



# THE HAWTHORNS PRIMARY SCHOOL



**FOR WEEK COMMENCING 24 NOVEMBER**

**ASPIRATIONAL QUALITY: KINDNESS**

**THEME: COLLABORATION**

**AIM: TO THINK ABOUT WORKING AS A TEAM**



## YEAR 6

Year 6 had a great lesson editing their balanced arguments this week.

They have been exploring the question 'Should King Kong have been killed?' and have already acted in role as the key characters, debated the points both for and against, and explored the different perspectives of the people involved.

When editing their first draft, they visited various 'editing stations', enabling them to focus their attention to the key concepts needed to be successful in their writing.





Our Outdoor Learning Christmas celebration sessions for parents:-

DATE AND TIME	CLASS
Friday 28 November AM	Nuthatches
Friday 28 November PM	Woodpeckers
Tuesday 02 December AM	Kingfishers
Tuesday 02 December PM	Cuckoos
Wednesday 03 December PM	Swallows
Thursday 04 December AM	Doves
Thursday 04 December PM	Blackbirds
Friday 05 December AM	Sparrows
Friday 05 December PM	Magpies
Tuesday 09 December AM	Starlings
Tuesday 09 December PM	Red Kites
Wednesday 10 December PM	Owls
Thursday 11 December AM	Robins
Thursday 11 December PM	Goldfinches

This is a great opportunity to see what happens in Outdoor Learning. You will have the chance to participate in the activities that your children enjoy every week!

The morning sessions will run from 9.15am-10.15am and the afternoon sessions from 2.15pm-3.15pm.

Would be grateful if you could click the link below to confirm your attendance:-  
<https://forms.office.com/e/JpDC1wNb5T>



**CHRISTMAS PANTO -  
SNOW WHITE MORNING  
DOUBLE**

Friday 12th December  
 Payment can now be made through the Parent Arbor App



Collaboration is the process of two or more people working together to achieve a common goal, often involving shared ideas, communication, and divided tasks.

Our Cross Country runners took part in their third event of the year at Cantley yesterday.

It was bitterly cold but luckily not too muddy. The children ran fantastically as always and it's such a pleasure seeing them congratulate each other as they come through the finishing funnel.

Well done to each and every one of them who took part.



Please click below link from the NHS regarding common illnesses and when they can or cannot attend school

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=gouldelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=gouldelivery)

**REMINDER: Vomiting and diarrhoea**

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



Thanksgiving 2025 is on Thursday  
27th November 2025

Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year.

In the US Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November while in Canada nearly one month and a half earlier (second Monday of October).



Thanksgiving has deep roots in religious tradition, but nowadays it is primarily celebrated as a secular holiday.

Thanksgiving is a great time to be thankful and appreciate who you have and what you have. It is a time for families to meet, socialise and enjoy each other's company, sometimes the only opportunity in a year. Some prefer it to Christmas because of less emphasis on consumerism.

Thanksgiving, for most, is also a start of a four day weekend which is great, too.

# Year 3

Over the last few weeks Year 3 have been investigating light and dark and in particular shadows.

We have been learning that shadows are a dark area or shape produced when an object blocks light from a source.

We had fun outside when our shadows turned us into giants.





# YEAR 6

It has been wonderful seeing some of our older children take on the responsibility of being Reading Buddies for the younger children - a perfect demonstration of kindness, collaboration and independence!



Year 6 managed to get a chance to catch some snowflakes on Wednesday!





Are your  
**CONTACT  
DETAILS**  
up to date?

Please check your Arbor parent app and update where necessary or send an email to the school office.

[office@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk)



*It's that time of year...*  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**MAIN COURSE**  
Turkey roast with all the trimmings  
Roast turkey with all the trimmings  
**Vegetable wellington**  
Vegetable wellington with roast potatoes and bubble vegetables

**PUDDING**  
Iced Christmas tree shortbread  
Christmas tree shortbread - 400g  
Winter forest berry yoghurt  
Fruitful forest berry yoghurt  
Santas jelly  
Strawberry jelly  
Little elf's fruit salad  
Fresh fruit salad

*The team are looking forward to welcoming you...*

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This festive menu has replaced any previous meal orders for that day, so we kindly ask that you log into the meal ordering portal and **reorder your child's meal** to ensure they can join in the Christmas lunch celebrations.

Thank you

## PINS Parent Carer online Meeting



Can't make it to one of our in-person sessions?  
Join one of our online Teams sessions instead!

As part of the **PINS** (Partnership for Neurodiversity in Schools) project, we're inviting parent carers of children with SEND - including all forms of neurodiversity, whether diagnosed or undiagnosed - to share your voice and help shape local SEND support in mainstream schools.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 12.30 – 1.30pm**

Please register here for the Teams link:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a5948fd0-cae6-4e10-a436-814fd547ad7e@065bae62-ab91-4d18-980e-2cdc80ffe15a>

or scan the QR code:



OR

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 – 8.00pm**

Please register here for the Teams link:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e3ca5c72-5d34-41eb-8886-f11373243dc9@065bae62-ab91-4d18-980e-2cdc80ffe15a>

or scan the QR code:



Participating Primary Schools:

All Saints CofE | Bearwood | Beechwood | Charvil Piggott | Earley St Peter's CofE | Emmbrook Juniors | Evendons | Gorse Ride Infants and Juniors | Grazeley CofE | Hatch Ride Highwood | Lambs Lane | Nine Mile Ride | Polehampton CofE Infants & Juniors | Radstock Rivermead | Shinfield Infants | Shinfield St Mary's CofE | St Paul's Juniors | St Nicholas CofE | The Coombes CofE | The Hawthorns | Walter Infant | Wescott Infant | Westende Juniors | Willowbank | Windmill | Winnersh | Woodley CofE

You can find out more about the PINS project at:  
[www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/pins](http://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/pins)



**i** Information for parents and carers

**NHS**  
Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Drop-in flu clinics

Immunisation Building,  
Wokingham Hospital, RG41 2RE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3-4pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> December 3-4pm

**If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team.**



Go to the address below to share your views and ideas

[cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback](https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback)

# SAVE THE DATE!

## NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 24th	Y6 Mathematics Event (selected)
Tuesday 25th	Y6 School Nurse Height & Weight Measurements
Tuesday 25th	Y5&6 AWAY Football v St Dominics Savio (selected)
Friday 28th	AM Nuthatches OL Christmas Celebrations
Friday 28th	PM Woodpeckers OL Christmas Celebrations
Friday 28th	Y5&6 Wokingham District League Festival (selected)
Saturday 29th	PTA Christmas Craft Fair 11:00am to 3:00pm

## DECEMBER 2025

Monday 1st	Rock Steady Concert for Parents
Tuesday 2nd	AM Kingfishers OL Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 2nd	PM Cuckoos OL Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 3rd	PM Swallows OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 4th	AM Doves OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 4th	PM Blackbirds OL Christmas Celebrations
Friday 5th	AM Sparrows OL Christmas Celebrations
Friday 5th	PM Magpies OL Christmas Celebrations
Monday 8th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 9th	AM Starlings OL Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 9th	PM Red Kites OL Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 10th	PM Owls OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 11th	Y6 Hampton Court Trip
Thursday 11th	AM Robins OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 11th	PM Goldfinches OL Christmas Celebrations
Friday 12th	School Christmas Panto to children
Friday 12th	PTA Elfridges Secret Room Event
Tuesday 16th	Y1&2 Nativity Play in the Church at 2:00pm
Wednesday 17th	Doves Christmas Show 9:15am
Wednesday 17th	Y1&2 Nativity Play in the Church at 2:00pm
Thursday 18th	Robins Christmas Show 9:15am
Friday 19th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM—2:00PM FINISH

## JANUARY 2026

Monday 5th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th	First Day of the Spring Term

<https://www.hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=20>





## Hawthorns PTA dates for your diary

**October 24** **SANTAS GROTTTO**  
 Santa is back to visit the Hawthorns children at our Christmas craft fair. use the link to book your spot.



SCAN ME

**October 25** **VOLUNTEER**  
 We can't run our fair without you - please spare us an hour to help run a stall!



SCAN ME

**November 3** **Raffle Tickets**  
 Raffle tickets will be out W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Please return money & stubs to the office post box.

**November 4** **Elfridges**  
 Secret room is back 12th December. choose a gift for your special family members by using the link.



SCAN ME

**November 14** **DONATION DAY**  
 We are seeking donations of new and unused gifts for adults & children, sweets, chocolate and bottles of alcohol. Thank you!

**November 29** **Christmas Craft Fair**  
 11am-3pm  
 Grotto, Raffle, games, drinks and food. Joined by lots of local businesses!

**Hawthorns Primary School**  
 Parent Teacher Association

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

Join us for an exciting Christmas Market where you'll find unique gifts, a magical atmosphere and festive spirit!

GIFT & CRAFT STALLS • TOMBOLAS & BAR  
 SANTA'S GROTTTO

**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**  
 11AM-3PM



**Space Still Available**



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# HAWTHORN'S PTA



Keith Brindley   Helen Eastwood   Sarah Walker   Jess Prout   Maria Dymock   Tabitha Rigden   Maxine Featherbe-Knott   Keri Devonport   Rajesh Chandrasekaran   Terri Holloway

# Parent Information



Life is expensive.  
We can help.

First Days Mobile Support Hub



Please come along to one of our Mobile Support Hubs. Our van carries seasonal items and you can meet our Family Support Team who will be able to talk through how we can help you with other essentials.

## January to March 2026

### 1st Tuesday - excluding 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

Priestwood Community Hall 09:30-10:30  
Kerith Centre Bracknell 10:45-12:00

### 4th Monday (except Bank Holidays)

Shinfield School Green Centre 12:30-13:30

### 2nd Wednesday

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00  
Highfield Park Wargrave 12:30-13:15  
Pennfields Twyford 13:30-14:00

### 4th Wednesday

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00  
Rainbow Centre Winnersh 12:30-13:00

### 3rd Wednesday

Kerith Centre Bracknell 10:00-11:00  
Great Hollands Community Centre 11:30-12:30



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# WOKINGHAM WINTER CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

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**Funtastic Kids**

**Christmas Holiday Camps!**

Childcare from £3.20 an hour in a safe school environment

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Open across Berkshire  
Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th December\*

\*Dates and activities may vary according to location.

**What's on offer:**

Festive activities: arts & crafts, drama, science & baking! Plus, a Christmas Party!

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## Funtastic Kids Christmas Holiday Camps

Last minute Christmas shopping or baking to do? Or still needed at the office? We have your Christmas childcare covered!

Our Holiday Camps are open: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025\*

*\*Please note camp will be open 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY on Wednesday 24th December 2025 (Christmas Eve)*

We'll keep your children entertained with creative Christmas themed activities and energetic sports whilst you prepare for the big day! Plus, they can enjoy a Christmas Party!

Funded HAF places are also available this Christmas break for eligible families. More information can be found on our website.

Places are already filling up, so we encourage people to book as soon as possible!

**Book today: <https://funtastickids.co.uk/holiday-camps/>**



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