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ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th November
School Photographs - Individual & Siblings
Please come to school in your formal uniform

Monday 16th November GREAT WELLY SWAP

Please check if your child's wellies fit. If they don't there will be spare wellies to swap on Monday.
Donate in the morning
Collect in the afternoon

Friday 20th November
Year 6 Assemblies

Monday 23rd November
Bikeability Week

Tuesday 24th November
Flu Vaccinations - (Second round)

Friday 27th November
Reconciliation afternoon - Years 4, 5 & 6

Saturday 5th December
SPH Christmas Fayre

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, the tutors from Bikeability spoke to the children in Years 4-6 about the scheme and how they can sign up for the lessons.

The children were extremely reflective and reverent during our Remembrance Service on Wednesday. We reflected on, why we wear a poppy, listened to the Last Post ,held 2 minutes of silence and prayed for peace.

Well done to Year 5 who had their assemblies today. They were extremely informative. Stars of the week will be handed out during phase assemblies next week.

There are lots of reminders and links in the newsletter about the Christmas Fayre. This is a major fundraiser for the school and your support is essential. There is a very special prize for the class that has the most volunteers who turn up to help with the Fayre. Please remember to sign up.

As we start the month of November, please find below the link to the RE newsletter for this month
https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Mairéad Waugh
Headteacher

Friends of
St Philip Howard Catholic School



SANTA'S GROTTO

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS



Book your Santa's Grotto visit and purchase your Christmas raffle tickets online!

https://friends-of-st-philip-howard-catholic-school.square.site/

Girls Football vs Hatfield Community Free School

The girls put in a fantastic performance last night, particularly for their first match! Daniela got us off to a great start with an early goal. Although there were a few challenging moments, the girls worked brilliantly together and showed great determination in defence. Keziah was outstanding in goal, pulling off several fantastic saves. The final whistle saw us take a well-deserved 1-0 victory. Well done, girls!



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year we receive donations of Christmas presents for children whose families might be struggling at this time. This year, we are doing things a little differently. In order to support the families better, and enable them to purchase things they need or want for their children, we are asking for donations of gift cards or monetary donations to Arbor; this would allow us to purchase gift cards for families. Any value would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to support us with this collection please donate on Arbor under shop, there are set amounts - £2, £5 and £10 or alternatively bring gift cards to the office and specify for Christmas donations.

If you are struggling and would like some help, please email or phone me or grab me at the gate and we can organise for you to collect a gift card.

Yours sincerely

Mairead Waugh
Headteacher

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Have your say on a parish/town council for Welwyn Garden City

Welwyn Garden City is the only part of the borough without a parish/town council. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council wants to know what residents think about creating one.
A parish/town council could organise local events, run community projects and provide allotments where there's a local need. The plan is for 15 councillors, and it would be partly funded through a new council tax paid by WGC residents.
There are no right or wrong answers. The council would like to hear from as many people as possible, including parents and carers.

The short survey closes on **Sunday 22 November**:
https://www.welhat.gov.uk/consultations/community-governance-review-consultation

Paper copies are also available at Campus East, Welwyn Garden City.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Stall Holders
If you would like to run your own stall at the Fayre bringing your business to life, the cost is £25 + provide a raffle prize. Please reach out to The Friends of The School via email at friends@sphoward.herts.sch.uk for how to apply for this or if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN (Please see attached flyers)
The Friends will be holding a Christmas Countdown to help the whole school come together to support providing a fun and inclusive event. Each week will have a different focus for donations.







Family Support

We are pleased to inform you that we have been updating our school website and have transferred all posters, advertising Family Support Services, Family Events and Activities onto our Parent's Page.

To access additional information, please use the links available within the thumbprint posters below, or alternatively directly through our School website.









POTENTIAL KIDS
For Neurodivergent Children, Young People Their Siblings and Parents/Carers

NOVEMBER 2026 ACTIVITIES

Date		Sessions	Time	Venue
2nd,9th,16th 23rd,30th	Mon	Dungeons and Dragons Age 12+ & 18+ Groups	12.30 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
4th,11th 18th,25th	Wed	Create & Craft Home Ed 7+	12.30 2.00	The Hub@The Galleria
5th,12th 19th,26th	Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed Age 4+	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
5th,19th	Thur	Trampolining 5+	5.30 6.30	Gosling Sports Centre WGC
6th,13th 20th,27th	Fri	Gardening for Wellbeing	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
6th,13th 20th,27th	Fri	Parent /Carer Wellbeing	12.30 2.00	Potential to Grow Garden
7th	Sat	Tech support	10.00 1.00	The Zone@The Galleria
12th,26th	Thur	Youth Club 11-15yrs	5.30 7.00	The Hub@The Galleria
13th	Fri	Parent Carer Social Evening Wreaths & Xmas Decs	7.00 10.00	The Zone@The Galleria
14th,28th	Sat	Dungeons & Dragons 11-14 yrs	1.30 4.30	The Zone@The Galleria
14th	Sat	Family Football 7+	4.00 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre
20th	Fri	Youth Group 17+	6.30 8.30	The Hub@The Galleria
24th	Tue	Roller Skating 8+	6.00 7.30	Roller city The campus WGC
27th	Fri	Skateboarding 9+	5.30 6.30	The Pioneer Club
28th	Sat	Potential tracks 10+	1.00 2.00	The Hub@The Galleria

To book visit : potentialkids.org.uk/events
For futher information email: info@potentialkids.org
the galleria
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