

The Hazlemere Herald November 2024



Dear parents/carers,

I just cannot believe we are entering December; where is the time going? There is so much happening in school and the corridors are filled with singing and the echoes of lines being rehearsed for Christmas performances, a real joy!

November was a busy month for us, in this edition you will find pictures of **Advent Day, Year 6's WW2 workshop, our Bake Sale trips around the locality and much more!**

We provided 2 Parent Sessions November regarding Phonics and Maths; a further Parent Session on Our PSHE (Personal, social, Health and Economic education) and RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) in December, **all are welcome**. We are planning on delivering a **Parent Workshop on Online Safety** in the New Year and would appreciate your attendance.

We have put the 'Dates for your diary' right at the top of the Newsletter this month, so please keep an eye out; don't forget to also subscribe to the school calendar on our website [Hazlemere Church of England Combined School - School Calendar](#)

Mr Daniels

Dates for your Diary



December 2024

Friday 6th Year 5/6 football matches vs Tyler's Green Middle School 2.45pm KO (email with details Monday 2nd Dec)

Monday 9th Year 4/5 Saxon and Vikings Day

Tue 10th EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsals to pupils and staff

Weds 11th EYFS Nativity Performance to parents and families

Christmas Lunch

KS1 Dress Rehearsal to pupils and staff

Thurs 12th PSHE Sessions with Mrs Brocklehurst (see below)

Radio Christmas Broadcast

KS1 Nativity 3.30pm

School Disco 5pm

Friday 13th KS1 Nativity 9.30am

Monday 16th Rocksteady Concert 9.30am

Tues 17th KS2 Carol Concert HT Church 9am

Thurs 19th Awards Assembly 9am

Fri 20th End of Term 1pm finish

Safeguarding Information - Self Harm



Adults often think younger children are not affected by self harming, that this is something more concerning teenagers. Self harm can happen at any age and there have been cases known to us at Brushwood. Children often resort to self harming as a way to cope with difficult feelings or as a way to release tensions. Younger children typically self harm by:

- hair pulling
- banging head
- picking at skin
- scratching deeply/aggressively

To find out more or to get help and advice please click on the link below.

[Find out more about Self Harm in Children and Teenagers](#)

Whatsapp

Children: In today's digital age, it is essential for parents and guardians to be aware of their children's activities on messaging platforms such as WhatsApp. This application has a stated age restriction of 13 years, which highlights the need for maturity and responsibility whilst engaging in online communications.

One significant concern is that children can be automatically added to WhatsApp groups, which may expose them to unsolicited messages and potentially inappropriate content. Parents should take an active role in monitoring their children's use of WhatsApp and other social media platforms. It is crucial to discuss the importance of digital safety and privacy with your child/ren. Encourage open dialogue about their online interactions, fostering an environment where they feel comfortable sharing any concerns.

Parents: Please remember that staff in school have no access to the Year group WhatsApp groups. If you have a school related question or concern you should contact the school office directly and we will be happy to help you.



WhatsApp
A Guide for Parents & Carers

Age Rating **13+**

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

Privacy

Show your child how to **adjust their privacy settings**, such as hiding their profile photo, last seen status and about info. Set them to either of the following:

- My Contacts: available to contacts from their address book only
- Nobody: not available to anyone

Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

Messaging

Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:

- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Would your parents/guardians approve?
- Would you say it to their face?
- Have you asked permission to post photos?
- Have you used your online manners?
- You don't have to join in!

Contacts

Make your child understand that they should **only connect with friends, family, or trusted individuals**.

Teach them not to accept messages from unknown contacts.

Go over with your child how to add, block and report contacts.

Group Chats

If a child is added into a **Group Chat**, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.

Go to **Settings > Privacy > Groups**. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.

Encourage your child to only join a group with people they **know and trust**.

Location

WhatsApp allow users to share their **location** with others.

If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others **track** your child's location or discover their home address.

Speak to your child about **keeping this feature disabled**.

Check

Check in with your child regularly to **review their phone settings**.

Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and **how often they are using the messaging app**.

Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are **staying safe and happy** online.

Encourage your child to come to you if **ANYTHING** online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

Silly School Education

Could your child be eligible for a free school meal?



Could your child be eligible for a Free School Meal? Free school meals are available to pupils whose parents receive certain benefits - this could save you hundreds of pounds per year! If you are in receipt of any of the below benefits, please let Mrs Gallimore in the School Office know by emailing enquiries@hazlemere-ce.bucks.sch.uk

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- An Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit

Parent Engagement Sessions

PSHE & RSE with Mrs Brocklehurst

I am looking forward to sharing with you our PSHE and RSE curriculum on the **12th December in our school Hall at 9am and 2:30pm**. The RSE and PSHE scheme of work aims to give children the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that they need to effectively navigate the complexities of life in the 21st Century. The curriculum covers key areas which will support children to make **informed choices** now and in the future around their **health, safety, wellbeing, relationships, and financial matters** and will support them in becoming confident individuals and active members of society. There will be a short presentation on the curriculum and copies of the resources we use to teach the children for you to browse through. I look forward to seeing you there.

Phonics with Mrs Howard

A huge thank you to the parents that attended our recent phonics workshop. We had 16 enthusiastic parents from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 that even joined in with a ELS Phonics lesson themselves! I hope the parents that attended found this useful. **If you were unable to attend** and wish to find out more about how Phonics is taught at Hazlemere, the slides can be requested from the school office.

Maths with Mrs Asare-Archer

During November we held a **Musical Maths week**. With the aim of promoting the love of maths, children participated in a variety of practical and exciting lessons. Each class took their

maths lesson either to the hall or outside and completed an active maths lesson: racing around to solve calculations and find the correct solution. Alongside our regular maths curriculum children had the opportunity to explore maths through songs, rhymes and action. Learning maths through catchy songs and musical experiences to explore mathematical concepts, from basic counting to more advanced multiplication and percentages. It was a delight to see each class share these songs in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

I would like to say a huge **thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the 'Coffee and Calculations' open morning.** It was a wonderful opportunity to explore the resources and equipment we use to teach maths and to find out a bit more about how to support with maths at home.



What's been going on?

Advent Day

Across the school, we enjoyed celebrating Advent; the season of preparation in the lead up to Christmas. Throughout the day, children took part in activities that focused on the four themes of Advent: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.**

We celebrated **Hope** by making a Christingle, symbolising the birth of Christ, the Light of the World. **Peace** allowed us a quiet moment for reflection and prayer, amid the busy day. The children finished with a calming yoga session. **Joy** was shown through song and dance, listening

to Joy to the World and other Christmas carols. Finally, to show **Love** in the community, Christmas cards were made by the children, to be delivered to the local services.

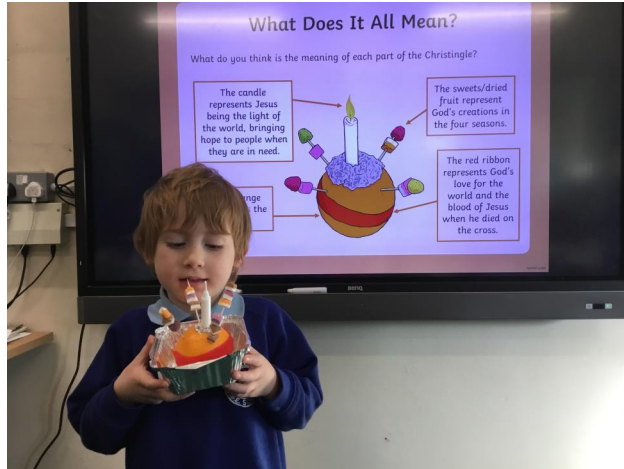
The children worked beautifully in their mixed year groups and it was wonderful to see the older children showing encouragement and supporting the younger years. There was a lovely buzz around the school, full of excitement and collaboration.

The day came to a close with the Year 4's delivering their Advent assembly, which was a lovely conclusion on our learning about Advent, as well their own learning in Year 4 so far this term. It was great to hear about all your cross-curricular facts. Well done Year 4!

Hope



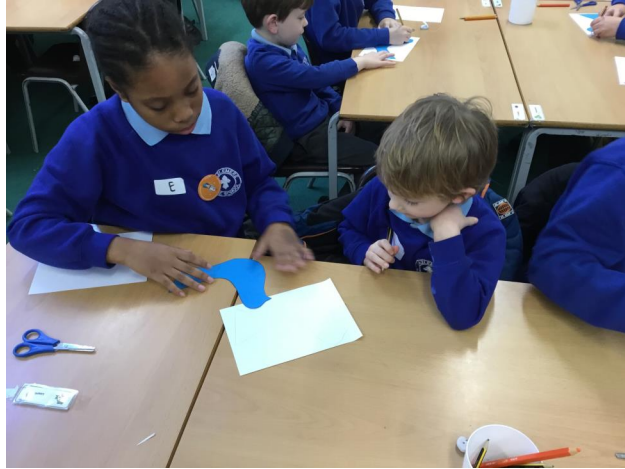


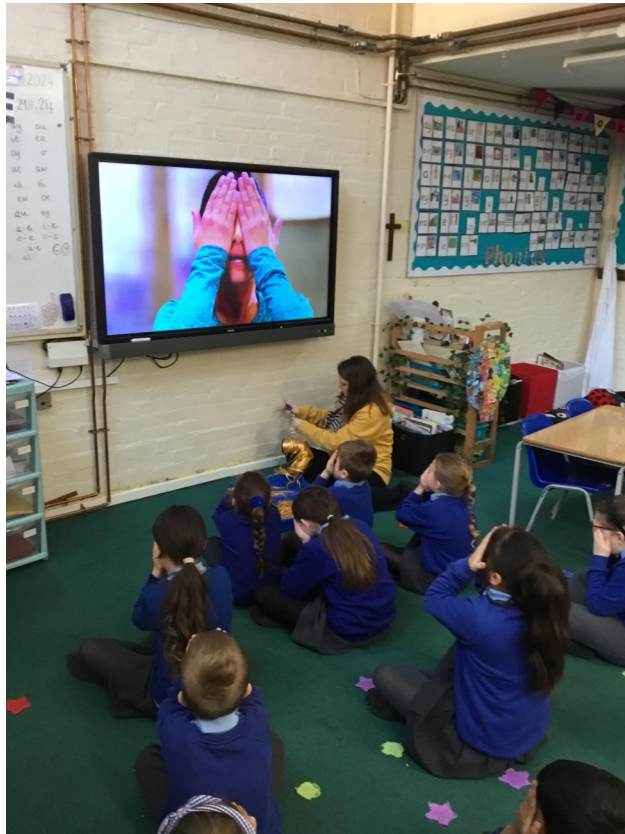


Peace











Joy





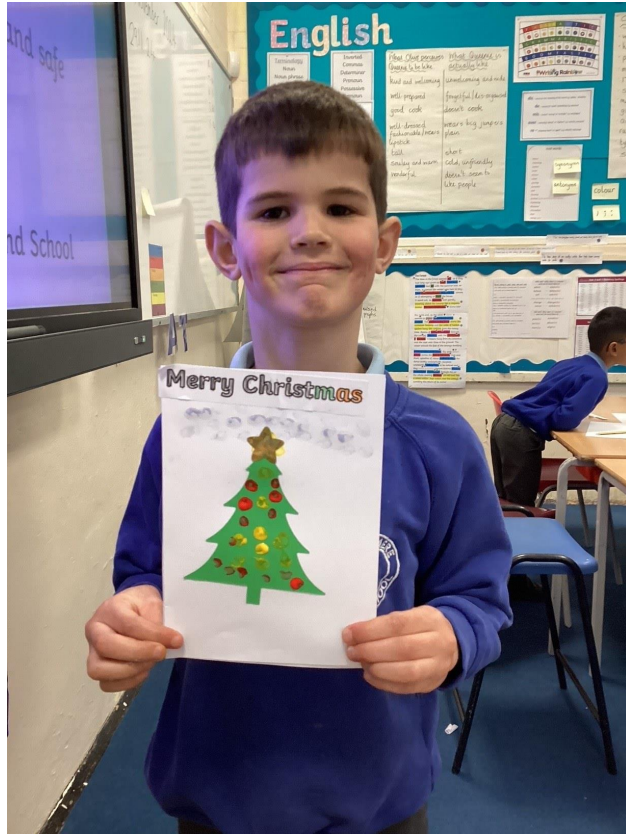




Love









Year 6 WW2 History Workshop



At the beginning of this half term, Year 6 kick started their **History topic on World War II** with a workshop run by the **Amersham travelling Museum**.

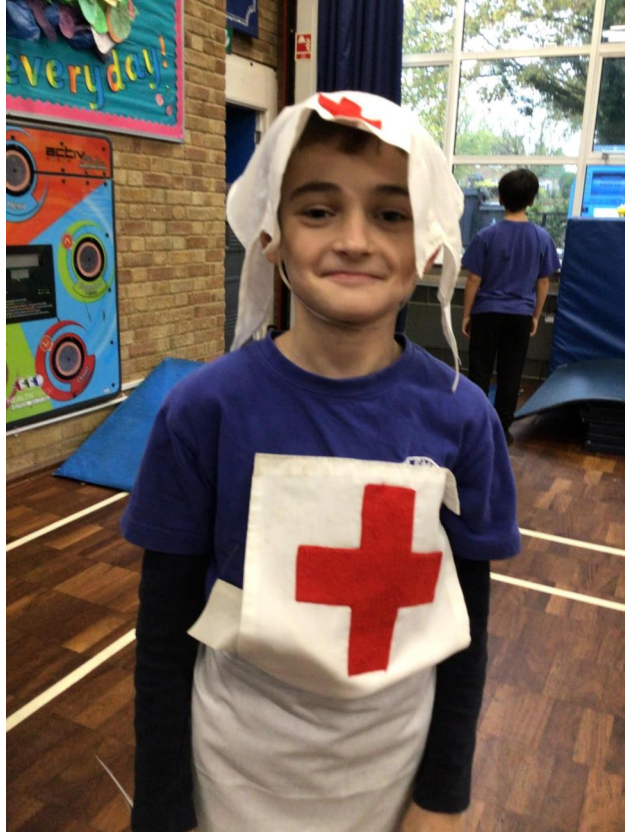
The children enjoyed a presentation about our local area and how it was affected by the war. They learnt about the plight of evacuees, where they were taken to and the different lives they led; far from their real homes.

There were many artefacts to handle such as: parts of planes and bombs and the children gained a better understanding of topics such as rationing, as they were able to weigh and measure food items.

Role play enabled the children to step into the shoes of people during war time and they thoroughly enjoyed dressing up!









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Sept 4 School did not re-open as arranged. Circumstances in Europe have unfortunately led to a state of war between Germany and Poland with Britain & France. The school staff have been on duty since Friday Sept. 1st helping with the evacuation of London children and generally helping with A.R.P. work. They will continue to do this daily until school re-opens.

Sept. 7 Received notice that Miss Buckell, Rural P.T. had been successful in passing her qualifying examination.

Sept. 12 School re-opened this morning. Evacuated children were admitted with the local chrs. Total roll at present 311.





EYFS local area visits

Reception have been having lots of fun **exploring maps**. We begun our unit by studying a map of our school and then went on a walk to spot each of the features, such as the gazebo, swimming pool, flower beds and climbing frame. We continued our learning by studying a map of the local area, **focusing firstly on the crossroads and then Hazlemere Rec**. We went on a walk of the local area and spotted features such as the library, shops and church. We also loved using a map to find a route around Hazlemere Rec and spotted the tennis courts, basketball court and playground. We then had a go at **creating our own maps** using a variety of media, including using 2d shapes, building blocks or by drawing.















Remembrance and Bake Sale



Remembrance Service:

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who attended Year 5's Remembrance Service. As I'm sure you'll agree the service was a huge success, the children worked so hard learning their lines, songs and creating beautiful art pieces and writing moving, heart-felt poems and prayers for fallen soldiers as a thank you for their service. Following the service, **Year 5 paid a visit to our local war memorial** located outside the Holy Trinity Church and paid their respects to all those who have fought and died during conflict since the beginning of WW1. The children did a wonderful job laying the wreath and honouring soldiers from our local area on behalf of our school.

Bake Sale:

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who entered the School Council's Pudsey outfit and story competition. There were so many fabulous and outstanding entries, it was truly a challenging task to judge and all those who participated should be exceptionally proud of their hard work and wonderful designs and stories. Well done to our winners:

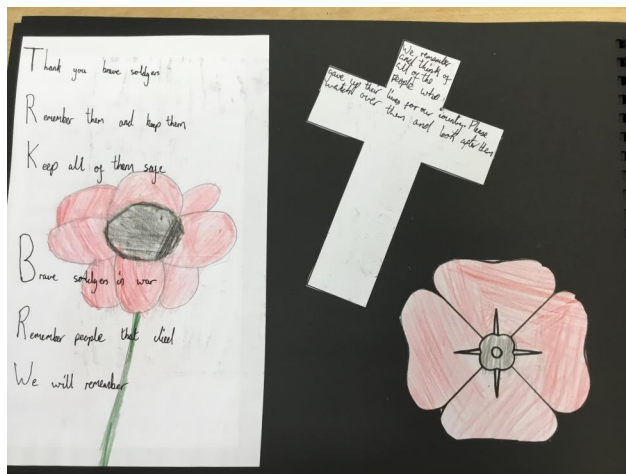
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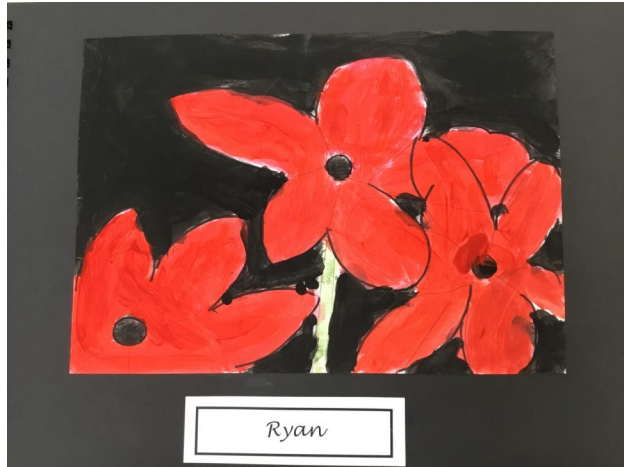
KS1: Clara

LKS2: Luna

KS2: Lilly and Parmeet

I would personally like to thank you all for your amazing donations and support for our Bake Sale for the Royal British Legion and Children in Need. With your support, we were able to **raise £170** for these wonderful charities. I would also like to thank our phenomenal School Council who helped to organize and plan the event, the success of the event was a true credit to them. Well done.





Year 4 Romans History Topic

We have enjoyed learning about Roman soldiers and how they were equipped for war. We saw that the Roman army was successful due to the training and organisation, as a lot of armies they fought were disorganised. Roman shields were usually painted red. We had an exciting time getting into formation with our shields and marching in formation.





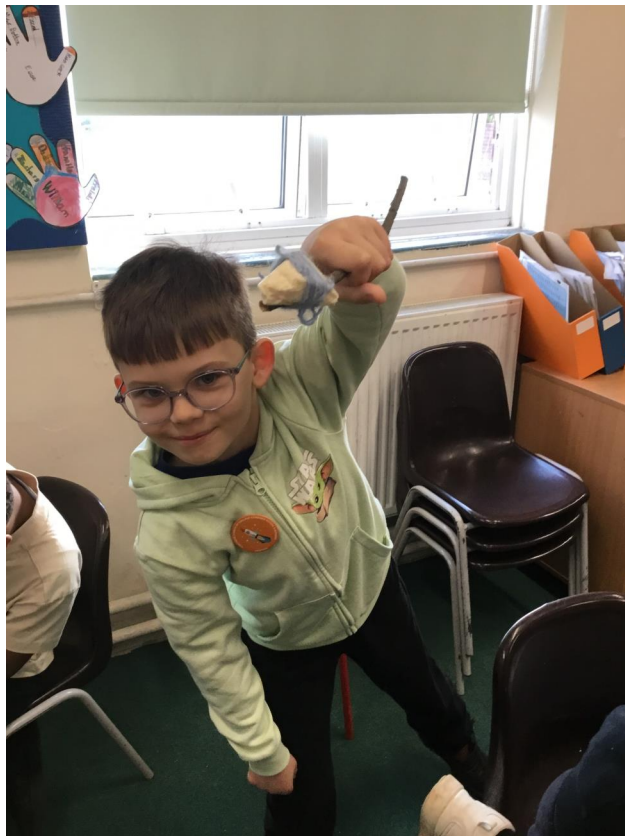




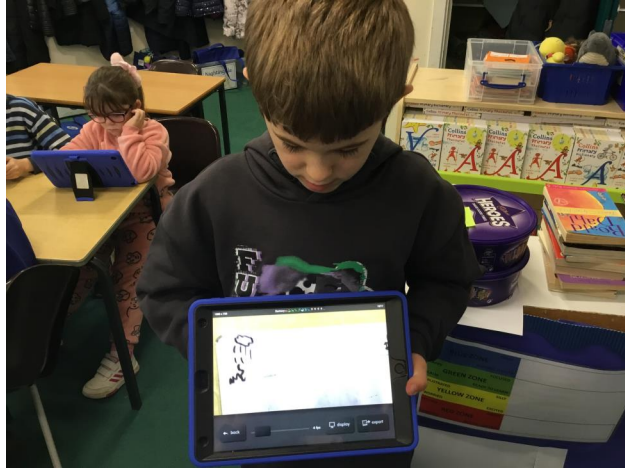


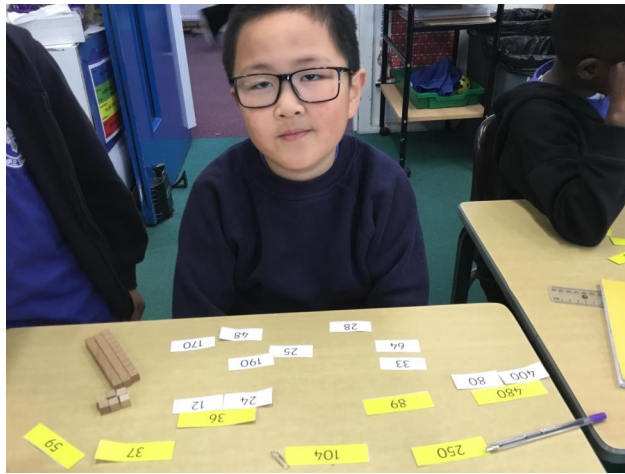
Year 3 Learning Highlights

We had a brilliant time during Maths Week and enjoyed using songs and equipment to aid our learning. We have also been learning about stop motion animation in our computing lessons, we have created some fantastic examples. One of our highlights of the Stone Age learning was recreating and making Stone Age tools and weapons. We used the idea of flint knapping but used soap instead. The children had a great afternoon and we have lots of arrowheads, spears and hand axes to show.











Attendance Parties

Congratulations to the children shown for achieving **100% attendance in Autumn 1**. They were treated to afternoon tea with Mr Daniels! He was surprised how many children actually chose tea to drink instead of squash!














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FREE Online Parent and Carer Clinics

Autism Central is a new programme, providing high-quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families and carers, which is co-delivered by autistic people, families and carers. Aspens is the Regional Hub for Autism Central South East and we are offering FREE 1:1 clinics where parents, carers and family members of autistic people can talk to one of our peer educators.




Our peer educators are family members or carers of autistic people and/or autistic themselves. Peer educators are trained to coach, signpost and share their learning with other parents and carers of autistic people.

Seek advice from someone who is here to listen, offer guidance and tell you about services that are available in your local area.

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30
Wednesdays 16:30-18:00
Fridays 13:30-15:00



To book a clinic please, scan the QR Code or visit autismcentralsoutheast.aspens.org.uk

Topic	Date	School Age	QR
Introduction to Mental Health	14th October 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Introduction to Mental Health	23rd October 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Childhood Anxiety	4th November 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Adolescent Anxiety	19th November 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Child Behaviour and Development	23rd January 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	8th January 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Low Mood and Depression	5th February 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Understanding Adolescent Development and Behaviour (Teenage Brain)	11th March 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	
Change and Transition	3rd April 2024 6pm - 7.30pm	Primary	
Supporting your child with Exam Stress	28th April 2025 6pm - 7.30pm	Secondary	

In the Community



Hazlemere church

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER, 10.30AM, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
A fun, interactive Christingle service for the whole family.

CAROLS & CANAPÉS

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER, 7PM, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
A festive evening of mulled wine, delicious canapés and carols.

TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER, 10.30AM, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
A festive combination of your favourite Christmas carols and readings.

LIGHT THE DARK

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30pm Family light procession leaves from Hazlemere Library.
6pm Carols at Manor Farm Infant School playground.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS EVE, 11PM, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICES

10AM, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

HAZLEMERE.ORG
HELLO@HAZLEMERE.ORG
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HP15 7PZ



CHRISTMAS CAMP

Join us for a day of Christmas Fun.
Arts, Crafts, Baking, Play and much more

When: Monday 23rd December
Where: Holtspur School
Time: 9.30-4.30pm
Early Bird 9.00am
Age: 4-10 yrs

T: 07395 636382
E: hello@calmlittleminds.co.uk
To Book: www.calmlittleminds.co.uk



COME JOIN THE FUN

FREE TASTER SESSION BREAKFAST OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Choose from a Free Breakfast or After School Club Session in November or December 2024.
- Includes Full Session Childcare, Activities and Food.

To Claim:

Call 07841 018726 to book your session (lines open 9am -3pm Monday to Friday Term Time Only).

Offer limited to new children or those who have not used Quackers in the 2023/2024 School year. Subject to availability. This offer has no cash value.

www.quackersoutofschoolclubs.co.uk

Aylesbury Town Council's

Christmas on the Cobbles

Sunday 24 November
Aylesbury Town Centre
12 noon-5:30pm

FREE
EVENT



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TOWN COUNCIL



Bucks
radio
www.bucksradio.com





Are you a parent/guardian with a child between the ages of 5-11?

We want to learn more about the challenges and difficulties when feeding your children healthy foods during the Cost-of-Living Crisis



If you are interested in taking part in an interview, please email:

Hannah.froome@brunel.ac.uk

£15 voucher for taking part!

This study is being conducted by a doctoral researcher and has been approved by the College of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee (Brunel Research Ethics Approval: 44814-MHR-Jun/2024- 51239-3)

Cue34 presents...

THE LOST ELVES

20th - 21st December



Join Trixie and Tom on their very first mission as part of St Nick's Elf Squad in this fun, family-friendly show full of adventure, songs and silliness!



General Admission:

Adults - £12

Children - £12

Over 60s - £5

Show Times:
Friday 7pm and 9pm
Saturday 10am, 2pm and 4pm

Ticket link: www.wycombeartscentre.com/events/the-lost-elves



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