kearney

Very Seasonal wishes!

Executive Head teacher

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12 Days of You

Move over, shopping list. This holiday season, make room for these self-care ornaments—showing little things you can pick to do for yourself each day.



SEE A MOVIE



GO ON A WALK



GET A MASSAGE



SLEEP IN



BUY YOURSELF
A GIFT



VOLUNTEER



ORDER DELIVERY



DO SOMETHING
YOU LOVE



BAKE COOKIES



PLAN A TRIP



SPEND TIME
WITH FRIENDS



READ A BOOK



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