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## Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

### GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was **Ruby**. Well done to everyone in Team **Ruby**!  
Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

### Children in Need

Children in need is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Children can come to school dressed in yellow or spotty clothes. Please do not go out and buy anything specially for the day. If you would like to make a donation, please do this online <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> Please don't send any donations into school.

### Anti-Bullying Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November:

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is 'Reach Out.' On Monday children will be wearing odd socks to celebrate difference and the week will start with an assembly. Children will complete various activities about positive friendships, how to challenge bullying and 'Reaching Out.'

### Times tables rock stars:



It's back again! The competition runs from 7:30am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to 7:30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November on Times Tables Rockstars.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the classes with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 7:30am and 7:30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

Please encourage and support your child to join in, have fun and keep rocking!





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**Basketball:**

Well done to the two Year 5 basketball teams who attended yesterday's basketball cup. The organiser commented on how much your skills progressed throughout the morning and how well you all worked as a team. One of our teams even came away with silver medals! We're very proud of all of you.

**Harvest:**



All harvest donations have been delivered to St Andrews church food bank and were greatly received.

**PRIME drinks:**

Please can we request that children do not bring PRIME drinks into school. A named water bottle should be brought each day.

**Important Dates for the second half of the Autumn term**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Odd Sock Day to start Anti-bullying week
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School nursing team - Reception and Year 6 heights and weights
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need (information to follow)
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reception - Year 6 - Flu vaccinations (if consent has been given)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3/4 Christmas performance 'The Angel who nearly missed it' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow) <b>Year 3 parents/carers</b>





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<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3/4 Christmas performance 'The Angel who nearly missed it' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow) <b>Year 4 parents/carers</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas performance - 'The Nativity', 10am and 2pm (more information to follow)
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas jumper day for UNICEF
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Years 2 and 3 Christmas Party (more information to follow)
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 6 Robinwood Monday to Wednesday
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Years 1 and 5 Christmas Party (more information to follow)
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception and Year 4 Christmas party (more information to follow)
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 6 Christmas Party (more information to follow)

Please note:

Year 5 and 6 will not be doing a Christmas performance this year. Parents/carers will be invited into school later in the year to see Year 5 in an Easter performance and Year 6 in their Leavers performance.

