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ALL THINGS ARE
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BANJI ALEXANDER THINKS WORMLEY CHILDREN ARE COOL!

The children had a wonderful afternoon with Banji Alexander, an exciting new author who burst onto the scene with his debut book, *'Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party'*.

Banji entertained the children reading to them and talking to them about how he became an author. He encouraged them that they could become writers too!

Banji and the children looked great in their hats and boots.

DATES

End of term
20th Dec 1:20pm
INSET day
6th January 2025
Start of Spring
Term
7th January
Half Term
17th Feb-21st Feb

SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND OUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2024-2025

Our governors have approved this year's school development plan. You will be able to access it in full detail on the school website. The plan sets out our priorities for developing and improving the school over this year.



Key Priority	Stage	By the end of the year
Developing pupils' oracy	Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are prepared to deliver Oracy into teaching and learning.
Addressing race inequity and developing a more inclusive school	Deliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have reduced numbers of race incidents / homophobic language and other hate crimes We have a clear plan for further adaptations of the curriculum for 2025-2026
Assessment informs teaching and learning	Deliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching and learning is informed by reliable and robust assessment. We are able to assess what children have learnt and remembered.
Physical activity, play and wellbeing	Deliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school will be re-accredited with The Wellbeing Award for Schools, developed by the National Children's Bureau and Optimus Education. There is an increase in pupils' participation in competitive sports All children are engaged in 2hrs PE a week and 30mins activity daily at school.
Develop teacher understanding of metacognition and memory	Sustain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers understand how to develop pupils' memory and plan activities to develop metacognition and memory
Develop spirituality	Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers understand the concept of spirituality and plan for children to experience spirituality in their lives

We will continue to develop children's character - helping them to understand themselves as individuals and learners - and promote their social, emotional, personal and spiritual development.

DEVELOPING CHILDREN'S ORACY

This year, we begin a new project with a charity known as **Voice 21**, with the aim to develop pupils' oracy skills and transform their learning and life chances through talk.



So what is oracy? Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language and listening. As Voice 21 write on their website, *we believe that schools have the power to change a child's life and create a fairer society.*

We intend to build oracy into the curriculum, teaching and learning and wider school life, as oracy skills can set children up for success in school and life.



The Oracy Framework

Physical: the use of voice and body language

Linguistic: the choice of vocabulary and language

Cognitive: the content and structure of language and being able to reason

Social & emotional: listening and responding, having confidence in speaking and awareness of audience.

Listen Up Challenge We are beginning this term by focussing on listening. The children will be given a series of listening challenges to test how well they are able to listen and ask different types of questions to improve their understanding.



The listening wheel outlines the different skills needed to listen effectively:

- Giving your attention
- Asking questions
- Encouraging the speaker
- Responding
- Summarising and paraphrasing

We will keep you informed as we progress with this 3 year project.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

We held a **Remembrance Service** in school on **11th November**.

This included a minute's silence to think about those who have been, and continue to be, affected by war all around the world. We prayed for **peace, respect** and **love** in the world.

Lots of the children created poppies in art, wrote prayers and reflected on their thoughts about Armistice Day. Thank you



SCHOOL TOURS

Looking for a school place in Nursery or Reception?

Join for a tour of the school on the following dates: **27th November** and **4th December at 9:30am**

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

National Anti-bullying Week (11th-15th November). Anti-Bullying Week 2024 had the theme

Choose Respect

Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

When we choose to respect ourselves, we choose to stand up to those who may try to bully us by speaking out. When we choose to respect others, we are not tempted to bully others for being different to us.

Our assemblies, Collective Worship and PSHE lessons used the resources from the alliance to prompt children to think about what bullying is and how they might put a **stop** to it.

We think about bullying as causing harm to another person **several times on purpose** -

STOP bullying

**Several
Times
On
Purpose**



The week included **Odd Socks Day**. It is a day when schools, workplaces, and individuals join together to show that **it's okay to be different** and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.

The call to action:

1. Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way.
2. Of course, we are all different and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.
3. This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.
4. From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, choose respect.

The children agreed that we want an end to bullying in our school - everyone has the right to be respected and treated equally. We all have a responsibility to uphold these rights. We are trying to 'just be kind'!

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LOVE IS

patient

LOVE IS

kind

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THE VALUE OF LOVE

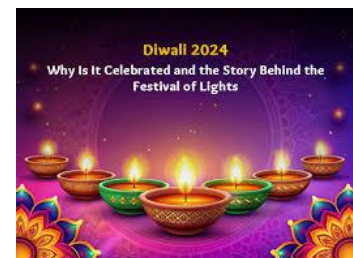
This term we will be learning about the value of love.

In our Collective Worship, we will be thinking about God's love through the creation of humankind - "*made in the image of God*". We will consider how we all belong as we think about "*God's house which has many rooms*" and how each room will feel like home as it is unique to each of us.

Finally we will reflect on God's love as we prepare for Christmas and remember that God sent his only son to be born on earth with us.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Wishing happiness to all our families who celebrated Diwali this month.



We have enjoyed hearing about celebrations in school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOOTBALL, NETBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

At a recent inter-school tournament Wormley CofE Primary School entered two football teams and two netball teams.



The netball A came third place and the netball B team came second place, securing medals.

The football A team came first and the football B team came third, also securing medals.



Last Friday, we entered a group of children into an inter-school cross country event and our children came third overall.

Congratulations to all of our sports people who represented the school. Their behaviour and attitudes were superb - leading to great outcomes!



ARE YOUR CHILDREN SAFE OR UNSAFE ON-LINE?

Are you one hundred percent certain of what your child is doing on-line? Do you know who they are talking to via phone, tablet and gaming consoles? Do you know their 'friends'? Do you know what they are talking about / reading about / listening to on-line?

Do you know if they are experiencing cyber-bullying, exposure to indecent content, grooming?

Our experience is that many parents and carers are often shocked.



It is extremely difficult to stay ahead of changes in technology and on-line platforms; it is extremely time consuming to keep a check of your child's activities on-line; it is extremely challenging to restrict your child's on-line activities but unless you do, they are not safe on-line.

Children need to be safeguarded and they need rest - away from technology.

Please consider turning off the internet access at 8pm (at the latest).

Children should be calming, resting and preparing for sleep / sleeping. So many children are tired in school and report watching tv and being on-line very late.

This makes it very difficult for them to focus in school, pay attention to important learning and be engaged.



Snapchat 13 years +



WhatsApp 16 years +



Instagram 13 years +

It is too late to wait until your child has been harmed from being unsafe on-line.

The Cyber Protect & Prevent Officer at Hertfordshire Police have recommended **Qustodio**: This is an all-in-one parental control and digital wellbeing solution.

According to their website, Qustodio's parental control tools can keep their children's screen time safe and balanced on every device—all from a single dashboard.

<https://www.qustodio.com>

Hertfordshire Police would also like to introduce some new teaching resources. Developed by the NCSC and quality assured by the PSHE Association, these free resources include an award-winning online game and unique interactive short film to develop children's key cyber security knowledge, skills and behaviours — helping them navigate the risks of online life more safely.

Cyber Sprinters for 7-11 year olds:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cybersprinters>

CyberFirst for 11-14 year olds:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cyberfirstnavigators>



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The application process for places at primary, junior and middle schools for September 2025 opened on **1 November 2024**.



This process is for children currently in nursery, for children in year 2 (in infant schools) and year 4 (in first schools).

'Under 11s 2025 leaflets' will be posted week commencing **30th October** directly to all families of nursery age children in Hertfordshire who should apply for a reception place for **September 2025**. The leaflet will inform parents/carers about how to make an application, provide key dates and give further information about the process

Admissions information is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

- **15 January 2025** - the deadline for applying on time.
- **3 February 2025** - the last date to submit a written explanation of why your application was late, for your application to be agreed as on time.
- **3 March 2025** - applications received after this date will not be offered a school place until the week commencing **16 June 2025**.

ADMISSION TO NURSERY

FREE EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

All children from the term after they turn three are entitled to 570 hours of free early education per year until they start full-time school.

Parents must apply directly to a school for a nursery school place as the Local Authority no longer processes nursery applications.



If you would like to request a nursery place at Wormley CofE Primary School, please call for an application or download one from the website. Apply anytime. Deadline: **7th March 2025**.

WEARING EARRINGS / JEWELLERY TO SCHOOL

Based on guidance and in the interests of your children's safety, we insist on children not wearing earrings for PE. The decision is in line with *The Association for Physical Education's Safe Practice* book (paragraphs 2.14.7 - 2.14.21) and is usual practice in all local schools.

Earrings must be removed for all forms of PE, including swimming.

Children cannot compete in any inter-sports activities wearing earrings.

If your child has recently had their ears pierced and these cannot be removed for the first six weeks, they can be taped, but this will be at the risk of injury which we will not accept responsibility for. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, they must be removed at home before they come to school on a PE day. We prefer children **not** to wear any jewellery to school on any day, as they are always involved in physical activity at break times and lunchtimes. If worn, only small studs are suitable to try to prevent any injury.

Thank you for your support.

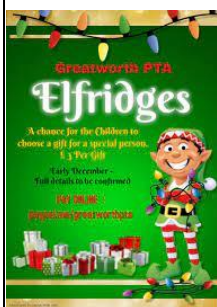
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Join us for our school Christmas Fayre on **Friday 6th December** from **3:15pm**

There will be stalls, such as Elfridges, selling Christmas Gifts.

There will be lots of food stalls, tombolas and activities.

Father Christmas will be visiting too!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND LUNCH

On **18th December**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for our Christmas Lunch

If your child does not usually have a school dinner on this day, you can book a Christmas lunch via Arbor -

selecting traditional or vegetarian option.

We will be selling second hand Christmas jumpers in school



CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

You are invited to join this half term's Messy Church!



For who?

The invitation is to all our families. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

What is Messy Church?

- Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It's for all people even if they do not belong to another form of church.
- It's fun.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age - a congregation that is as valuable and worthy of investment as any of your other congregations.
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

When is Messy Church?

Messy Church will be in on **Tuesday 10th December, 3:25 - 5:00.**

Where is Messy Church?

Messy Church takes place in the KS2 hall. Entering through the front gates, follow signs to the Community Classroom. There you will see doors into the main building which lead to the KS2 hall.

How much does it cost?

There is **no cost** to families. Messy Church is **free** - a gift to all who attend.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES AND CAROLS

Nursery Christmas Nativity	11 th December	9:30 am
Y1 Christmas Carols	11 th December	2 pm
Y2 Christmas Carols	11 th December	5:45 pm
Starfish Christmas Nativity	12 th December	9:30 am
Angelfish Christmas Nativity	13 th December	9:30 am
Y6 Christmas Carol Service	16 th December	6pm



PANTOMIME DAY

Pantomime Day is **17th December.**

'Dick Whittington'

This is a traditional, musical Pantomime that is all about Dick, a poor boy who came to London expecting to find the streets "paved with gold".

(School fund-raising will pay for this)



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We will be raffling Christmas Hampers again.

Any donations of luxury goods (mince pies, wine, chocolates, Christmas puddings) will be gratefully received.

Funds for our arts programmes.



HABS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

The HABS Family Support team are again reaching out to the local community to ask for their generous support with this year's Christmas appeal. Since 2013, we have been supporting families in our community who may find the financial pressure of the festive season all too much. Our Christmas appeal started 11 years ago with 1 little boy in Wormley who had not enjoyed gifts or a festive meal for over 3 years due to financial hardship.



If we fast forward to 2023, HABS were able to support over 500 children with sacks of presents and over 200 families with a voucher to buy a festive meal and funding towards heating. We can only continue to support the amount of children and families we do with the continued support and donations from our schools, local community and businesses. No donation is too small. We really could not do this without your continued support. Many Thanks The HABS Team.

If you would like to donate towards the Christmas appeal we are looking for the following items;



NEW TOYS FOR CHILDREN UP TO 16

GIFT SETS FOR TEENAGE BOYS AND GIRLS

GIFT VOUCHERS FOR TEENAGERS (ALL4ONE, AMAZON, PRIMARK, SPORTS DIRECT, ETC)

GIFT VOUCHERS FOR SUPERMARKETS TO BUY FESTIVE FOOD

Alternatively, you can scan the codes.

We would like to thank you all in advance for your continued support



ADHD & AUTISM SUPPORT DIGITAL ANIMATION **ADHD and ASD:**

The Early Help Commissioning Team are excited to share with you our ADHD and Autism Support digital animation as part of the ADHD and Autism transformation
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/autismADHDsupporthertfordshire

This animation is aimed at all families that are living in Hertfordshire and seeking support and guidance for a child or young person with neurodiverse needs.

SUPPORT FOR ANXIETY

The Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust children's wellbeing practitioner team and children's wellbeing practitioners (CWPs) are hosted by the public health school nursing service, however there is a new referral pathway to access support.

The CWP training programme was driven by Health Education England as a response to ensure that children, young people and their parents/carers have access to evidence-based preventative and early intervention support for common emotional wellbeing and mental health difficulties. The aim of the HCT CWPs is to ensure that children and young people can easily access evidence-based support, early in the development of the problem through workshops, groups and 1-1 interventions.

Interventions

CWPs are trained to deliver manualised guided self-help interventions for anxiety, low mood and behavioural difficulties.

There are four manualised guided self-help interventions available:

- Child anxiety (parent-led for children aged 5-11)
- Child behavioural problems (parent-led for children aged 5-8. Older children may be accepted in some instances)
- Adolescent anxiety (For young people aged 11-19)
- Adolescent low mood (For young people aged 11-19)

Please note, as highlighted above, child interventions for children aged 5-11 are completed with parent(s)/carer(s) according to the manual and evidence base for those interventions.

CWPs are unable to work with children/young people who are currently actively self-harming or who are currently actively suicidal (having thoughts with intent and/or a plan). Please see the "making a referral" section below for more information on the criteria.

Workshops

The CWPs also deliver several emotional wellbeing workshops throughout the year targeted at parents/carers and young people. These workshops are currently being delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams and a referral into the service is not required to access workshops.

The following workshops are either currently available or will be available later in the year:

- Child emotional wellbeing and regulation
- Emotional wellbeing for adolescents
- Child sleep difficulties
- Adolescent sleep difficulties
- Child self-esteem
- Adolescent self-esteem
- School transitions
- Exam stress

You can book a place onto a workshop via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursing-service-hertfordshire-33494371787>

School avoidance/anxiety recorded webinar

It has been noted that a significant number of children and young people are struggling to attend school or avoiding attending school due to emotional factors like anxiety. The CWPs have recorded a webinar focused on school based anxiety which includes: anxiety psychoeducation and strategies and tips to support children who are currently struggling with attending school due to anxiety.

The webinar is split into Part 1 (Theory and Psychoeducation) and Part 2 (Strategies and Tips). There are handouts which can be used alongside this webinar. We would also advise you have some paper to hand whilst working through this webinar.

Take your time and watch the webinar as many times as needed. Feel free to pause when needed and at the times indicated.

Please follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rf0KXMNQKNY> to access Part 1 and this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZJzR-5OpMg> to access Part 2.

You can download the following handouts using this link

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/search/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>

Body scan handout/Parents step-by-step plan progress tracker/Young people step-by step plan progress tracker/Problem solving worksheet/Step-by-step plan progress tracker/Step-by-step plan template/Step-by-step plan worksheet for parents/Step by step plan worksheet for young people/ Strategies for managing difficult emotions/Things I can do if I am struggling/Thought challenging exercise/Thoughts, feelings and behaviours cycle/Vicious cycle handout

Important Information

This service is available to children/young people aged 5-19 with a GP in Hertfordshire or who attends a school in Hertfordshire. This includes children attending private, independent and special provision schools as well as children and young people who are being home schooled or currently out of education. Referrals are accepted from professionals, parents and adolescents. Referrals need to meet the service criteria to be accepted.

In cases of emergencies or when urgent support is needed

We are not an emergency service and cannot hold high levels of risk therefore if you need urgent help, there are concerns around self-harm or suicidal ideation please contact Single Point of Access (SPA) on: 0800 6444 101 or NHS 111

If the child/young person is seriously unwell or injured, dial 999 for the emergency services or go to your nearest A&E department.

Operating hours: The service operates Monday to Friday, 9am and 5pm (excluding bank holidays).

Contact the service: Please email hct.cwp@nhs.net

New Ways November 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	
4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea
11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself
18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently
25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**




**WINTER HEALTH BOOKLET
SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES**

The Winter Health booklet has been distributed to all residents in Hertfordshire.

The booklet aims to inform residents about the support that is on offer (locally and nationally) for them to help them manage the rising cost-of-living and to help them stay safe and well this winter.



The Local authority have created a campaign webpage www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hereforyou There is cost of living advice specifically for families available from our [Families First website](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst)

They are also regularly updating our cost of living webpage www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/costofliving

LOOKING FOR A WARM SPACE DURING DIFFICULT TIMES?

Please see a list of venues where you can drop in and will be welcomed.

Warm Spaces

Offering A Warm Welcome



Organisation Name: Churches Together in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne and Wormley

Location Address: St Augustine's Church, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

Free, Warm, Welcoming, Safe. Open 3-5pm Tuesdays. Hot drinks.

The Reuse Shop

Discover quality bargains

Hertfordshire County Council's Reuse Shops sell good quality low priced items that have been dropped off at the Recycling Centres by members of the public. Through our **Community Donations Scheme**, we offer some of these items for free to individuals in the greatest material need through referrals from professionals working with a client in need.

Free items we offer*

- Tables and chairs
- Chest of drawers
- Wardrobes
- Sofas
- Bedside tables
- Bed frames
- Bikes
- Mirrors and pictures
- Paint for decorating
- Jigsaws and games
- Crafting supplies
- Garden items and tools

* Stock availability varies. Sorry, we cannot offer white goods, mattresses, floor coverings or curtains.

How to request items

Complete our [online request form](#) at the point when items are needed. We will check our stock and get back to you, where possible, with a photograph and measurements of items that we have available.

Collection / delivery of items

Once agreed, items can be collected from one of our [shops](#) located at Harpenden, Stevenage, Ware, Waterdale (Watford) and Welwyn Garden City Recycling Centres.

Please note that the Reuse Shops have limited storage space, so we are unable to hold items for long.

For oversized furniture we can arrange delivery through Herts Full Stop.

For more information please contact:
hertfordshirereusesshops@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/reuse



(above) We delivered this sofa to a family in Temporary Accommodation in Hatfield. This made their living space more comfortable and safer for their toddler and newborn, making it easier to enjoy family life.



(left) We donated this chest of drawers to a family in Hemel supported by Childrens Services. This helped them organise their space and keep their school uniform smart.



A PRAYER OF PEACE FOR INTER-FAITH WEEK

Lead us from hate to love,
from war to peace,
Let peace fill our hearts,
our world, our universe.

Let us dream together, pray together, work together
to build one world of peace and justice for all.

Amen.

