



# OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

## 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

As we approach the festive season, we are looking forward to being able to bring back more Christmas events for our children, who faced so much disruption last year.

The events programme began with a visit from John Bear from Wirral Hospice St John's, who was invited to attend a whole school assembly (the first in over a year), to introduce the Rudolph Run. He delivered antlers and red noses to us all.



In the curriculum, Year 4 have been writing programs to solve online puzzles. They worked out how to get the angry bird to catch the pig. Children showed great collaboration and problem-solving skills as they worked together to debug errors they found in some of their programs.

Year 3 have been learning to code using StudioCode. They love the angry birds!



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### Christmas Letter Swap

This week, some Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Christmas letter swap with residents from our local care home, The Manor House.

Children wrote about some of their favourite Christmas memories and traditions. We had a range of exciting activities to tell the residents: visiting Christmas markets, watching Christmas movies and drinking hot chocolate.

As a school, it is important to stay connected to the members of our community and this is a fantastic way to do so. We are looking forward to reading our replies!



# NEW! School Coat Swap Scheme



Do you have any coats that your child has outgrown? We have started a coat swap scheme to help recycle outgrown coats and pass them on **FREE OF CHARGE** to families.

Our aim is to reduce financial pressures for our families, but it will also have an environmental benefit by recycling outgrown coats.

Let's do this! **Let's reduce, recycle and reuse.**

All donations are welcome; we would be most grateful if you can help us by washing or cleaning the coats before donating.



Once we have a few coats, we will set up a rail outside the main entrance. You can come along and swap a coat, or just take one for your child.

We are very excited for this new system to get up and running! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Elwill.

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## This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	96.2%	Cherry	100%
Ash	95.9%	Pine	93.2%
Larch	89.1%	Silver Birch	90.8%
Beech	93.8%	Lime	96.3%
Hawthorn	97%	Rowan	93.2%
Willow	93.75%	Sycamore	90.4%

As a school we must achieve at least 96% attendance.

Congratulations to Cherry class for winning this week's class attendance and the overall school attendance with 100%! Cherry class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Hawthorn class with 97%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Cherry class with 100%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

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## Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Lily-Grace</i>	Cherry -	<i>Jacob</i>
Ash -	<i>Amber</i>	Pine -	<i>Elliot</i>
Larch -	<i>Heidi</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Joshua</i>
Beech -	<i>Max W</i>	Lime -	<i>Chloe</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Joshua M</i>	Rowan -	<i>Sam</i>
Willow -	<i>Ellena</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Sophia</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

Another great week of reading. Most classes now have surpassed half a million words.

Beech and Willow are well on their way to a million words - fantastic; Willow class is storming ahead.

Amazing effort once again. A special mention to Oscar H in Ash class, who has the most words read across lower school with a total of 384,212 words. Brilliant achievement.



## Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	<i>Ryland H</i>	Cherry -	<i>Ava C-D</i>
Ash -	<i>Isla H</i>	Pine -	<i>Miller E</i>
Larch -	<i>Heidi B</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Tom P</i>
Beech -	<i>Alanna W</i>	Lime -	<i>Ellis F</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>James T</i>	Rowan -	<i>Cameron D</i>
Willow -	<i>Max A</i>	Sycamore -	<i>George R</i>

Well done to all!

# Upcoming Events

## Year 5

### Swimming

Our Year 5 Pupils will undertake a programme of swimming lessons from Monday 13th December, for 1 week, as part of the PE curriculum.

Swimming will take place every afternoon for 1 week. A message has been sent out separately via the ParentApp.

## Whole School



### **2021 Christmas Season Events**

A schedule of events has been sent out via the ParentApp. It is also available to view in the 'Letters for You' section of the App.

All of these events are also on our School Calendar on the ParentApp where you can download them to your personal phone / device calendar.



## **OJS Exhibition**

We are very happy to announce our first Overchurch Exhibition.

At the end of each term, we invite you to celebrate our learning by showcasing classwork and homework at the Overchurch Exhibition.

As part of this day, we ask the children to complete one project at home to display in the exhibition. The project choices for each year group have been sent out via the ParentApp.

The completed project should be brought into school by **Wednesday 15th December** labelled with your child's name. You will then have the opportunity to visit the school hall on Thursday 16th December at the following times to view the exhibition:

**Year 3: 09:00**

**Year 4: 13:00**

**Year 5: 10:30**

**Year 6: 14:30**



### **Pupil Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** the Oak Tree Diner will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. The menu has been sent out via ParentApp and can also be found in the Letters for You section of the App.

Please ensure you book your child a place in advance via ParentPay, cost of the lunch is the normal price of £2.20. **Payment will secure booking and will be available on ParentPay from 3pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please ensure that you book by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

Also, please note that if your child is in receipt of **free school meals**, there will be no charge but we will still require a booking via ParentPay. This will allow the catering team to be aware of expected numbers.

Please be aware that there will be **NO DELI BAR** on this day.



### **Menu Change – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

There will be a change to our scheduled lunch menu on this day. We will be serving:



**Burger / Veggie Burger**  
**Chips**  
**Corn on the Cob**



**Cookies**



**There will NOT BE A DELI BAR AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

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Wirral Hospice St John's

# CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

LEAVE THE EFFORT OF RECYCLING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE TO US!

We welcome donations in return for collecting your real Christmas tree

Postcodes we cover:  
 CH41 | CH42 | CH43 | CH44 | CH45 | CH46 | CH47  
 CH48 | CH49 | CH60 | CH61 | CH62 | CH63 | CH64

Our volunteers will be out from  
 Fri 14 Jan 2022  
 until all the trees are collected in

Trees registration will close at  
 23:59 on Sun 9 Jan 2022

[wirralhospice.org/treecollection](http://wirralhospice.org/treecollection)



Wirral Hospice St John's  
 Registered Charity No. 51064

## Wirral Hospice St John's Christmas Tree Collection Service

## Upton Village Community Group – Santa Dash

**CHILDRENS SANTA DASH 2021**  
**ENTRY £2.50 PER CHILD**

UNDER 5'S ACCOMPANIES BY AN ADULT :  
 SET OFF AT 11.15AM  
 5-8's GATHER AT THE START READY TO :  
 SET OFF AT 12NOON  
 9-12's GATHER AT THE START READY TO :  
 SET OFF AT 1PM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ENTER ONLINE:**  
 [facebook.com/UptonWirral/](https://facebook.com/UptonWirral/)

A qualified First Aider will be present, alongside a Lost Parent or Child Gazebo, near the Park Noticeboard. For more details, please visit our Facebook page or scan the ticket office QR code








**UPTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUP**

*Proudly present our first*

# CHILDRENS SANTA DASH

**SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER 2021**  
**THE WOODLANDS, WARWICK PARK**

ENTRY TO THE PARK IS FREE BUT SANTA DASH ENTRY IS CHARGABLE. ALL ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE SANTA HAT WITH FINISHERS A CHOCOLATE MEDAL!

PLENTY TO SEE AND DO INCLUDING:  
 SIDESHOWS, GAMES, STALLS, MUSIC, SINGERS, REFRESHMENTS AND LOTS MORE...  
 PLEASE BRING CASH TO SPEND!