

# WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

# NEWS



October 2 2025



## Harvest

A reminder that our Harvest Festival will take place in the school hall on Monday 20th October at 2:30pm. After school clubs will run as normal. As usual, we will be making a collection to support the Food Bank. Please bring in any donations on Monday morning:

Tinned ham and corned beef  
Tinned beans  
Pasta  
Fruit squash  
Jam  
Coffee  
Shampoo and conditioner  
Laundry liquid

### PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

Out of date, damaged or opened items  
Food that needs to be refrigerated or frozen

## Nut Allergy

**Due to nut allergies within school please ensure that snack and lunchboxes contains NO nuts. This includes Nutella spread.**

## Messy Church- 6<sup>th</sup> November

Messy Church will be from 3:15-4:15 in the school hall. Please support if you can.

## Toilets

We are pleased to let you know that next week the toilets in the Elliot building are being refurbished! This means that Breakfast club and Atlas will take place in the school hall. Please take and collect your children from the blue front door. Thank you.

As the hall will be in use after school, there will be **NO** games and groove next week.

## Book Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

The book fair is back! Please see the attached poster for more information. If you are able to buy a book or two, it will help us benefit at school. It will be open from 8:35am every morning and then from 3:15pm Monday to Thursday.

## Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

The Salvation Army helps families in need at Christmas by providing a toy for a child and some nice treats for the families. We as a school would like to support this. If possible we are asking for donations from you, which we will give to the Salvation Army to help make someone have a brighter Christmas. The Salvation Army are looking for gifts for children from 0 to 18 including soft toys, games, board games, general toys, stationary, and toiletries. We are also looking for boxes of chocolates and biscuits. (Please do not send anything that is second hand or out of date).  
If you feel you could send something to support this, please send your donation into school between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.  
Thank you

The children who have SHONE and were recognised in our celebration assembly are:

Benji, Noah, Fern, Elissia, Jimbo, Adelaide, Mabel, Alana, Lillie, Billy, Jacob, Phoebe, Leah, Shalini, Mason, Meredith, Olivia, Edith, Leo A, Katie, Nathan, Noah R, Phoebe, William, Hetty, Ellie-Mae, Charlie, Teddy, Mila, Finn, Alfie T, Adam, Jack, Corbin, Lewis, Alicia, Immy, Thomas, Ozzy, Arthur, Ava, Harry, Emilia, Jasper, Teddie, Rose, Leo, Immy, Joseph.

## Courage

Our value champions:

Fern, Jimbo, Max, Billy, Alfie R, Noah P, Kensa and Teddie  
*Well Done!*

## Football

Congratulations to our football team. The girls played brilliantly against other local schools. They worked well as a team and always had smiles on their faces. I was very proud watching them.



## Term Dates for 2026-2027

Please find attached the term dates for 2026-2027.

## Holly Derrick Swimming

Please see the leaflet below for information about swimming lessons.

## Museum & Art, Swindon

Please see below information about sessions being held at the museum.

## Christmas Trees

It's never too early to think about Christmas! We are grateful to Netherhills Farm who will kindly be donating a Christmas tree to school this year. Please see the poster detailing their opening times should you like to support a local farm in purchasing your Christmas tree.

## DATES

Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	End of Term
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Start of Term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Messy Church
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual/Sibling photos
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Clubs finish this week.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Term



Dive into a world of fun and learning with our term time and school holiday swim lessons designed for children aged 3 to 10 years! Whether your child is just beginning their swimming journey or is working on refining their stroke technique, our classes are perfect for every level.

Held in cozy hydrotherapy pools heated to 34 degrees, our lessons ensure a comfortable environment with experienced teachers in the water, ready to guide and support each child.

Spaces are limited, so contact us soon to secure your spot!

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MUSEUM & ART SWINDON

**WHAT'S ON FOR FAMILIES**

AUTUMN 2025



**MUSEUM EXPLORER TRAIL** **FREE!**  
 MUSEUM OPENING HOURS THROUGHOUT THE AUTUMN

**FOSSIL HUNTERS EXHIBITION** **FREE!**  
 SAT 4 OCTOBER 2025 - SAT 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026  
 Dino den, dressing up, activities, fossil trail..



**DINO DAY** SAT 11 OCTOBER - 10.45AM TO 4PM  
 Face-painting, craft activities, meet Terence the Friendly T Rex. Advance booking required.

**DINO DAYS** SAT 25, FRI 31 OCT, SAT 1 NOV - 10.45AM TO 4PM  
 Dinosaur crafts, Fossil Hunt trail, Dino Den **FREE!**

**DESIGN-A-DINO WORKSHOPS** **£2**  
 TUES 28 OCT - 10.45AM, 11.45PM, 1.30PM, 2.30PM



**CHRISTMAS CREATIVE DROP-IN & TRAIL** **FREE!**  
 SAT 6, SAT 13, SAT 20, TUES 23, SAT 27<sup>th</sup>, TUES 30, WED 31 DEC - 10.45AM TO 4PM



More details at [www.museumartswindon.com/whats-on](http://www.museumartswindon.com/whats-on)  
 Email [maslearning@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:maslearning@swindon.gov.uk) to book places.

# NETHERHILLS

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

- \* Christmas Trees
- \* Handmade Wreaths
- \* Christmas Decorations
- \* Homemade Mince Pies
- \* Coffee Hut & Cakes
- \* Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- \* 9am - 6pm
- \* From the 29th November
- \* Until 22nd December
- \* Free Parking

**f** Netherhills Christmas Trees  
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 Netherhills Farm, Fromebridge Lane, Fromebridge, GL2 7PD