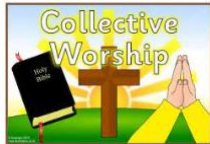


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### Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is 'Generosity' which will be closely linked to harvest.

*'God loves a cheerful giver.'*

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each week our worship will explore the value of 'generosity' using the following themes:

Loving others as we love ourselves  
Giving Sacrificially  
Giving Cheerfully  
Caring for creation  
Giving our time  
Giving as God gives

### Our Prayer this week –



*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and forever.*

Amen

Dear Parents and Carers

What a week of incredible performances! We are incredibly proud of our newly formed choir who sang so beautifully at the Victoria Hall on Monday evening.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were all amazing in their four performances of 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. It's been a busy few weeks of rehearsals and preparation but I'm sure you'll agree, it was definitely worth it and their performances were extremely enjoyable and very special.

A huge thank you to the staff who have worked so hard with both the choir and nativity production.

The raffles and refreshments have raised £640.00. This will be shared between School Fund and the Air Ambulance (the charity the children chose to support).

Next week is equally as busy with the music concerts on Monday and Tuesday, Christmas Lunch on Wednesday followed by the disco. We are then off to church on Thursday morning. In between the children are busy working on a variety of Christmas crafts.

On a final note, could I please request that any outstanding balances on ParentPay for lunches, BUZZ or Nursery Wraparound are cleared promptly. Chasing late payments takes a considerable amount of time and is an onerous job for Mrs Riley. Payments must be made in advance for lunches, BUZZ and Nursery Wraparound. Thank you.

### **MUSIC CONCERTS NEXT WEEK – CHANGE OF START TIME**

Please note that the music concerts on Monday and Tuesday **will now start at 9.15 am** (originally scheduled to start at 9.30 am). The running time of the concert is 90 minutes).

### **CHURCH SERVICES ON THURSDAY (21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER)**

**School gates will open at 8.30 am on Thursday to enable all children to be dropped off between 8.30 and 8.45 am.**

**IMPORTANT:** If your child is in Red or Yellow Houses (Maer and Butterson), **please ensure they are in school for 8.30 am.** The first coach leaves school for church at 8.45 am. If you arrive after 8.45 am please bring children to the school office. Thank you for your support.

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent election and to those who put themselves forward. We look forward to welcoming Mr Lawton, Mr Pithers and Mrs Rowe to the governing body in January.

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

The Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December raised £118.00 for Save the Children. Thank you.

### **PARENTS' EVENING – WEEK COMMENCING 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

You should have received an email yesterday regarding Parents' Evening and containing links to online forms to enable you to submit your availability. **All forms must be submitted by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

[Nursery and Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

## SCHOOL LUNCHES



w/c	
18 <sup>th</sup> September:	Week 3
25 <sup>th</sup> September:	Week 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> October:	Week 2
9 <sup>th</sup> October:	Week 3
16 <sup>th</sup> October:	Week 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> October:	Week 2
6 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 1
13 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 2
20 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 3
27 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 1
4 <sup>th</sup> December:	Week 2
11 <sup>th</sup> December:	Week 3
18 <sup>th</sup> December:	Week 1
8 <sup>th</sup> January:	Week 1

A copy of the menu is available on the school website, please see link below.

[School Lunch Menu](#)

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 FROM 08:00-17:30 EVERY DAY!  
**£20** Full day  
**£12.50** Half day (4 hours)  
 Get ready for a jam-packed schedule with sports, artsy fun, cooking adventures, music sessions and themed days at our holiday club!  
 CONTACT US: INFO@VIPEDUCATION.CO.UK 01782 367219  
 Scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to create an account and book.  
 To book, scan the QR code or visit: <https://vipeducation.magicbooking.co.uk/>

**ENJOY A FESTIVE FAMILY DAY OUT AND EARN CASH BACK FOR YOUR SCHOOL**  
 HOW IT WORKS  
 -COME ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE FARM PICKING YOUR PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE  
 -WHEN PURCHASING YOUR TREE, ASK AT THE TILL FOR YOUR SCHOOLS TOKENS. THE AMOUNT YOU HAVE SPENT ON YOUR TREE(S) WILL BE PUT AGAINST YOUR SCHOOL  
 -IN THE NEW YEAR WE ADD UP HOW MUCH EACH SCHOOL HAS EARNED AND SEND A PERCENTAGE BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL  
 KEELE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

## Superstar Awards



Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Georgia
Reception	Kasia, Thorley, Thomas
Year 1	Aria
Year 2	Leo, Maia
Year 3	Andriana, Joely
Year 4	Dave, Lucy
Year 5	Rosie Bo, Enzo
Year 6	Esme, George, Lottie

## WHAT'S ON?

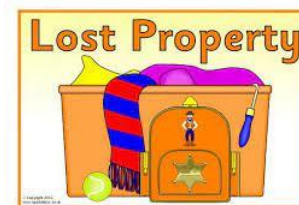
Week commencing Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	
Monday	9.15 am music concert Maer and Butterton (Red/Yellow) <b>Please note slightly earlier start time</b>
Tuesday	9.15 am music concert Chapel Chorlton and Whitmore (Green/Blue) <b>Please note slightly earlier start time</b>
Wednesday	Christmas Lunch and Disco <b>Children can come to school wearing Christmas party clothes.</b>
Thursday	Church Services
Friday	Last day – finish at normal time

You are warmly invited to join us on Thursday in Church but, as always, space in church is very limited.

- 9.30 am Parents of children in Maer/Butterton
- 11.15 am Parents of children in Whitmore/Chapel Chorlton

### LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is full of uniform – none of which is labelled. **Please ensure that all uniform, shoes, trainers, coats etc are all clearly labelled with your child's name.**



### PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES, BUZZ AND NURSERY WRAPAROUND

**The total outstanding balance today stands at £1,331.71**

**Please check your ParentPay balance today and clear any outstanding balance.**

**Payment for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning.**

Services provided by Baldwins Gate Primary School are no different to those provided by any other business in that meals and other services must be paid for in advance and on demand. Most parents and carers understand that they cannot take their child to McDonald's and expect the provision of food or services without paying.

Please check your ParentPay account regularly and ensure your balance is not outstanding. Chasing outstanding money owed to the school causes considerable extra work for office staff and embarrassment for all concerned.

If you require any assistance with ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Riley in the office. She will be only too happy to help.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

The school lunch menu has been updated slightly and a copy will be emailed to you and available on the school website.

<https://www.baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk/school-lunches.html>

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) <b>Ve</b> Penne with Vegballs in Tomato Sauce (Ve)(WG) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Green Beans, Sweetcorn</b> St Clement's Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) <b>Ve</b> Beany Chilli with Rice (Ve)(WG) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Green Beans, Sweetcorn</b> Lime Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) <b>Ve</b> Penne with Veggie Bolognese (Ve)(WG) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Sweetcorn, Green Beans</b> Vanilla Iced Shortbread (Ve)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Penne with Beef Bolognese (WG) <b>Ve</b> Veggie Cottage Pie (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Broccoli, Garden Peas</b> Apple Crumble (Ve)(WG) with Custard (V)	Cottage Pie <b>Ve</b> Veggie Chow Mein (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Broccoli, Garden Peas</b> Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Chocolate Custard (V)	Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy <b>Ve</b> Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas</b> Toffee Apple Sponge with Apple Custard (V)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy <b>Ve</b> Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots</b> Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy <b>Ve</b> Roasted Butternut Squash with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots</b> Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy <b>Ve</b> Quorn Fillet with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Cabbage, Carrot Batons</b> Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (WG) <b>Ve</b> Mac & Cheese (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Banana Bread (V)	Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes <b>Ve</b> Veggie Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Baked Beans, Cooked Tomato</b> Flapjack (Ve)	Chicken with Golden Vegetable Rice (WG) <b>Ve</b> Mac & Cheese (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Jammy Dodger Flapjack (Ve)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <b>Ve</b> Quorn Hotdog with Chips (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <b>Ve</b> Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <b>Ve</b> Quorn Dippers with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Cocktail (V)

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan WG - Wholegrain

## Special Diets

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition you will need to register with Edwards and Ward at the following link:

[edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/](http://edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/)

## PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

I am afraid that we have received reports of inconsiderate and unsafe parking at drop off and pick up times.



Please avoid parking on pavements and double parking. We accept that vehicles occasionally need to be parked partly on the footpath to avoid causing obstruction to the road, however there must be room on the pavement for pedestrians, a double buggy or mobility scooter to pass safely. Please check that there is also room for a large vehicle to pass if there are vehicles parked on the other side.

Please do not park too near to the junction with Meadow Way. Parking too near a junction is dangerous – children need to be able to see cars and drivers need to be able to see children. Vehicles should not be parked within 10 metres of a junction.

Parents/Carers who drive to school should be mindful not only of their children's safety but also the safety of the other children. Consideration should also be given to residents of the area outside school.

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

VIP Education are going to run a holiday club at Baldwins Gate during February half term (Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February).

VIP Education will be in school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15 pm to meet you and provide information on the club, the activities they offer and answer any questions you may have:

### Wednesday 10th January at 3.15 pm

We do hope that this is of interest to you and that you are able to attend.

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01782 367219  
Scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to create an account and book  
To book, scan the QR code or visit: <https://vipeducation.magicbooking.co.uk/> VIP Education

## PE KIT ON PE DAYS

Please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit to school on PE days.

Our PE kit consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy or black shorts
- Navy joggers

Hoodies and any other t-shirts are not permitted. Thank you.

## ADMISSIONS

### ADMISSION TO NURSERY – SEPTEMBER 2024

**The deadline for applications is: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

Places will be confirmed on: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Please contact Mrs Riley in the school office if you would like an application pack.

Alternatively, you can download an application form from the school website, using the link below:

[Nursery Admissions September 2024](#)

### ADMISSION TO RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 2024

The application system Reception admissions will open on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

**Applications will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Parents receive outcomes on National Offer Day, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online and a link to the online application will appear on the Staffordshire County Council website when applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. Full information is available at the link below:

[Staffordshire County Council Admissions](#)

## SCHOOL TRIPS – SUMMARY

We thought it may be useful to provide you with a summary of school trips for the coming year, costs and payment deadline dates.

We are introducing a rolling programme of trips so this list should prove useful for everyone by providing information on trips that your child will access as they progress through school.

Some trips have not yet been finalised and information has not yet been sent to parents.

The list will be updated on a regular basis.

Year Group	Date	Trip	Cost	Deadline date for payment
4	5 <sup>th</sup> October	River Study	£20.00	
3	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Stone Age Workshop	£15.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
N/R	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Theatre, Crewe	£13.00	6 <sup>th</sup> November
All	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whitmore Church	-	-
1	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Nantwich Museum	£15.00	9 <sup>th</sup> January
6	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Recorder Festival	TBC	TBC
All	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Whitmore Church	-	-
4	10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> April	York	£165.00	4 <sup>th</sup> March
2	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Trentham	£15.00	TBC
EYFS	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Blue Planet	TBC	TBC
3	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Chester Zoo	TBC	TBC
3	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Standon Bowers	£156.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
5	8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Boreatton Park	£209.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
6	26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 <sup>st</sup> May

### TAX FREE CHILDCARE PAYMENTS

A number of families pay for Nursery Wraparound and BUZZ using the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme. For every £8 you pay into the TFC online childcare account, the government will pay in £2.00 to use to pay your provider. It can sometimes take 10 days for payments to reach school. Would you please bear this in mind and process payments in advance to avoid your ParentPay account going into arrears. Thank you.

Information on the Tax-Free Childcare scheme is available at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

### MORNING BREAK AND PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME

May we please remind you that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and any snack or packed lunches must not contain items containing nuts. We have several children in school who are anaphylactic and carry epipens.



### SAFEGUARDING

At Baldwins Gate Primary School we have a moral and legal duty to keep all our children safe from harm. Harm which can hinder the development of a child can be physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and sexual abuse.

Where we have concerns in any area we will talk firstly to the child. If we have cause to be concerned, we will make our concerns known to the First Response team at Staffordshire County Council. It will then be their responsibility to investigate further.

Please do not be offended in any way if a member of staff approaches you or discusses a concern with you. Equally if you have any concerns or require any support, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of our safeguarding leads.

We are all committed to giving the children the environment and safety in which to learn.

Mrs S Maude



Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Designated Staff - Looked After Children  
Lead Professional for EHAs  
(Early Help Assessments)

Mrs L Lowndes



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs F Boulton



Chair of Governors  
Nominated Governor for Safeguarding  
Nominated Governor for Looked After Children

### MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can I remind you that the use of mobile phones on school grounds is not permitted. Please refrain from using your mobile phone at drop off and pick up times. Do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to put your mobile phone away.

