



# Wantage CE Primary School

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2. I hope that you had a lovely half term and that you managed to have a decent rest after a busy Term 1.

We started Term 2 with thinking about Remembrance in collective worship on Tuesday and Wednesday led by Rev Katherine. With conflicts ongoing globally, it is so important to take the time to remember the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces throughout history as well as in more recent times.



*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* John 15:13

### Attendance for Term 1

Overall, our attendance is 95%, which is similar to our attendance this time last year, but 2% lower than our ideal of 97%. Attendance in Years 6, 5, 4 and 3 is above our average. However, Years 2 and 1, attendance last term was much lower than we would like it to be.

As we enter this season of coughs and colds, please can I remind parents and carers of the importance of attendance and being in school. A cough and cold should not be a reason for a child to stay at home. If a child becomes unwell during the school day, we will always contact you and ask you to take them home.

Year 1	93%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	96%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95%</b>

Please also can I remind parents and carers that due to changes in statutory arrangements for school attendance published by the DfE earlier this year, we need evidence for all **medical appointments** in order for them to be authorised. This could be in the form of an appointment letter, email or text. Thank you for your help with this.

### Wantage CE Does Strictly Come Dancing in aid of Children in Need



It is that time again when the school echoes with the sound of dancing, and glitter and sequins replace our usual school uniform. Children have been practising their dances this week (some have been practising since September) and we will be holding the grand final on Friday afternoon in the school hall.

**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, to raise money for Children in Need, please can everyone come to school in non-school uniform.**

Donations can be given via the link on Parent Pay or in cash on the day.



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## Antibullying Week – 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November – 'Choose Respect'

Next week is also antibullying week. We will be filling the week with antibullying activities.

- Monday – whole-school collective worship on antibullying
- Tuesday – **Odd Socks Day** – **please can everyone come to school wearing odd socks** as a reminder to stop bullying in all its forms.  
KS2 antibullying assembly.
- Wednesday – KS1 antibullying assembly.
- Thursday/Friday – PSHE lessons on antibullying using our Jigsaw PSHE materials and additional resources from the Antibullying Alliance.

For more information about Antibullying Week 2024, including resources to help children to understand the importance of respecting each other and stopping bullying, please go to:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/parents-and-carers>



## Word Millionaires



We have our very first word millionaires of 2024-2025 - Alice and Chloë in 6NJ. Both girls have read well over 1,000,000 words so far this year, they are part of our team of brilliant reading ambassadors, and they are truly embodying reading for pleasure. Well done Alice and Chloë!!!



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## Year 5 Evacuee Day

Year 5 had a memorable day on Wednesday. They came to school dressed as evacuees from the 1940s and experienced what it was like to say goodbye to your families, travel by train to a new place, and be chosen by 'strangers' to go and live with them. A massive thank you to Mrs Drysdale, Mrs Hims, Miss Keys and Mrs Cheverton for creating such a special day for both classes.



## A couple of before and after-school reminders

**KS2 playground play equipment** – please can I remind parents and carers that children should not be playing on the play equipment in the morning or after school. This is particularly important for our younger children who should not be using KS2 play equipment as it is not designed for them.

**Scooters** – please can I also remind everyone that scooters should be kept in the sheds at the front of the school, and not by the cemetery gate.

Thank you for your understanding in both these matters.

## School Dinners

Please remember to book your child's dinners on Parent Pay. The deadline for booking is Thursday evening for the following week. Please contact the office if you need a reminder of your login details.

## Data Checking Sheets

Children in Years 1 – 6 have taken data checking sheets home. Please check, amend and return these to school as soon as possible. Please return them even if there are no changes to make so we know we have the right contact information for you.



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## Christmas Cards

The Christmas Card order forms are coming home today. Please note the deadline for ordering is Monday 18 November.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. I shall be celebrating a belated November 5<sup>th</sup> with Witney scouts this evening, and parading with them on Sunday for the annual Remembrance Day parade.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne

## Calendar

Monday 11—Friday 15 November		4DG swim every morning
Monday 11—Friday 15 November		Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 12 November	9.30—11.00 am	Open Morning
Tuesday 12 November		Odd Socks day
Tuesday 12 November	7.30 pm	Friends' Meeting
Friday 15 November		Wantage CE does Strictly
Monday 18—Friday 22 November		3TW swim every morning
Tuesday 19 November	3.15—5.00 pm	Basketball at Charlton Primary School
Monday 25—Friday 29 November		3CP swim every morning
Tuesday 26 November	9.30— 11.15 am	Boccia at WCE
Friday 29 November		Non-Uniform in exchange for Hamper donations
Friday 6 December		Dickensian Evening
Tuesday 10 December	9.15 am	FS1 Nativity
Tuesday 10 December	am	2AS to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Tuesday 10 December	6pm	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 11 December	1.30 pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 12 December	9.30 am	Christingle in Church for KS2
Thursday 12 December	am	2SC to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Friday 13 December		Friends' Christmas Event
Wednesday 18 December		Christmas Dinner
Friday 20 December	12.15 pm	End of Term 2



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