



Ashlawn School Newsletter

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Dear School Community

As winter has finally settled in, we can look forward to spending time with our friends and family and the possibility of a white Christmas.

Our staff and students have wholeheartedly welcomed the festive season this week with our **celebration assemblies**, Christmas lunches and tutor time activities. It has been amazing to see the huge number of students who have been rewarded for their positive attitudes, their attendance, and the number of achievement points they have achieved, as well as their academic success. This week has truly exemplified our CARE values with Community and Aspiration being clearly evident in all of those assemblies.

In January, we'll be focusing on **students reading**. Reading is one of the key factors in ensuring students are able to access the curriculum. Reading will be developed as part of the curriculum in three discrete ways: subject specific reading, reading for understanding and reading for pleasure. You can find Mrs Mill's recommended reads in this newsletter; we will be providing students with reading lists to help support them with their wider reading. With this in mind, please encourage books and magazines to be delivered by Father Christmas!

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



This week's College winner is **Brooke**, well done!



1373



1260



1109



1067



Year Group Messages

Year 7 - Mr Attwell

Happy Christmas Year 7. You have been a joy in your first term of secondary school. You have upheld the school CARE values of community, aspiration, respect and excellence. Have a well deserved break and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.



Year 8 - Miss Webster

I just wanted to say a HUGE well done and congratulations to all students in Year 8. You have worked so hard this half term and your resilience, hard work and kindness shines through. We are so proud of everything you do every single day, what a great way to start Year 8. We look forward to another fantastic year with you all! We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year.



Year 9 - Mrs Wilmot

Wow! What a half term it has been. I wanted to say a massive congratulations to all of the students in Year 9 for their hard work and efforts this term. It was a real pleasure having the opportunity this week to share in the successes of the Year Group in their Christmas Celebration Assembly. Many students will have come home with rewards from this assembly, and the sense of community within the year group was lovely to be a part of.



We are looking forward to greeting the students back to school in January, and finalising subject option choices, but for now I want to wish them and you all a very enjoyable and restful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year.



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Year 10 - Mr Walker

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their GCSE years. The year kicked off with 106 students completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions in the Cotswolds. I'm glad that many of these students have now started on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Year 10 have also been preparing for their work experience week. It's been great to hear about the placements that students have secured themselves; with law firms, engineering companies and local charity shops.

In February, our Performing Arts Department will be performing Bonnie and Clyde. This is primarily an exam performance for our A Level Performing Arts students and GCSE Dance students. However, several of our Year 10 students have landed themselves leading roles in singing, dancing and acting. I know they are very excited for the shows; break a leg!

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our Year 10 students for the last few weeks and would like to wish you and your families a happy Christmas.



Year 11 - Miss Kenny

A busy first term for Year 11 with the 1st round of mocks under their belts. All students attended their first Elevate online session and many parents joined us for the core subject and elevate information evening.

There has been a big drive on building aspirations with students exploring post 16 pathways both within our own sixth form and beyond.

We have also had some fun opportunities to celebrate Children in Need, Christmas Jumper Day and our students' successes.

Please continue to refer to the key dates sent out over the summer to help students be prepared for future events and assessments.



For Years 12 and 13, please see the Sixth Form update sent with this newsletter.



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ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE SPRING TERM 2022

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>LUNCHTIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball Club (Yr 10 & 11) Guitar Club (All Years) GCSE Drama Drop In (Year 10 & 11) Knit and Chat (Year 7, 8 & 9) <p>AFTER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardening (All Years) Music Tech Club (All Years) Vox - Music (All Years) Why is the English Language Like this? (All Years) 	<p>LUNCHTIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball Club (Yr 7, 8 & 9) Drama Club (Year 7, 8 & 9) <p>AFTER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Football & Rugby Training (Year 7, 8, 9) Dance (Year 7, 8 & 9) Astronomy (All Years) Tabletop Wargaming Club (All Years) Handball (Year 10 & 11) Maths Challenge (All Years) 	<p>LUNCHTIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badminton (Yr 7, 8, 9) Bollywood movies (All Years) Knit and Chat (Year 7, 8 & 9) Gardening (All years) <p>AFTER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS4 Table Tennis (Year 10 & 11) Dungeons and Dragons (All Years) FULL Board Games (All Years) Bonnie & Clyde Rehearsals (KS4) Concert Band (All Years) Science Club (Year 7, 8 & 9) English Folk Dance (Year 7, 8 & 9) Step Aerobics (Year 10, 11, 12 & 13) 	<p>LUNCHTIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoga for Beginners (All Yrs) Badminton (Yr 10 & 11) Japan Club (All Years) <p>AFTER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Netball & Football Training (Year 7) Politics and Model Parliament (Yr 10, 11, 12 & 13) Bonnie & Clyde Rehearsals (KS4) Handball (Year 7, 8 & 9) Neurodiversity (Year 12 & 13) Law and Debate Society (Year 10, 11, 12 & 13) 	<p>LUNCHTIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting (Yr 7 & 8) <p>AFTER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Club (All Years) Jazz Band (All Years) Ecstatic Dance (Yr 6 - 11) Badminton (Yr 7, 8, 9) Smartphone Photography (All Years) Self Defence (All Years)

Enrichment Programme Spring Term 2023

From Friday 16 December, students will be able to sign up to the Enrichment activities on offer in the Spring Term. Students can take part in as many lunchtime or after school clubs as they wish.

The timetable will be shared with students on the Enrichment Google Classrooms for each year group. All activities will be listed on the timetable slide and students can then click on the activity/ies they are interested in to find out more about the club and sessions. Students can sign up by clicking on the 'Sign Up Here' link on any of the slides. Once they have signed up, they can turn up to the club on the start date specified.

We look forward to seeing our students enjoying and learning new skills after Christmas - from English Folk Dance to Knit and Chat, to Debate Club and Smartphone Photography - there is something for everyone!



Mrs Mills' Christmas Recommended Reads

As we finish for the Christmas break I thought it fitting to share some Christmas stories the whole family can enjoy together. It doesn't matter how young or old we are, these are classic Christmas Tales for us all to share!

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss



Yes, this was a children's book long before it was turned in to film...



"The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason..."

With a heart two sizes too small, the Grinch is the meanest creature you'll ever meet. He hates Christmas and the whole festive season, but when he hatches a dastardly plot to steal Christmas, he's in for a big surprise! A seasonal classic about the true meaning of Christmas.

Genre: Children's Fiction, **Recommended Age:** Suitable for all ages



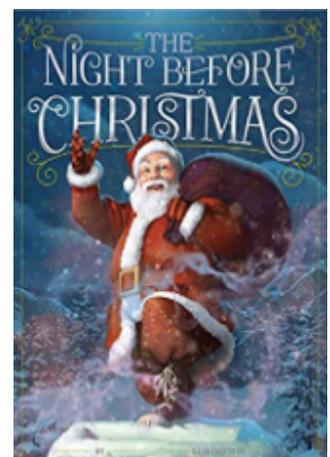
The night before Christmas by Clement C Moore

The ultimate Christmas classic we should all know at least some of the words to!

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..."

First published nearly 200 years ago, this classic poem has been enchanting readers, both young and old, with the story of St. Nicholas landing on a snowy roof, climbing down the chimney, and filling all the stockings with gifts before riding off in his sleigh, wishing "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

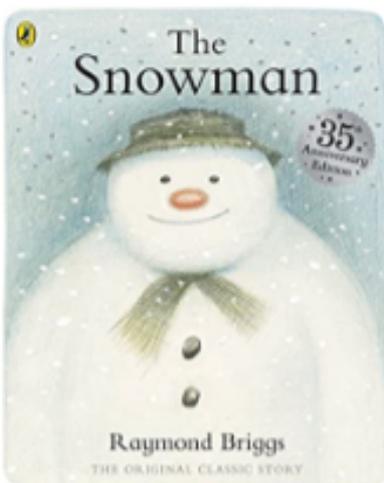
Genre: Children's Fiction, **Recommended Age:** Suitable for all ages





Mrs Mills' Christmas Recommended Reads

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs



Spend Christmas with everyone's favourite snowman!

One winter's night, a snowman comes to life and an unforgettable adventure begins.

Narrated entirely through pictures, the story captures the wonder and innocence of childhood and is a true Christmas classic.

Genre: Children's Fiction, **Recommended Age:** Suitable for all ages



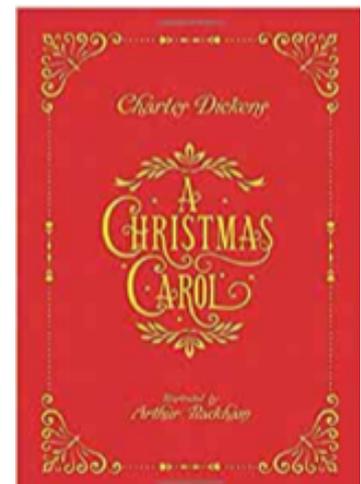
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

A true Christmas classic and one that should be on everyone's reading list!

Ebenezer Scrooge is a miserly old skinflint. He hates everyone, especially children.

But at Christmas, three ghosts come to visit him, scare him into mending his ways, and he finds, as he celebrates with Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and their family, that geniality brings its own reward.

Genre: Classic, **Recommended Age:** Suitable for the whole family



Wishing you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Happy Reading!



Sports Shout Out

Evie in Year 7 has achieved something great!



Evie took part in the West Midlands Floor and Vault Gymnastics Championships in Stoke on Trent and she came away with 2 medals!

Evie won gold in the individual 11yrs and under category, beating 58 other girls. She also won silver with her group in the 11yrs and under category.

Her parents and her teachers at Ashlawn, are so unbelievably proud of her, we hope she is also proud of herself for such a great achievement.

District Badminton Competition Success!

Ashlawn's Year 10 Boys Team comprising of Chanu, Niki, Saksham and Harry (all Year 9 students), played in the Houlton League fixtures in Nov, beating Rugby Free School. The boys were ranked 1 to 4 and played their opposing players from Rugby Free and then doubles matches also. Ashlawn Boys comfortably overcame the students from Rugby Free and successfully gained their spot in the District finals against the Bilton League winners Harris.



The boys all played their individual matches really well, there were some close scores, but Ashlawn were triumphant, becoming the 2022 Rugby District Schools Year 10 Boys Champions. Well done to you all!



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Congratulations to Matty in Yr 13 who has successfully sold both his pieces of work that are on display in the Rugby Open gallery. We are all proud of you.





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Rugby Town Concert Band

Rugby Town Concert Band, featuring members of Ashlawn staff, students and parents, will be bringing the festive cheer in the lead up to Christmas. The band will be performing a range of pieces, including medleys from The Lion King and The Polar Express.

The concert, taking place on Wednesday 21 December at Lawrence Sheriff School, is suitable for all ages and has something for everyone. Tickets are available on the door.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/rugbytownconcertband or access the Facebook event through the QR code.

Presents...

WINTER CONCERT

Wednesday 21st December

featuring

The Polar Express

19:30 @ Lawrence Sheriff School

Tickets on the door:
Adults - £8
Concessions - £6
Under 12s - Free!

More info: [facebook.com/rugbytownconcertband](https://www.facebook.com/rugbytownconcertband)



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Menu week commencing 2 January 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Teacher Training Day	Jerk chicken, rice and homemade coleslaw	Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce	Sausage and chips
		Jerk quorn, rice and homemade coleslaw	Quorn sweet and sour with rice	Cheese and onion pasty and chips
		Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and beans
		Rollover hotdog	Pasta king - veg	Steak bake
		BLT sandwich	Chicken burger	Hot n spicy chicken with mango sandwich
		Cheese and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham sandwich	Ploughmans sandwich
			Egg and cress sandwich	



Christmas can be a tough time for everyone because expectations are high and there is a phoney pressure to 'have a good time'.



But as many people will know, family relationships can be fraught, distant and a source of pain. The idealised images of happy families around the dinner table that feature in Christmas advertising and the media at this time of year are just that: unrealistic. Life is complex and messy, and picture-postcard perfection is just a John Lewis or M&S film-set. Spending more time with our families and sharing special moments together can be idyllic but for some children this is not the case.

December sees a spike in safeguarding issues

There is a darker side to the festive season that we must address and that is recognising that some children may experience a tough time. For schools, this is a time of year, along with other holiday periods when it is difficult to monitor the wellbeing of our students. December sees a spike in safeguarding issues and every year the NSPCC report increasing numbers of children phoning them for help because relationship tensions among families tend to come to a head over the Christmas break. This Christmas, of course, has the added pressure of the cost of living crisis and the impact that has on many of our families.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Safeguarding is the responsibility of **everyone** and at this time of year, we have to be extra-vigilant and offer support where we can and be proactive where we suspect or see the signs of abuse and neglect and seek the help of the police and social services. The rights of the child come first and all children have a right to protection from violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect.

Your Children have a right to feel safe and secure wherever they are spending their Christmas so here are some important helplines that we want to remind you of:

- If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door (Front Door)** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.
- If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.
- If you think that a **child is at immediate risk**, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**.



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Other ways to get support

Childline - 0800 1111

Kooth (Online Mental Wellbeing Community) - <https://www.kooth.com/>

Samaritans - 116 123

Shout (Confidential advice if you are in crisis or need help immediately) - 85258

Rugby Food Bank - 07557 680019

Cruse Bereavement - 0808 808 1677

Beat (Eating Disorders) 0808 801 0677

Money Helper - 0800 138 7777

National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247

NHS UK - 111

Police - 101 in a non emergency

Ice Safety

Given the tragic recent events in Solihull, we wanted to share with you information about the risks of ice and the importance of never going on ice. Please follow the link below for useful safety advice which we encourage you to share with your children.

[www. <https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/ice>](https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/ice)

Logic / Maths Puzzle - Can you solve it?

This week's question: Using only a 5 pint jug, a 3 pint jug, and 10 pints of liquid, how can you get exactly 4 pints? Email normanr@ashlawn.org.uk with your answer!

Sadly, no one solved last week's question. The answer was: she needs to head to the United Arab Emirates. If you write down the capital cities of the previous countries they are in reverse alphabetical order (Amman, Algiers, Addis Ababa, Accra and Abuja) the next one in the list is Abu Dhabi which is the capital of the UAE.