

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews 19th December 2025

Have a wonderful festive period & a healthy, happy 2026!

Best wishes, Mrs Matthews



Christmas Concert

A huge thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas concert this week and well done to all the students and staff involved!



Trips & Events

All the latest extra-curricular news



Year Group Updates

Our Heads of Year review the term



Subject News

Learning updates from each faculty

Our Winter magazine is now available to read online here: <https://www.courtfields.net/news-events.htm>

Read all the news and updates from the term.

Pantomime Trip

Our Year 7 had a great time watching the Dick Whittington pantomime in Plymouth on Tuesday!



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**We raised
£583.15 for
Save the Children**

Fundraising

Thank you for all your support with our Christmas-themed non-uniform day last Friday!
We raised a wonderful £583.15 for Save the Children. Thank you!



Book Reviews

November was another excellent month for students writing book reviews. A thoughtful book review requires a balanced combination of a spoiler-free summary, critical analysis supported by evidence and an honest personal opinion and recommendation. Well done to all students who submitted a book review in November and to those whose reviews are on display in our library.

DIARY DATES

Return to school:
Monday 5th January 2026

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Merry Christmas
FROM COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI TOYS

This briefing paper, the second in the series, sets out how AI toys can be used to help children learn. Many toys now use AI to interact with children, and this can be a great way to help them learn. However, it is important to be aware of the risks associated with AI toys, such as data privacy and security.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- TOYS THAT LISTEN AND LEARN:** AI toys can collect data on children's behavior and preferences, which can be used for targeted advertising or sold to third parties.
- WEAK SECURITY PROTECTIONS:** AI toys often have weak security protections, making them vulnerable to hacking and data breaches.
- ARTIFICIAL VOICES:** AI toys can use artificial voices to interact with children, which can be used to impersonate real people.
- MARKETING THROUGH PLAY:** AI toys can be used to deliver targeted marketing messages to children.
- PLAYING AS DATA TRAINING:** AI toys can be used to train AI models, which can be used for a variety of purposes, including surveillance and discrimination.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- START WITH A CONVERSATION:** Talk to children about AI toys and the risks associated with them.
- SET LIMITS ON USE:** Limit the amount of time children spend playing with AI toys.
- MODEL DIGITAL AWARENESS:** Teach children about digital safety and security.
- RESEARCH BEFORE YOU BUY:** Research the safety and security of AI toys before buying them.
- REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS:** Review the privacy settings of AI toys.
- BALANCE AI WITH REAL PLAY:** Balance AI play with real play.

Meet Our Expert: **Wendy Hogg**, Director of Digital Security, The National College

Materials Needed

Our Art department are in need of some help!
As the season of 'getting rid of everything' is upon us we are kindly asking that if you have any of the following, please donate it to the art department as we are running short now:

- Magazines
- Costume jewellery
- Buttons/trinkets
- Small children's toys (figures)
- Lego/Lego figures

We use these things a lot so if you do have any going to charity, please send them our way. Thank you in advance!

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 eat FREE daily with an adult spend
ASDA Kids eat FREE for £1 daily, with no adult spend	MORRISONS Kids eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day
BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday	PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast
BILLS 2 kids eat free on Boxing day 2025	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 kids eat FREE Breakfast with one paying adult	PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal
CAFE ROUGE Kids eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
COCONUT TREE Kids eat FREE from Fri 19th Dec - Sun 6th Jan 2026	SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 5 - 7pm
DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat FREE from Fri 19th Dec - Sun 6th Jan 2026	TABLE TABLE 2 kids eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult
FUTURE INNS Kids eat for free with any adult meal	TGI FRIDAYS Kids eat free with any adult meal (via App)
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	TRAVELodge 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast
LAS IGUANAS Kids eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App	WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
MARSTONS PUBS Kids eat FREE in selected locations from 20th Dec - Jan 6th 2026	YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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Materials required for our Art Department

WELLINGTON WINTER HAPPY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2025

EACH SESSION WILL INCLUDE:
Meal and Snacks | Activities | Access to a Youth Worker | Sports and Games

WELLINGTON - KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB
MONDAY 29TH DEC
BAKE AND CREATE DAY
BAKE SOME SWEET TREATS, WITH CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
**10:00AM-3:00PM

WELLINGTON - KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB
TUESDAY 30TH DEC
COOKING AND CALM CLUB
TAKE PART IN FOOD ACTIVITIES AND FUN & GAMES FOR ALL, HOT CHOCOS AND MORE
**10:00AM-3:00PM

ADDITIONAL INFO AND DETAILS:
Programme for young people aged 8-16 years.
Suitable for young people with SEND.
**Support with entrance fees via our Accessibility Fund, contact us for details.
All places on a first come, first serve basis.
You will be contacted following registration to confirm your booking/s and to confirm event details.
**Events, programmes, and timings subject to change or cancellation based on areas out of our control.

TO BOOK A NON FUNDED PLACE, EMAIL EMMA AS BELOW

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WELLINGTON KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to...

NHS 111 online Call 111 or select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7 Nhs.uk/mental-health	PAPPUUS Under 25s can call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pappuus@pappuus.org.uk Pappuus-uk.org	SAMARITANS Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jsg@samaritans.org jsg@samaritans.org
MIND Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 123 234 Mind.org.uk	SHOUT Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line or Text 'YM' if you're under 19 Givemeashout.org	CALM Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day. Call or WhatsApp 0800 565058 Thecalmzone.net

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