



# OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

## 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

### Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

Our Christmas tree and decorations have brought some welcome festive cheer to school this week. Mr Porter managed to find all the decorations squirreled away since last year!

#### Rudolph Run

As our minds focus on next week, we can't wait to take part in the Rudolph Run. It is going to be great fun as we run to raise funds for Wirral Hospice, St John's. Watch the OJS twitter feed for photos and updates.

#### Curriculum



In English, Year 3 have been learning Show Don't Tell. They will use this skill to write their narrative next week. Great drama and teamwork! Ash class looked as though were working brilliantly as a team. I know Mrs Walton, Miss Mates and Miss Quinn were astounded by the creativity of the class. I think all the children could have been chosen for the Excellence Award this week. Year 3 are making really big strides in reading and a big thanks for hearing your children read at home as reading is the key to

success.

#### Food Pantry

We have been able to access 4 pallets of food from Wirral Schools Food Pantry, funded by Wirral Borough Council. The food available if free for our families. The 'Food Pantry' will be open next week, on Monday and Tuesday morning from 8:30am – 9:30am while stocks remain. Please pop in for a visit and a hot drink. There is lots to choose from, including: tea bags, coffee, orange juice, summer fruit juice, tins of sweetcorn, carrots, pot noodles, Rice Krispies and many more items.



#### Speakfest

Unfortunately, 'Speakfest' was cancelled this week as an inter- school competition in Liscard Primary School. Our Year 5 & 6 children due to perform a poem still had the opportunity to perform in the Year 5 & 6 assembly. They were incredibly confident!

#### Sad News

We wave goodbye to Miss Wilson this week as she starts a new teaching post as an Early Careers teacher at a school in Ellesmere Port. Miss Wilson has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Sycamore Class with Mr Byrne, supporting learning in the classroom. We would like to thank her for the impact she has had on learning and nurturing the class.

#### Reading

Governors were in school last week as we held a school development meeting to action our next steps to ensure we have clarity in our reading curriculum.

Staff have been trained in Rocket Phonics, this had been arranged for the day after Ofsted. We have a clear strategy in place to continue to improve early reading and carefully matched books to children's phonic ability.

### Concerts

Carol singing rehearsals are going full pelt as children and staff look forward to melting your hearts through song next week. We look forward to seeing you at the Outdoor Carol Concerts on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Communication

As always, any questions you have please send an email to school office or phone in to talk to a member of staff. We will always endeavour to respond to you by the end of the school day.

### Bereavement Training

A number of our staff have recently had bereavement training from 'Winston's Wish'. We are aware that Christmas can be an incredibly difficult time for many families, particularly children. If you need any help or support please do get in touch.

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## This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	97.1%	Cherry	92.7%
Ash	96.8%	Pine	96.1%
Larch	92.6%	Silver Birch	90%
Beech	98.9%	Lime	91.5%
Hawthorn	91.3%	Rowan	94.4%
Willow	97.8%	Sycamore	92.4%

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

Congratulations to Beech class for winning this week's class attendance and the overall school attendance with 98.9%! Beech class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Beech class with 98.9%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Pine class with 96.1%. 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>Lauren O</i>	Cherry -	<i>Saffron T</i>
Ash -	<i>Sophie H</i>	Pine -	<i>Yassin R</i>
Larch -	<i>James H</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Summer B</i>
Beech -	<i>Leonie H</i>	Lime -	<i>Jack W</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Jack E</i>	Rowan -	<i>Leah H</i>
Willow -	<i>Alice W</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Leighton S</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

As you can see, another great week of reading.

Willow class are nearly there - we will definitely have a class across lower school with a million words by next week without a doubt. Beech class aren't that far behind, maybe they can reach a million words by the end of term, who is going to join them?

Hawthorn class are making great progress on MyOn with nearly 1,500 pages read since September.

Another fabulous week of reading. Congratulations to Cherry and Silver Birch who have over 2 million words read. Noah in Lime class has become a Millionaire reader. He has read over 1 million words and taken 41 tests!! Amazing.



## Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	<i>Theo P</i>	Cherry -	<i>Darcy B</i>
Ash -	<i>Dan B</i>	Pine -	<i>Erin W</i>
Larch -	<i>Anna C</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Henry C</i>
Beech -	<i>Harry J</i>	Lime -	<i>Harry C</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Harrison B</i>	Rowan -	<i>Karl P</i>
Willow -	<i>Toby R</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Scarlett L</i>

Well done to all!

## Wirral Schools Food Pantry

We have recently volunteered to take part in the Wirral Schools Food Pantry.

As a result, we have received 4 pallets of long-life food items for our families to access. Our food pantry will be open next week on both Monday and Tuesday morning from 8:30am – 9:30am.

There will be tea and coffee available so that you can enjoy a hot drink while you browse.

Remember to bring your shopping bags

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## 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.



### 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.

#### Here is a list of next week's Christmas Season Events



#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Rudolph Run for St John's Hospice Wirral

Children and staff will be taking part in a 1-mile Rudolph Run/Walk to raise funds for [Wirral Hospice St John's](#). Forms have been sent home. Any contributions would be appreciated.

Children can wear sports clothing to school for this event. They will not be required to wear a uniform on this day.



#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Outdoor Christmas Concerts

Years 3 and 4: 1:45pm – 2:15pm

Years 5 and 6: 2:45pm – 3:15pm

As the concerts are being held outside, please dress appropriately and please ensure that your child has their coat with them in school.

We will be providing tea and coffee in exchange for a charitable contribution. Our chosen charity for the day will be [Santa's Little Helpers](#).

In the event of bad weather / heavy rain, the concert will be recorded and posted on our You Tube channel. If this happens, we will message all parents / carers via the ParentApp in the morning with more information.

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# OJS Exhibition – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

We are very happy to announce our first Overchurch Exhibition which will take place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

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 15<sup>th</sup> December labelled with your child's name. You will then have the opportunity to visit the school hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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***



OVERCHURCH  
INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL

## PTA Events

### Santa Letter Packs

The Overchurch PTA are selling Santa Letter Packs. If you would like to purchase any packs, please send the money into school in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class.

These will be passed onto the PTA and a pack will then be sent home with your child within a couple of days.

Your child's letter to Santa must then be returned to school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December to avoid disappointment.

RAISING MONEY FOR OVERCHURCH PTA

## Buy a Santa Letter Pack

Each pack contains:

- ★ Letter to Santa
- ★ Candy cane
- ★ Christmas themed activities
- ★ Stickers and a pencil

To buy a Santa Letter Pack, please send money into school in an envelope, marked with your child's name and class. The pack will be sent home in your child's book bag.

All letters must be returned back to school by the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, so Santa's secret elves can deliver a personalised reply before Christmas Eve.

★ £3 per child, or £5 for two ★  
so long as they are delivered to the same address.



## Parking Outside School

Please remember to park considerately when dropping off and picking up your children from school.

We have had a very near miss this week when a parent and child were struggling to cross the road due to the number of cars parked on the pavements, obstructing the view.

## Fuel Poverty Awareness Day

Over **4 million**  
UK households  
live in fuel poverty



Did you know 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 is Fuel Poverty Awareness Day?

Click on this link to find out more about how the National Energy Action charity are helping families in need and how you can help.

<https://www.nea.org.uk/advice-support/>



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## Weekly Subject Focus

Each week we focus on a different subject which includes taking part in projects and conducting experiments. This helps to give the children a more in-depth knowledge of the subject as well as a greater interest. For your information, please see below the schedule of our weekly subject focus for the remainder of this term.

Week Beginning 06/12/21	D.T Week
Week Beginning 13/12/21	Music Week

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## Flu Catch Up Clinics

If your child did not receive their nasal flu vaccine, you can telephone the NHS Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510 for information regarding catch up clinics.

The Immunisation Team are will be returning to school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January to conduct a catch-up clinic. E-Consent forms are now open and can be completed via the following link:

[www.wchcimms.co.uk](http://www.wchcimms.co.uk)

Our school codes are as follows:

**School: Overchurch Junior School**

**Code: WC105056**

Please be aware that the e-consent forms are sent directly to the NHS and we have no access to them or are made aware of submissions. If you have any questions regarding the flu programme or the consent forms, please contact the NHS Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.



## After School Sports Club – Spring Term 2022

Next half term our after-school sports club will be Athletics. The club will be available for booking from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.


Clubs will start week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January and will continue for six weeks until the February half term break. The cost of the club will be £18.

The days on which the clubs will take place are as follows:

Mondays: Year 3  
Tuesdays: Year 5  
Wednesdays: Year 4  
Thursdays: Year 6

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# The Life Tree Community Support



## THE LIFE TREE

supporting branches of the community

The Life Tree was born in lockdown and has three main hubs.  
 St Luke's Church - 19 Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral, CH47 2BF  
 Moreton Community Centre - Maryland Lane, Greasby, Wirral, CH46 7TS  
 Hoylebank Housing Association - Darmonds Green, West Kirby CH48 5JL

Our goal is to open hubs throughout The Wirral, to empower families and individuals.



### Aims and Future Developments

*The Life Tree have a passion to provide practical and emotional support for anyone who needs it, and we will do so with love and compassion, from our family to yours*

We are working to provide packed lunches, snacks, and support packs (store cupboard food/toiletries/baby stuff etc) to those who are struggling or just need a bit of a helping hand.

### IN OUR HUBS THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF SERVICES

- Food Bank
- Source Furniture and Household Goods
- Toiletries Bank
- No Fuss - Uniforms and winter coats sourced and given out
- I.T. Courses
- C.V. Writing
- Reading Club
- Mindfulness Classes
- Natterjacks - Coffee and food morning - friending service
- Mental Health for Teenagers - snack and drink, have informal chats
- Support Group - Advice and help
- Bike Hub - to be launched in Hoylake
- Art Classes
- Community Garden
- Dementia Hub - looking after participants and carers
- Therapists
- Choir
- Dad's Group
- Photography Classes
- Book Club
- Reiki

*More classes and groups are planned as more funding and volunteers are sourced.*

*Please Get In Touch*

email [thelifetreeirral@outlook.com](mailto:thelifetreeirral@outlook.com) – call Dawn on 0754 523 8164  
 or contact through The Life Tree Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheLifeTreeCIC/>

# Wirral Hospice St John's Christmas Tree Collection Service

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 wirralhospice.org  
Registered Charity No. 51064:



# 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://www.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



Scan Me



FRIENDS OF WARWICK PARK



**UV** 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!