



The Anchor News

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6th December 2024

Our Values focus this half term is **Hope**



Hi my name is Mrs Akhtar and I have been an HLTA at St. Clement's School since 2008. I am still amazed by the beautiful smiles that greet me in the mornings and it is a pleasure to work alongside amazing staff and children.

Being a HLTA is both an exciting and challenging job, however it is very rewarding too. I have experience working with children one to one, in small groups or as a whole class basis. I also have experience in working with children who's English is not their first language, which is ideal because I am multilingual.

My goal is to help each child learn by whatever method he or she learns best. I also want them to be so excited about learning that they want the desire to learn more. I firmly believe that everybody learns everyday and life itself consists of a life-long learning curve and the desire to learn more as we go along.

Have a fantastic weekend and see you all bright and early on Monday.
Mrs Akhtar - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Attendance & Punctuality



	Rec.	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6
At.	74%	90%	89%	94%	94%	97%	89%
Pu.	2	7	6	5	2	3	3

Have you had a look yet?

The photos have a new look - pick from 3 different poses!!



The school photos this year are **different to usual**. We picked a new look, as you can see in the example below and we hope you like it. There are also 3 different poses to choose from!

Get online and check your child's photo using the card that was sent home. Today is the last day to order and get **FREE DELIVERY** to school.



Safeguarding: Money Management



Christmas is magical and many people really want to make it a special time for them and their family, but times are tough, and it can be worrying when we think about overspending and getting into debt. Managing finances during the holiday season can seem impossible and overwhelming.

The festive season can be a financially challenging time, and often borrowing money or using a credit card to fund Christmas can seem like your only option. But there are steps you can take to keep your spending under control and avoid falling into debt.

- * Make a budget and stick to it.
 - * Consider who you're buying gifts for, what other seasonal expenses you have, and how much you can realistically afford to spend. Always keep receipts, or ask for gift receipts, in case you overspend and need to return something. And remember that household bills may be higher during this period due to colder weather and spending more time indoors.
 - * If you've built up debt, please don't ignore bills or letters. Speak to the organisation you owe money to, as they may let you pay smaller amounts.
 - * Pay 'priority debts' first, like rent, mortgage arrears, council tax, and energy bills. For other types of debt like credit cards or loans, gather all the information on what you owe, create a budget, and contact your creditors to set up an affordable repayment plan. This might seem scary, but it's an important first step.
 - * If your budget just doesn't add up and you need help to afford essentials like bills and food, see what cost of living support is available on the Citizens Advice website.
- If you do find yourself struggling financially during or after the holidays, don't panic. Support is out there, and Citizens Advice can help you understand what's available.



Citizens Advice: Telephone Advice Line
0808 278 7990 Lines are open
Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Debt Helpline: 0300 330 2130
(9am - 1pm, Monday - Friday) or email:
debthelp@bcabs.cabnet.org.uk

If you would like further support or guidance in accessing services, please see Miss Akers.



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Thursday 12th December we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day.

This year, instead of money, we would like you to donate wrapped chocolate (in date).

Please remember No Nuts



Christmas Grotto - £4

Children have the chance to attend the Christmas Grotto. They will meet Mrs Claus and get a personalised gift. They will spend time talking to Mrs Claus and sharing all the good things they have done this year.

To remember their magical time, they will receive a photo to take home. Tickets for this can be purchased from the school office and are open to all year groups.

Christmas Grotto visit with personalised gift and photo - £4

(Last day of ticket sales is Friday 13th December)

Advent
=
Hope, Peace,
Joy, Love



- Christmas Lunches this week -
You should have received your invitation slip, sent home this week, letting you know who is booked in and which day you have been allocated.

Important Upcoming Dates

DECEMBER	
Wed 11th	EYFS, Yr. 1, Yr. 2, Yr. 3 and Siblings Christmas Lunches 12pm - 1:30pm
Thurs 12th	Christmas Jumper Day - Whole School
	Yr 5 Assembly: Love <i>Parents/Carers Welcome</i>
	Yr. 4, Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 Christmas Lunches 12pm - 1:30pm Yr. 3 to Aston Parish Carol, Service 1:30pm
Fri 13th	Last Day to buy tickets for the Grotto
Mon 16th	Shining Star Assembly 9am <i>Parents/Carers Welcome</i>
	Community Christmas Afternoon Tea
Tues 17th	EYFS + Y1 Nativity 9:15am
	Christmas Fair 1:30pm - 3pm
Wed 18th	Whole school Carol Service & EYFS + Y1 Nativity 2:15pm
Thurs 19th	Prayer Morning 9am
	Class Christmas Parties (PM)
	Christmas Grotto - more information on the right <i>(tickets needed, purchase from the Office by Fri 13th)</i>
Fri 20th	Christmas Disco (Y1-Y6) 4:30pm - 6pm - more information on the right <i>(tickets needed, purchase from the office)</i>
	Christmas Concert 10am <i>Parents/Carers Welcome</i> LAST DAY: SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12pm



Christmas Break

Mon 23rd December - Mon 6th January 2025



Tuesday 7th January First Day Back - Normal Time



The Christmas Disco will be held from 4:30pm - 6pm. Children will need to be collected from school at their usual time and then will return for their disco time. There will be a refreshment stall where snacks, drinks and sweets can be purchased. The disco is open to children from Year 1 - Year 6. Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Please be aware, there is only 100 tickets on sale for this event.

**Please bring your ticket on the night of the disco.*

***Entry to and from the disco will be from the main Butlin Street gate.*



Donations wanted

We are looking for donations for a children's Christmas raffle and our Bric & Brac' stall. If you are able to make a donation towards these, it would be very helpful.

Donation ideas for the raffle

toys, stationary, clothing, sports equipment, sweets, chocolate. These items do not need to be expensive and/or large but will help us in getting a range of prizes.

Donation ideas for the Bric & Brac

We ask that all items donated are clean and in working order.

Please drop your donation to the school office.

