



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2022.

As we enter the last week of the autumn term we look forward to Christmas and celebrating with you and the children next week.

This year, given the difficult circumstances we all are facing with the cost-of-living crisis, we've decided to give children the chance to think about the things that really matter to us and what gifts we can give each other that don't cost anything.

In assembly I shared a Dr Seuss, Grinch quote with the children:

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

We also watched a video about the Grinch and what the Grinch learned about the meaning of Christmas.

As well as being a happy and exciting time for many, the festive period can be an expensive one; with gift giving, special meals and decorations just a few additional things we may spend money on. This year, with household budgets stretched more than ever; Christmas celebrations are likely to be smaller. Therefore, it is important to remember that gifts that really matter to people do not have to cost a lot of money.

During our assembly we agreed that often the best gifts are free.

The children said that the things they were most looking forward to this Christmas were spending time with family, friends and pets. Eating nice treats. Playing games together and having some fun.

Merry Christmas from the staff of Bure Valley,

J Olney

DIARY DATES

- 12 Dec** Christmas Raffle Draw
- 12 Dec** Parent Panto
- 15 Dec** FOBVS Christmas games
- 15 Dec** Carol Service at St Michael's church
- 16 Dec** Last day of term
- 16 Dec** Christmas Jumper Day
- 16 Dec** Christmas lunch
- 4 Jan** Return to school

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Twitter and Facebook for
further information and
updates.**



ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **94.2%**

Our class of the week is: **INDIA with 94.4%**



NEWSLETTER GOVERNOR REPORT CHRISTMAS 2022

As the year of 2022 draws to a close, it seems a good time to reflect on all that has been achieved in The Aylsham Learning Federation.

The students and staff have got back into the post covid learning environment with great intent and purpose, and during a recent governors' learning walk, which took in all of our schools, it was a real pleasure to see our young people actively engaged in learning in a respectful and disciplined fashion.

At the High School, we have celebrated success across the year groups with three presentation evenings, where both academic attainment as well as effort are celebrated, as well as the many extra-curricular activities which the students get the opportunity to take part in. On one evening we were treated to a preview solo from the upcoming Elf musical which will be performed just before Christmas, so I hope you have all managed to get tickets.

It is very pleasing that the class of 2022 at the High School achieved the third best results in Ebacc subjects across the county.

At Bure Valley, the staff continue to work hard to uphold standards and bring about further improvements to the teaching and curricular offer. The school enjoys a bright and inviting learning environment that supports a calm and purposeful atmosphere in school and I know that the pupils are very pleased to be back to a normal school day, and have enjoyed having visitors back into school.

At John of Gaunt it has been a busy but successful Autumn Term and staff and pupils alike are looking forward to the culmination of the term in the various nativity plays in the last week. The children have all worked extremely hard and are making steady progress with all of their learning. Our reception children have completed the first term at school and are thoroughly enjoying all their new learning opportunities and it is fair to say that John of Gaunt continues to be a happy school where children want to come and learn.

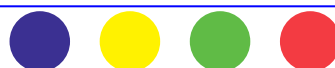
John Bear's Nursery is proving a popular place to start the educational journey in the Aylsham Learning Federation, and it is pleasing to see that the light and airy building is providing just the right environment for happy children.

As governors we have confidence in all our schools providing a good level of education and we are looking forward to 2023 and what we can offer the children of Aylsham.

It just leaves me to say a massive thank you to all our staff across the federation for all their hard work during 2022, and for helping bring so much success to our young people.

Thank you too, to our parents and carers for all the support which you have given to our students/pupils over the past year, and I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to everyone connected to the Aylsham Learning Federation.

Jenny Youngs
Chair of Governors, Aylsham Learning Federation





25 HALOS AS @ 9/12/2022

FRANCE - Freya S, Connor W, Evelyn C

GREECE - Rose P, Peter S

IRELAND - Rowan C, Georgie M, Tilly D

MEXICO - Gracie-Mae J, Ava C

INDIA - Olivia S, Dexter J, Ned T

KENYA - Beatrix T, Joshua M, Isla P, Phoenix T, Evie H, Harry M

JAPAN - Dexter H, Harry P, Bella D

BRAZIL - Isabella L, Jesse V, Hudson T, Lara D

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

POPPY APPEAL



This year's Poppy Appeal at BVS raised £93.72.

Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Here at BVS we are keen to expand our club offer for pupils. If you feel you have skills that would translate well to a club for pupils, or if you know someone who does, and would be able to come in after school once a week for perhaps a half term, we would love to hear from you!

This could be in a whole range of area such as; computing, sports, martial arts, performance arts, crafts (crochet, knitting, paper craft) ...

Please get in touch via the school office.

DANCE CLUB

Dance club members put on an end of term performance for their families this week.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE



We are really looking forward to welcoming our families to Aylsham Parish Church on Thursday, 15 December. This will be our first Christmas service since 2019. The doors of the church will open at 9.30 and we expect the service to start at 10.00 and last for around an hour. We ask that no more than 2 adults for each family attend, as space in the church is limited. Please could you ensure that your child is in full school uniform on Thursday - a little bit of tinsel would be lovely! A collection for Save the Children will be taken.



INFORMATION



Aylsham Swim Academy

at Aylsham High School

is now taking bookings for
after school and weekend
swimming lessons

Quote Jan23 when booking your child's lessons to
receive a free family swim voucher

To book lessons please email:
swimschool@aylshamsportshub.co.uk

For more information about our swimming
lessons, please scan the QR code or visit
our website:

www.aylshamhigh.com/swimming-lessons



Christmas holiday FUN for kids at Aylsham Sports Hub

Mini All Stars (age 4-7 years)

A mixture of mini sports and activities designed for younger children which may
include dodgeball, football, hockey and playground games.
Also including fun parachute group activities and musical party games.



Tuesday 20th December 9am to 1pm

Wednesday 21st December 9am to 1pm



Mini All Stars – £18 per session

Please provide your child with a water bottle, snack, packed lunch
and suitable clothing for each session.

Please contact Aylsham Sports Hub for more information on 01263 738966
Email: memberships@aylshamsportshub.co.uk or find us on Facebook

All Stars sessions should be booked via our online booking system, please visit
www.aylshamhigh.com/aylshamsportshub



Inspiring a healthy community, investing in learning

Christmas & New Year Swimming Timetable



Monday 19 th December	06:30-08:30 Lane swimming	08:30-09:15 Aqua aerobics	14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Tuesday 20 th December	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Wednesday 21 st December	06:30-08:30 Lane swimming	08:30-09:15 Aqua aerobics	14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Thursday 22 nd December	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Friday 23 rd December	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Saturday 24 th December	CLOSED			
Sunday 25 th December	CLOSED			
Monday 26 th December	CLOSED			
Tuesday 27 th December	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Wednesday 28 th December	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Thursday 29 th December	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Friday 30 th December	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming
Saturday 31 st December	CLOSED			
Sunday 1 st January	CLOSED			
Monday 2 nd January	CLOSED			
Tuesday 3 rd January	06:30-09:00 Lane swimming		14:00-17:45 Open/family swim	18:30-21:30 Lane swimming

All aqua classes must be pre-booked via our online booking system, please visit <https://www.aylshamhigh.com/aylshamsportshub>

Aqua classes — £2 for members, £5 for non-members

Members— Free Family of 4— £12 Adult—£5 Child—£3 Under 3's—Free

Memberships are available from £17 per month for an adult.

This means that if you swim more than 3 times a month you can save money by becoming an Aylsham Sports Hub member.



Please contact Aylsham Sports Hub for more information on 01263 738966 Email: memberships@aylshamsportshub.co.uk



Aylsham Sports Hub

Aylsham High School, access via Bure Meadows Estate, NR11 6AN



Rotary Club of Aylsham
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 6.30PM
 AT AYLSHAM PARISH CHURCH

Join us for carols and a community singalong!

FEATURING
 Vocalists Choir with Claire Devitt
 John of Gaunt School • St Michael's School • Bure Valley School
 Aylsham High School • Organist Mathew Martin
 Pianist and singer Penny Taylor

Free entry (collection for the Cromer & District Foodbank) | Mulled wine and mince pies served

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FUN ZONE: Mobile petting farm

Hevingham Village Hall

Monday 19 December, 9.30am - 3.30pm

5 - 12 years

£20.70 (funded places available)

We will be joined by animals from Wycombe Pastures Mobile Petting Farm that you can hold, learn about and enjoy spending time with. As well as taking part in this activity, children will be able to play with games, take part in quiet activities and play outside (weather permitting).

For children living or attending school in the Broadland District Council area
 Free lunch and snacks for all children

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www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t or on the telephone: 01603 430525

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COOKERY: Festive feast (senior)

Aylsham High School

Tuesday 20 December, 10am - 3pm

8 - 16 years

£31 (funded places available)

A menu with a festive twist! Learn how to make a spectacular sausage plait infused with Christmas flavours, served with a cheesy sprout gratin. You will make festive rocky road to enjoy for dessert.

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ART ZONE: Musical theatre

St Faiths Centre, Horsham St Faith

Friday 23 December, 10am - 3pm

8 - 16 years

£30.50 (funded places available)

A fun Christmas themed workshop featuring dance, song and props to create some festive numbers! Boost confidence, make friends and raise aspirations.

Family and friends are welcome from 2.45pm to a small sharing that will guarantee to get your toes tapping.

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