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WITH God ALL THINGS ARE possible

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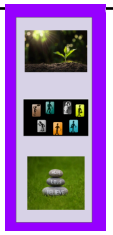
OUR VISION FOR OUR SCHOOL

We are:

- Growing in awareness of ourselves and others
- Maximising our learning potential
- Remembering that God loves us and knowing that with him, all things are possible



DATES

End of term

18th December 1:20pm

Start of Spring Term

5th January 2027

SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND OUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026-2027

As soon as our governors approve this year's school development plan, you will be able to access it on the school website. The plan sets out our priorities for developing and improving the school over this year. We are building on our priorities from last year.

Key Priority	Stage	By the end of the year
Developing pupil's oracy	Explore / Deliver	• Good quality opportunities to develop exploratory talk are evident in a range of curriculum areas, enabling pupils to think deeply • There is evidence of oracy being used effectively by the children to deepen their learning and evaluate their learning • All teachers are confident to use the Oracy Framework to assess children's oracy skills • Children are becoming more confident to express their emotions, their ideas and their opinions
Developing resilience in our pupils and families	Explore	• Explore and develop strategies which build resilience in pupils, families and staff (tenacity, grit, perseverance, resolve, botheredness, doggedness) • The children can talk confidently about how their brain works and how this affects their ability to learn. They recognise when they deploy their agents; they know and understand themselves well • Families feel empowered to support their children to overcome difficulties and maximise their learning potential (Parenting courses / support from the Mental Health Team)
Promoting equity and developing a more inclusive school	Deliver	• Develop our school to reflect the rich diversity of our children and ensure that all have a strong sense of belonging (focus on EAL) • Achieve the SEND Inclusion Award recognising the school's inclusive ethos and the quality of provision for children with SEND • Improve attendance of all pupils and reduce persistent absenteeism, increasing children's chances to achieve their best • Increase the numbers of pupils who reach the expected standard in core subjects, including our disadvantaged pupils • Ensure a culture of high challenge and high support through a relational approach - Relationships, Rights and Responsibilities

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

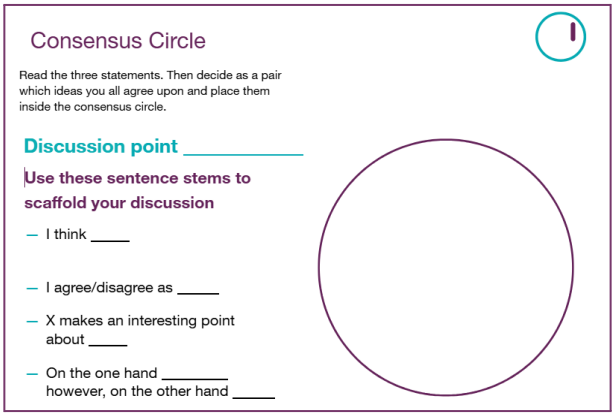
For the past three years, we have been engaged in a project with a charity known as **Voice 21**, with the aim to develop pupils' oracy skills and transform their learning and life chances through talk.

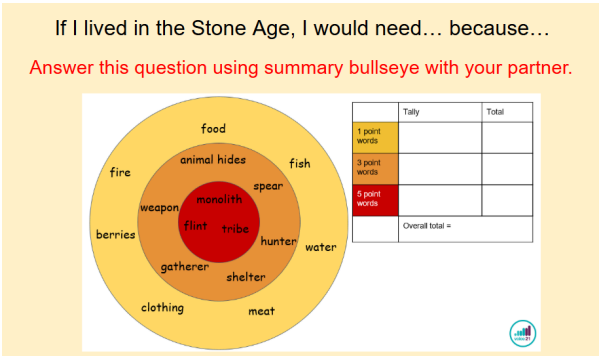
So what is oracy? Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language and listening.

As Voice 21 have written on their website,

"we believe that schools have the power to change a child's life and create a fairer society."

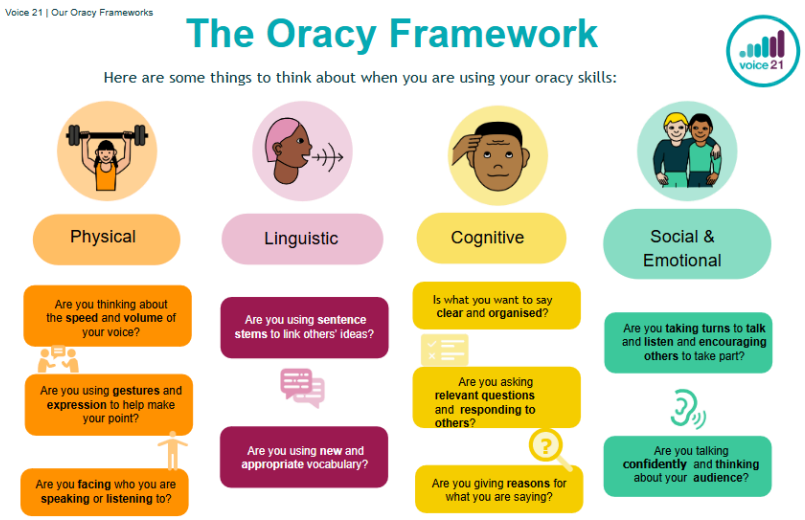
So far in our oracy journey we have taught the children how to engage in oracy tasks and what good oracy looks like.





Now we are using oracy to improve the learning in specific subjects. This year we started with history to help the children speak, listen and think like historians.

Throughout the year we will be designing a curriculum for oracy which ensures all children are taught to engage in a range of types of talk, in an indifferent subject for different audiences.



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 the audience.

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, equity** and **love** in the world instead of **fear, hatred** and **war**. Lots of the children created poppies in art, wrote prayers and reflected on their thoughts about Armistice Day.

We collected £330.77p through our sale of poppies, etc. Thank you.

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING MONTH (November)

Breaking the silence is a theme to empower children and adults to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. We wanted to think about turning a negative into a positive.

Our assemblies, Collective Worship and PSHE lessons used the resources from the Anti Bullying Alliance to prompt children to think about what bullying is and how they might put a stop to it. We learnt about the difference between someone being unkind to us and someone who is bullying us! You can read more in our Anti-bullying policy on the website.

We define bullying as causing harm to another person several times on purpose –

Several
Times
On
Purpose

STOP bullying



We organised a series of presentations and workshops:

YR-Y2 Kind Voice, Kind Words - An interactive performance with a puppeteer.
Y3-Y5 Your Voice, Your Choice - A Live Learning Experience
Y6 Break the Silence - a 60 min workshop to empower children to break the silence of bullying

Click here to find an explanation of what the children experienced and practical tips.

The children agree 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

SAFE, LEARN, RESPECT.

TT ROCKSTARS- LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE



It's that time of year again! As part of our commitment to make maths engaging and exciting, we are taking part in a friendly times table competition called **ENGLAND ROCKS** involving schools across the country.

The competition (for Years 4 to 6) runs from 8am to 6pm each day, from **Tuesday 17th November** to **Thursday 19th November**.
It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode, and every correct answer to a multiplication or division question earns a point for them, their class and the school. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate each class' average number of correct answers per student. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 30-minutes per player.

We are looking forward to seeing as many children as possible participating in the competition!

Football & Netball tournaments

On Friday 13th, we entered four teams into the Y5&6 football & netball A & B tournaments. All the children were great representatives of the school. Congratulations to the Netball A team who won 3rd overall and our B team that was competitive in every match. Their improved confidence & performance is thanks to the free club we have been running for the past 12 months. The football teams narrowly missed out on the semi-finals this year.



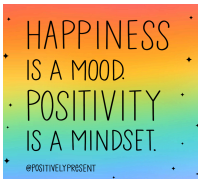
THE VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS POSITIVITY

Positivity is not pretending that everything is easy or that we must always feel happy. It is learning to notice what is good, keep growing through challenges, practise gratitude, learn from mistakes and hold on to hope.

Christians connect this hope with God's presence, faithfulness and the good news of Jesus.

"Finally… whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right… think about such things."

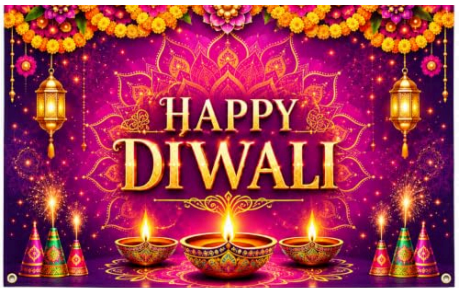
Philippians 4:8



Here are some of the books we will read: The Bad Seed, The Most Magnificent Thing, The Big Umbrella, Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

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



We have enjoyed hearing about celebrations in school and thank you for the special sweets.

CHILDREN- DEPLOY YOUR AGENTS



Agent Reflective - the power to improve

Agent Reflective does not rush learning. They pause often and notice, choosing when to snorkel or scuba dive to find out more. Agent Reflective demonstrates self-discipline. This agent creates and retells stories of success, narrating their learning journey, which helps with understanding how to navigate the next step. Agent Reflective is happy to learn from mistakes. They use Kaizen (a little bit of improvement everyday) as a reminder that learning is a continuous life-long journey and shows gratitude for all opportunities to grow. (Mirror)



Agent Resilient - the power of yet

Agent Resilient demonstrates perseverance when taking on new challenges and uses grit to overcome obstacles. This agent has incredible bouncebackability and optimism, even when stuck in the learning pit. Agent Resilient knows that the power of yet helps us to be resilient along the learning journey. When tackling something difficult, Agent Resilient shows bravery, determination and commitment in achieving their goal. (Shield)

Agent Creative - the power of imagination

Agent Creative has enthusiasm for everything they do. This agent dares to think outside the box which makes them flexible enough to achieve their goals. Agent Creative is able to make connections about the world around them and consider different perspectives. When Agent Creative is in action, they are resourceful and not afraid to take risks. This allows them to generate new ideas in their thinking which paves the way for originality. (Paintbrush)



You can read our Agents' social stories here and/or watch the videos on the school website

PTA NEWS

As parents/carers of a child in Wormley CofE Primary School you are all members of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We recently invited you to attend a meeting to vote for a new Chair. Our new Chair for the PTA - Ms Roxana Ghita. Please see her message below:

A huge thank you to everyone that came along to our first PTA meeting. It was lovely to start bringing people together to talk about all the wonderful things we could do for our children as a school community. If you couldn't make it, don't worry, it's never too late to get involved! The PTA is for everyone: parents, carers, teachers and anyone who wants to help make a difference to our school. You don't need to have attended the first meeting to join in.

We aim to build a friendly, supportive team where everyone feels welcome, can share ideas and contribute in whatever way works for them. Whether you can volunteer at an event, help with preparations, donate items, approach local businesses, share ideas or lend a hand when you can, every little bit makes a difference. No one is expected to do everything, we want to work together and share the workload.



Our main goal right now is to raise funds for new play equipment for our children. We want to create more opportunities for them to play, explore, and make happy memories at school. Along the way, we also hope to organise exciting events and activities.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with a huge fundraiser and a fun event - The Christmas Fayre

Save the date: **4th December 3:15- 5:00.**

Please email admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk if you can support - Add FAO Ms Ghita. You will be added to the PTA Whatsapp.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The application process for places at primary, junior and middle schools for **September 2027** opened on **2nd November 2026**. It closes on **15th January**.
This process is for children currently in nursery.
Make an application via the website, following this link
https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx
National allocation day is **16th April 2027**. Late applicants are much less likely to get a preferred school on national allocation day unless it is undersubscribed.
Applications received after **1st March 2027** will not be offered a school place until the week commencing **14th June 2027**.

SCHOOL TOURS

Looking for a school place in Reception? Join for a tour of the school on the following dates:
20th, 27th November and 4th December at 9:30am



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 (15 hours a week).
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 apply for a nursery place at Wormley CofE Primary School, please complete the application form on the website. Deadline: **19th March 2027**
We are able to offer 30 hours provision for families who have the relevant code.
Alternatively, parents can purchase an additional 15 hours of childcare each week.

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.

ROCK STEADY CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR FAMILIES

The countdown is on to your Rocksteady concert at Wormley CofE Primary School which is booked to take place on: **8th December 2026 at 2-3pm in the KS2 hall**
Concerts are a real highlight of the term which build children's self-belief and contribute to the musical engagement of the whole school.
We have lots of new band members and the bands have all been working hard, learning their songs ahead of the big day, and are excited to take to the stage. Your band leader can answer any questions you may have about the concert.
For general enquiries, please contact the Schools Hotline on 0330 113 0401.

CHRISTMAS PANTO



Our Pantomime Day **is** on **Tuesday 15th December. Cinderella** is a classic fairy tale about an unfairly-treated young girl who overcomes her cruel stepfamily to marry a prince.

The pantomime features a mix of comedy, music, dance, and audience participation.

"Oh no, it doesn't!" "Oh yes it does!"

(School fund-raising will pay for this experience)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **16th December** we are celebrating Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers for the day.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This is the same day as Christmas Jumper day. Further information will be sent out in early December.

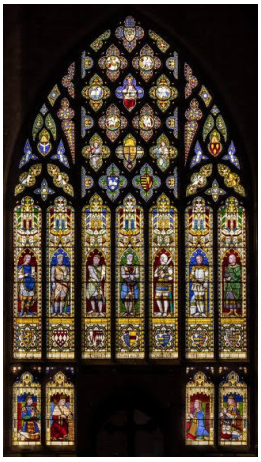


CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES AND CAROLS

Y2 Christmas Carols	9th	**December**	2:15pm
Angelfish Christmas Nativity	10th	**December**	9:30am
Starfish Christmas Nativity	11th	**December**	9:30am
Y1 Christmas Carols	10th	**December**	2:15pm
Y6 Christmas Carol Service	14th	**December**	6:00 pm



YEAR 6 CAROL SERVICE



As is the school tradition, Year 6 children will be performing a carol service to parents on **Monday 14th December** at **6pm** at **St Laurence Church**, Church Lane, Wormley.

It is important that all children attend as it promises to be a special evening!

Children should arrive at 5.45pm so they may enter early to set up. Doors will open shortly after.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We will be holding two Christingle Services in school on **Friday 18th December**. Children are invited to bring their Christingles in on the day. It is a magical service to end the term as we light them all and sing carols. We will let parents know when packs are ready to be purchased from the office or you can make your own. Instructions are at the end of the newsletter.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



We have some wonderful Christmas Hampers full of edibles, candles, cosmetics and children's toys again this year.

To win one, you can enter the raffle by purchasing tickets on Arbor.



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.



Wormley C of E Primary School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 4th December 2026

From 3:30pm

Join us for a magical evening filled with festive fun for all the family!

Santa's Grotto
£5 per child

RAFFLE
Christmas Raffle
Amazing prizes to be won!

Tombolas & Lucky Dip

Christmas Arts & Crafts

Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos

Candy Floss

Games

Hot Dogs

Pizza Wow

AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES!

£2 per ticket | 3 for £5

Plus lots more festive stalls, treats and surprises!

All are welcome!
Bring your family, friends and get into the festive spirit!

Raising funds for new playground equipment for our children

Wormley C of E Primary School, Wormley

Wormley C of E Primary School
Christmas Fayre
Raffle Prizes

Friday 4th December 2026 | From 3:30 PM

LAYLA'S NAILS AND BEAUTY
Gel Pedicure Voucher

HGC GYMNASTICS
2 Weeks of FREE Gymnastics Classes

JUMP CITY TRAMPOLINE PARK
£40 Trampoline Park Gift Card

Glam & Glow by EL
Blow Dry & Spray Tan Voucher

IT'S THE MOST FUN TIME OF THE YEAR
Beauty Boudoir Voucher
£25 Beauty Voucher
• Elemis Express Facial or Neck & Shoulder Massage

KDA Katrina Dance Academy
A FREE Term of Dance Classes

FUN JUNCTION SOFT PLAY • PARTIES
FREE Entry for a Family of 4

MANTO'S MEZE BAR & GRILL
£25 Dining Gift Voucher

MAYHEM THEATRE & CREATIVE ARTS
4 Weeks of Street Dance Classes

Blossom Lounge
20% Off Your Food Bill

ADORN hairdressing
Wash & Blow Dry Voucher

INFLATA CITY
£50 Party Package Voucher

Seda beauty
2 × £50 Beauty Treatment Vouchers
(Two to be won!)

steam clean strollers
FREE Buggy or Car Seat Clean

MR HORSLEY'S HALF TERM CAMP
2 Days FREE at the February Half Term Camp

RAFFLE TICKETS
£2 Per Ticket | **3 for £5** Great Value!

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!



A Brand-New Hetty Hoover!



Festive Gift Hampers to be won!



Fantastic Toy Prizes!

Every ticket helps us raise money for new playground equipment at Wormley Primary School!

GUESS HOW MANY CANDY CANES IN THE JAR?



£2 per guess

3 guesses for £5

The closest guess wins the jar AND a prize!

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Pay at the school office (£2 per guess or 3 for £5).
2. Write your name, year group and your guess on a slip.
3. Pop your slip in the Christmas box.

ENTRY SLIP

Name: _____

Year Group: _____

My guess: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A CHRISTINGLE



You will need:

- 1 orange
- 1 small candle (a birthday cake candle will be fine)
- enough red ribbon to go round an orange with a small overlap (or a bit more for a bow)
- 4 cocktail sticks
- a few sweets or some dried fruit such as raisins or sultanas
- small piece of foil measuring about 4cm by 4cm
- pencil to make a hole in the orange
- a foil covered dish to put your Christingle in

What you do:

★ Carefully push the pencil into the top of the orange to make a small hole.
★ Put about 3 sweets or dried fruit onto the cocktail sticks
★ Push the cocktail sticks into the orange in four different directions slightly above the fattest part of the orange and pointing slightly upwards.
★ Take the foil and gently wrap it around the candle at the bottom before firmly wedging the candle into the hole that you had made in the orange. Once in position mould the foil into a shallow cup shape to catch any drips of candle wax.
★ Tie the ribbon round the orange and fasten with a bow, or just overlap the two ends, and secure with a pin to keep it in place.
★ Place Christingle in foil covered dish.

HABS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2026



The HABS Christmas Appeal is now in its 12th year, and for many families across Essex and Hertfordshire, it is a lifeline. Imagine waking up on Christmas morning unable to give your children a single present, not because they were not good, but because the cost of living has made even the basics feel impossible. This is exactly why the HABS Christmas Appeal exists. No child should ever feel forgotten at Christmas, and no parent should face that heartbreak alone.

At H.A.B.S. Strength in Mind Therapeutic Services, we support children, young people, and families throughout the year with counselling, therapeutic support, early help services, and community outreach. During the festive season, the HABS Christmas Appeal helps ensure vulnerable families feel the warmth, joy, and hope that every child deserves.

🎄 Last Year's Impact Through the HABS Christmas Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters, the HABS Christmas Appeal achieved the following last Christmas:

🎁 Delivered festive gift sacks to over 650 children
🍽️ Provided £10,000 in meal vouchers and essential utility support to 250 families
🧺 Distributed food parcels to more than 70 families across Hertfordshire, Essex, and beyond

This appeal began 12 years ago after a heartbreaking moment when a six year old told us he "hated Santa" because Santa never came. That moment shaped the mission of the HABS Christmas Appeal, reminding us that Christmas magic is not guaranteed for everyone, but it can be created through community kindness.

💛 **Why the HABS Christmas Appeal Needs Your Help This Year**

As financial pressures grow, more families are turning to H.A.B.S. for support. The HABS Christmas Appeal aims to reach even more children and families this year, but it is only possible with your help.

We are especially in need of:

🎁 Toys and gifts for children and vouchers for teenagers

Every toy / voucher donated to the HABS Christmas Appeal helps bring joy and excitement to a child on Christmas morning.

🍗 Funding for Christmas meals and essentials

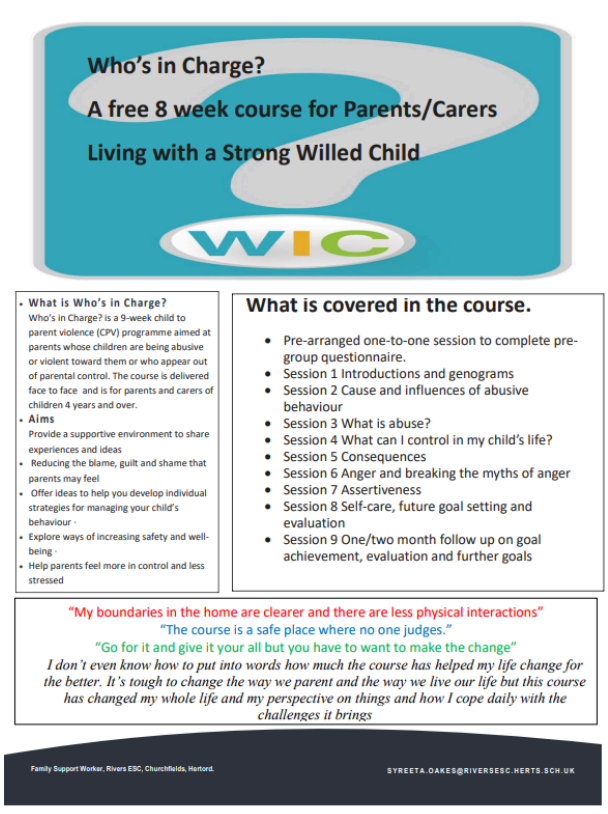
Food and essential support are key parts of the HABS Christmas Appeal, helping families enjoy a warm and dignified Christmas.

Every donation, no matter the size, supports a local child or family during the festive season.

✨ Together, We Can Make the HABS Christmas Appeal a Success!

Please drop to the school office

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



PARENT COURSES HERE

Who's in Charge? is a 9-week child to parent violence (CPV) programme aimed at parents whose children are being abusive or violent toward them or who appear out of parental control.

There are 7 spaces available for the Who's In Charge course which is starting on **Thursday 12th November** at Oakview School Primary School, Cheshunt.

Contact:

Syreeta Oakes
Family Support Worker
Rivers Education Support Centre
Churchfield
Hertford
SG13 8AE

Office: 01992 534841

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The annual Christingle Service at St Laurence's Church, Wormley will be on **Sunday 6th December** at 9.30am when we receive the Christingle orange and candle. There are refreshments after the service.

All are welcome to attend.