



## Covid Update

Many of you will be aware that Swindon is one of the areas with the highest number of Covid cases in the South West recently. We have had fewer than most, but cases are beginning to creep up. If you receive a text from the school, it may state that you need do nothing unless contacted by Test and Trace. You may also get a message stating your child is a very close contact and you should consider daily testing. Year 6 families and staff must now test daily please, as this is the age group with the highest number of cases in our school. If you can do this, it really helps. We have 'fogging' and extra cleaning booked in for this afternoon. Please remember the new rules on 5-day isolation do not start until Monday. Until then the isolation period is still 7 days.

If you have symptoms, you still book a PCR anyway, but if you test positive on a LFD test, with no symptoms, then you move straight to isolation. For now, this means testing negative on both days 6 and 7 (24hrs apart) but from Monday this means testing negative on both days 5 and 6 (24hrs apart). **Anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.**

*If you have vulnerable family members, we recommend extra caution as the period of isolation reduces.*

We will republish any new flowcharts and guidance, from the government, as they arrive today and over the weekend.



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

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| Avebury  | 345pts |
| Ridgeway | 342pts |
| Silbury  | 339pts |
| Kennet   | 336pts |



*Well done to all children across the school. To gain 16,000 House Points before Christmas was astonishing. Keep up the great work in class and your superb manners around school. This week Avebury won by just 3 points - was that you?*

## Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.

- Nathan and Umut (Beech)
- Julia and Gethin (Hazel)
- Bailey and Noah (1Birch)
- Ava and Fae (1Alder)
- Alice and Sophia (2Chestnut)
- Aviv and Eli (2Hornbeam)
- Aisla and Kenzo (3Rowan)
- Lola, Kaiden and Ati (3Sycamore)
- Vincent, Kieran and Logan (4Juniper)
- Brian and Michael (4Willow)
- Lathan and Keira (5Ash)
- Jayden and Georgia (5Oak)
- Poppy and Danny (5Maple)
- Junior, Robert D, Lacey, Max R, Phoebe C, Phoebe J (Year 6)



*Well done to all of you - keep it up!*

## LAST CHANCE DEADLINE TOMORROW

Admissions- There is only one more day (hours) to apply for a school place... **BY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

If you have a child wanting to start Reception class in September 2022 - **PLEASE DO IT NOW!**

You do not automatically get a place **YOU HAVE TO APPLY.** **Closing date 15/01/2022**

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions)



## Big Garden Birdwatch

The picture here is hyperlinked to the RSPB Website page, where you can register to join in with the **BIG Garden Birdwatch 2022.**



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## Nursery News

What an exciting week we have had in Nursery! The children have been incredible learning the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. They created their own story maps and we went on our very own bear hunt. By the end of the week the children were able to confidently retell the story.



## Update on Gate Music / Assemblies and links across the curriculum

Every week we welcome the children to school with music at the Main Gate. This music is linked to special events and themes identified in our planning documents for assemblies. Some weeks will be a piece of music we want the children to experience as part of the Music Curriculum (such as *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, this week) and other weeks may link to a quality, theme, special day or forthcoming event. Monday, next week, is Martin Luther King Jr Day, which is an American holiday, but one which has significance across the world. The music will be Stevie Wonder's 'Happy Birthday', since this song was written as part of his attempts to get Martin Luther King Jr recognised and remembered with this special day. The posters (see below) are shared in assemblies with the children each week, but they will now be posted on Twitter as well. [AMCPS-Swindon \(@AMCPS Swindon\) / Twitter](#)

Have a look and join in with identifying the themes and messages being represented by the music.

This week

Abbey Meads  
Community Primary School.

Gate Music 2022 – 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

This week a school favourite makes its return, as we listen again to *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

*Eine kleine Nachtmusik*  
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Can you describe the tempo (speed) of the music?  
How does the music make you feel and why?

Next week

Abbey Meads  
Community Primary School.

Gate Music 2022 – 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

**Monday 17th January 2022 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Martin Luther King Jr was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. He was a Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. His leadership was fundamental to that movement's success in ending the legal segregation of African Americans in the South and other parts of the United States. King rose to national prominence as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which promoted nonviolent tactics, such as the massive March on Washington (1963), to achieve civil rights. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Martin Luther King Jr Day is a federal holiday in the United States, marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year.

Stevie Wonder wrote this week's song "Happy Birthday" as he was one of the main figures in the campaign to have the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr become a national holiday. He created this single to promote the cause.

What instruments can you hear in this piece?  
What style of music is it? Classical? Rock? Pop? How do you know?

**The time is always right to do what is right.**

Stevie Wonder  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Year 4 Wilderness Trip

Mr Buckley and Mr Shore did a final Risk Assessment Site Visit this week and this trip WILL be going ahead in the week of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



There will be a final letter from the teachers detailing all you need to know, but if you still need to complete medical forms or complete payments please do it NOW - don't wait - it is important.

4Willow - 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January will be accompanied by all class staff as well as Mr Buckley.

4Juniper will be accompanied by all class staff as well as Mrs Cunningham and Mr Maguire.

# CHILDREN'S HEALTH

## WINTER YOUNG PERSON'S AND CHILDREN'S CLINIC

- ACHING MUSCLES
- CONTINUOUS COUGH
- HIGH TEMPERATURE
- LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

- NEW FATIGUE
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- NASAL CONGESTION
- PERSISTENT HEADACHE

**DEDICATED ACUTE ILLNESS CLINIC FOR 2-17 YEAR OLDS**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 08:00 - 16:00**  
01793 709505  
TAM HILL MEDICAL CENTRE, SN25 1JH

We are excited to announce a new service for children living in Swindon led by an experienced team of GPs and Advanced Clinical Practitioners

We are aware that children are more likely to be unwell during the winter months, therefore have created this service to allow easier access for medical care when needed and ease the demand on local surgeries

**OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL ADVICE**

**NHS WEBSITES**

[www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

[www.whenshouldiworry.com](http://www.whenshouldiworry.com)

<https://bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/hospital-care/childrens-health>

**PHARMACIES**

The local pharmacies are a quick and easy way to discuss your symptoms and get treatment plans

**111**

A 24/7 triage service designed to help assess your current symptoms

<https://111.nhs.uk>

All 4 - 12 year olds welcome

Fully Qualified Coaches

## BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 21st February – 25th February

Join in on our half term fun!

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including Pool, Table Football, Football, basketball, invasion games, nature walk, outdoor gym equipment plus ever increasing range of Nerfs!

For an application form and price list please email - [swindonmultisports@hotmail.com](mailto:swindonmultisports@hotmail.com)

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