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Date: 24th November 2023

# Newsletter

Dear Families,

We were pleased to host the Swindon SEND families voice here on Tuesday morning and it was wonderful to see so many families attend. We are hoping to host similar events here in the New Year—watch this space for news!



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children aged 6 and above and young people across England. The survey will be used to encourage policymakers to think about children and young people's needs, to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come. I would like to encourage as many children as possible to *have their say* and complete the survey [here](#). It will be open until Friday 15th December.



Can you help with the Christmas Fair on 10th December? Friends of Badbury Park committee have been working very hard behind the scenes to make this year's Christmas Fair bigger and better but they can't do it on their own. If you can spare some time to man a stall, please let us know.

From Monday 27th November, all children attending a school run club with Mr Sims should be collected from the **main entrance**. Please ensure adults who collect are on our system and if there is a change please let school office know before 3pm.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Dance

## Nursery

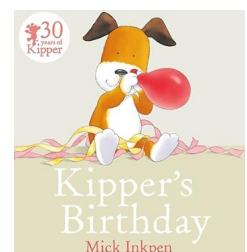


Apple Tree class have been doing lots of outdoor learning this week. We have done our first welly walks onto the field.



All the children are being very ambitious, and enjoying lots of new experiences.

We have been reading 'Kipper's Birthday' and made a birthday cake for the whole class. We carefully weighed and mixed the ingredients before the adults took it to bake. We sang ourselves 'Happy Birthday' and shared our cake together. It was delicious!



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This week Ash Tree and Oak Tree class have been reading the story 'Owl Babies'. We have been sequencing the story and retelling it using story spoons, puppets and small world figures. The children created owls out of paint, playdough and papier-mâché. We have also been learning what nocturnal means and deciding which animals are nocturnal.

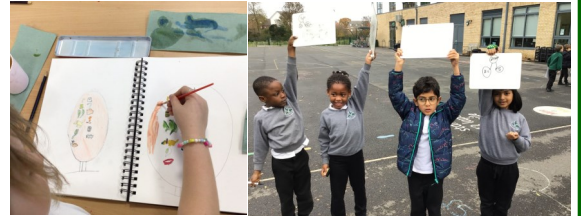
It is Road Safety awareness week and we spoke about the importance of crossing the road carefully. We remembered three key things...Stop, Look and Listen! During explore and learn, some children made busy roads and used their "mini me's" to show how to carefully cross the road.

Ash tree and Oak tree have been very busy learning the songs for our nativity - **remember costumes need to given to the teacher by Friday 1st December**

**KS1** Year 1 have been very busy this week. They have all made and decorated their own Gingerbread Man. Last week the children enjoyed a wet welly walk to Coate Water. We stopped along the way marking different landmarks on our own maps.



Year 2 have been writing busy writing their own Ancient Egyptian flatbread recipes. In Maths, we are learning about money and the children have used the outside area for problem solving activities e.g. how much money is there altogether? We have also been working hard on our art projects. The children have explored line and tone, then applied this to draw hieroglyphics. They have planned, drawn, painted and evaluated their own cartouche including their name, in a similar way to those that were painted on the walls in the era of Ancient Egypt.



**KS2** Year 3 loved taking part in our Odds Socks Day for anti-bullying week and Children in Need burpee challenge last week! In maths, we have been looking at money and I think we might have some budding bankers among us - watch this space! In English, we have been writing some delicious recipes, inspired by our Ancient Egyptian bread making. In geography, we have been looking at sketch maps in preparation for our walk to map out our local area.



This week, Year 4 have been intrepid reporters. They have been 'covering' a scandal from Ancient Egypt. There has been an attempted assassination on a young pharaoh and Year 4 have been responsible for that breaking news. In maths, we have been investigating the relationship between multiplication and division facts. We had an exciting and energetic Spanish lesson this week when we had to follow instructions and directions to make some PE moves. In PSHE we have been learning to speak out and stay safe with the NSPCC. Ask your child to recall the number for Childline and explore! This week's RE looked at the Beatitudes and we represented what these mean in our outdoor learning.

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- **Christmas lunch on 13th December**— if your child would like to join in with the Christmas lunch, please book via your My Child at School app. There will be no other food available on that day so if you have not booked a hot meal your child will need to bring a packed lunch.
- **Reception nativity performance**—2 tickets per child have been allocated. Please select which performance you would like to attend by booking on the My Child at School app
- **Year 4 swimming**—an email has been sent to all Year 4 families with information about swimming lessons which start in the New year. The first payment to cover transport to Dorcan Recreation centre is available to pay on My Child at School.

## Admissions Policy



The Blue Kite  
Academy Trust

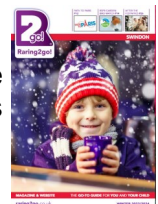
The Blue Kite Academy School now comprises of 13 Swindon Schools (Infant, Junior and Primary) and a new admission policy for 2025/2026 has been written to incorporate the two schools that joined the Trust on 1 November 2023; Oaktree Nursery and Primary School and Covingham Park Primary School. There is also one change of Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) and this is for Catherine Wayte Primary School where it will reduce from 60 to 45.

As a result of these changes, it is necessary to consult on this policy—please find attached to your email. The consultation will run from Wednesday 22 November 2023 to Wednesday 31 January 2024.

## Raring2go! Swindon Winter digital magazine

Click on the link below to access the winter edition of Raring2Go, a digital magazine which features ideas of activities to do with your children during the winter months as well puzzles, recipes and articles for all the family.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/swindon/winter2023/>



## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday



Black Friday and Cyber Monday have ballooned in popularity and it can often become a frenetic rush to grab tech, games and other products at knock-down prices. Such radical reductions are especially welcome at this time of year – but Black Friday and Cyber Monday are also peak season for scammers.

Keep your money and personal information safe by ensuring the site is secure, setting sturdy passwords, being cautious of suspicious emails, not clicking on links on social media sites, paying by credit card where possible and trusting your own instincts.

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## Friends of Badbury Park Primary

MONDAY 27TH NOV  
- FRIDAY 1ST DEC

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS

BRING IN YOUR OUTGROWN CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND TOPS TO DROP OFF OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Christmas Jumper sale (voluntary donations in cash or QR code) Monday 4th December



There are several events for you to get involved with between now and the end of term starting with a Christmas Jumper Donation week from Monday 27th—please see details here.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the rainbow raffle so far. Here is a reminder of the colour for each class.

### RAINBOW RAFFLE DONATIONS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR BY DONATING AN ITEM IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR BY WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

- APPLE – RED
- ASH – YELLOW/GOLD
- OAK – ORANGE
- BEECH – GREEN
- PINE – BLUE
- YEW – PURPLE
- MAPLE – PINK
- HAZEL – SILVER/WHITE
- WILLOW – BROWN

Think creatively! Any item in 'as new' condition will be fantastic e.g. socks, books, toys, toiletries, candles, Christmas decorations, snacks (nothing refrigerated or frozen please!)  
Thank you!

BADBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

STALLS, CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING, RAFFLE REFRESHMENTS, SANTA'S GROTTO

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER  
1pm - 4pm, SCHOOL HALL

Please email friendsofbadburyparkprimary@gmail.com if you can help to set-up, run a stall or tidy up afterwards. We need your help!

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We also really need your help on 10th December to make the Christmas Fair a success; even if you can only spare an hour to help, please let the school office or Friends of Badbury Park Primary School know.

FRIENDS OF BADBURY PARK PRIMARY

### CHRISTMAS GIFT EVENT

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN TO COMPLETE THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES, AND EVEN PETS!

HOW IT WORKS:

- Children bring their shopping list to school along with £1 per person in a named, sealed envelope (maximum £5 per child).
- During the morning they will visit the pop-up shop with their class to choose and buy their gifts.
- Each gift will be packaged, labelled and taken back to the classroom, ready to go home at the end of the day.

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**the national sleep helpline**

## Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?  
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

**WE CAN HELP**

### 03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

**50%** Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\*

#### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

#### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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POWERED BY **the sleep charity** | IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **Furniture Village**

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## Winter Holiday Fun Workshops

Park South Community Centre,  
Cranmore Avenue, Swindon, SN3 2ER

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GAMES • SINGING • DANCE & MOVEMENT
- DRAMA • ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sessions are free for eligible HAF recipients, £20.00 per session for Non-HAF recipients  
Sessions are £20 for children who do not receive free school meals

To enrol, please go to [www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swinton](http://www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swinton). For any questions, email us at [office@revolutionpa.co.uk](mailto:office@revolutionpa.co.uk) or call us on 01793 792983 or text us on 07799691328

Revolution Performing Arts | Swindon HAF programme | Arts Council England | Swindon Stories

HM Government

Help for Households

From April, government **childcare support** is expanding.






Don't miss out, register for updates at [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Childcare Choices

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# School Diary

## October 2023

6th: School tours for parents with children starting Reception in 2024 from 4pm-5pm  
17th & 18th : Parent/Teacher consultation evenings  
20th: last day of term 1  
23rd-27th : school holiday  
30th : TD day—school closed to children  
31st: Children return to school to start term 2

## November 2023

1st: Individual school photos  
1st: Friends of Badbury Park—AGM 6-7.30pm  
2nd: Parent reading workshop at 2.30pm  
13th—17th: anti-bullying week  
13th: Odd socks day  
16th: Nasal flu clinic in school  
17th: Children in Need. Children can wear something spotty for a small donation  
w/c 27th : Christmas jumper collection (bring Christmas jumpers for sale/swap)

## December 2023

4th: Christmas Jumper Sale  
6th at 9.30am: Reception Christmas production to parents  
7th at 1.30pm : Reception Christmas production to parents  
7th: Christmas Jumper day  
10th: Christmas Fair 13:00-16:00  
11th : Christmas singalong in playground (Y1 & Y2—Yew Tree)  
12th : Christmas singalong in playground (Y2-Y4)  
13th: Christmas lunch followed by class Party  
14th: Christmas gift event  
14th : “Open house” parents are welcome to come in to see class and books from 2.30pm or 11.30/3.00 for Nursery)  
15th: Last day of term 2.

## January 2024

4th: Children return to school  
8th: Curriculum meetings for all year groups except Nursery—5pm  
12th: “Donation station” - donate any new unwanted Christmas gifts to PTA

### Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

- ✦ Monday 30th October 2023
- ✦ Wednesday 3rd January 2024
- ✦ Monday 3rd June 2024
- ✦ Monday 8th July 2024