



As most of you know the Wollaston Primary School children were the featured school for Network Rail's Christmas video "All I want for Christmas"! We are so proud of them and are delighted that the link to the full version of the Christmas advert is now on the school website.



Finally we just wanted to share this fantastic picture of our children playing their musical instruments at our Christmas concert. We are so proud that so many children have taken on the challenge of learning a new instrument, and that so many are continuing this over the Spring Term.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for some parent helpers to listen to readers, and assist in class. If you can spare us a day/morning or afternoon please do drop into the office and register your interest with us!

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*Wollaston Community
Primary School*



Head teacher: Mrs Sally Hanson—BED (hons) NPQH

Back to School



Hello and a Happy New Year to all our children and parents. I hope you had a good Christmas break. Please find dates for your diaries for this term and next including school holidays, class assembly dates and training days. We hope you will find these useful.

After Christmas there were 16 children late for school on the first day back and a total of 377 instances of children being recorded as late in the register last term. The school recognises the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality in order that children can maximise their potential in school and that they can be well prepared for the demands of adult life. Ensuring a child's regular attendance at school is the parent/carer's legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence in law and may result in prosecution. The school expects students to be in school everyday, barring illness or accident.

As a reminder the school gates shut promptly at 8.50am. After this time parents are asked to bring the child/children to the School Office and sign them in on the late register. This is very important so that we know who is on the site should an emergency occur. Please do not worry if it is a 'one-off' and your child is usually in school on time, just get to school when you can and follow the procedure above. Persistent lateness will be monitored and letters sent home to families of children causing concern.

Why is Punctuality Important?

- Gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind so that you can make the most of your learning opportunities.
- Sets positive patterns for the future. You can't expect to keep a job if you're always coming in late.
- Leads to better achievement.
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable.
- Helps you develop a sense of responsibility for yourself and towards others and is a sign of good character.
- Is respectful to your teacher and to your classmates and builds good habits for later.
- Is very important indeed. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school success.
- Late arrival means that your child may miss vital curriculum time if you are continually late for school.

PLEASE NOTE that we are continuing with our **safeguarding password system** for the infant children. This is for anyone who you have asked to collect your child from school, who is new to us and does not normally collect your child/children. Please do inform the class teacher or the school office to advise them if someone different is collecting your child. If your telephone the office we will ask you to supply a password that you will need to pass to the person collecting your child and we will inform your child's class teacher.

Finally, I would like to wish all our children a very happy start to the new year.

Sally Hanson
Head teacher

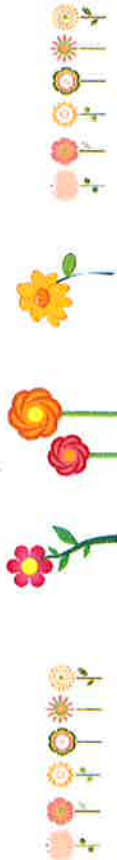


Nicky Higgins— Learning Mentor

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

- If children live with criticism they learn to condemn
- If children live with hostility they learn to fight
- If children live with ridicule they learn to be shy
- If children live with shame they learn to feel guilty
- If children live with tolerance they learn to be patient
- If children live with encouragement they learn confidence
- If children live with praise they learn to appreciate
- If children live with fairness they learn justice
- If children live with security they learn to have faith
- If children live with approval they learn to like themselves
- If children live with acceptance and friendship they learn to find love.

Abridged version of a poem by Dorothy Law Nolte.



Just a reminder that **Nicky Higgins Learning Mentor** is available to all in school. Her role is to support the families of our children in any way that she can; that could be just a listening ear to unload a problem or worry, signposting to other services that are better placed to help the current situation you find yourselves in, or completing an Early Help Assessment with you to access more robust support. She can help with form filling and information on Pupil Premium applications and Free School Meals along with help on behaviour management and establishing better routines.

In school she is here to ensure that the emotional needs of our children are supported and is available for them to come and talk to at both break and lunch times. She also supports children on a 1:1 basis or in small groups helping them to grow emotionally.

Our aim as a school is to provide a holistic support service to our children and their families ensuring that our children are emotionally able to access their education.

If you would like to contact Nicky please either speak to your child's teacher or ring the office to make an appointment or you are welcome to drop her an email nhiggins.willaston.pr@gmail.com and she will contact you.

Dates for the Diary & Other Information

TERM 3 (Wednesday 4 January—Training Day)
Term Starts: Thursday 5th January
Term ends: Friday 10th Feb
TERM 4
Term Starts: Monday 20th February
Term ends: Friday 31st March
TERM 5 (Tuesday 18th April—Training Day)
Term starts: Wednesday 19th April
(Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday)
Term ends: Friday 26th May
TERM 6
Term starts: Monday 5th June
Term ends: Friday 21st July

TEA TOWELS

There are still some tea towels left to buy if anyone is interested!

£4 each or 3 for £10

Please come to the school office.

There are only 2 KS1 left!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- 19th Jan—Mrs Frost
- 2nd Feb—Mrs Cole
- 9th Feb—Mrs Haddon
- 2nd Mar—Miss K. Robinson
- 23rd Mar—Mr Goacher
- 18th May—Reception
- 25th May—Mrs Brown/Ms Loasty
- 15th June—Mr Robinson
- 22nd June—Miss E Robinson

Our online school uniform supplier, **Mapac**, are now offering free delivery of orders to school. Deliveries to us will be weekly and orders will be sent home with your child. The link to Mapac is available on the school website.



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Just in case! - CLOSURE DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

If weather conditions become so bad that you think it is unlikely the school will be open, please check via the following:

- ParentMail – if you have subscribed to this service then you will be notified by e-mail and/or text first thing in the morning.
- Northamptonshire County Council website using the following link:
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/ismyschoolclosed
- Local radio—**BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON (104.2 & 103.6 FM)** or **CONNECT FM (97.2 & 107.4 FM)**
- School answer phone (if a member of staff is in school to leave a message)

SEVERE WEATHER STRIKES WHILST CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL

If weather conditions deteriorate badly during the course of a normal school day when all the children are in school, a decision will be made whether to close the school early. In such an emergency parents will be informed via the methods above.

Please make your child aware if you have arranged for someone else to collect them if school closes early and it would be helpful if you could inform the school as soon as possible too. Remember if they are not known to the school a password will be required.



Please be assured no child will be sent home until we have made contact with you.