



Our pupils started this week by marking Remembrance Day on Monday. Upper School visited Holy Trinity for our morning assembly and as a whole school we joined with the rest of the nation on what is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the act of Remembrance starting in 1919. It was fitting then, that this week also marked Anti Bullying week where the wearing of Odd Socks on Tuesday highlighted our value of accepting difference, of being kind and encouraging to one another and striving to live in a peaceful society. This message has been fully supported through a number of assemblies and sessions with pupils and I'm delighted to share that in our recent Safeguarding Survey our pupils overwhelmingly state that they feel valued, cared for and know that they can seek help if they are ever worried. On top of this pupils indicated clearly that where there are any acts of unkindness, they know their teachers and staff will act to deal with it effectively. As a Headmaster this is of great importance and whilst we do not rest on our laurels, I am delighted that pupils continue to feel safe and valued here at Duncombe. The spirit of caring for others was well demonstrated today as the school community donned their onesies and dressing gowns to support this term's Knebworth charity, The Brother's Trust. As ever the whole community pulled together and ensured that this was an enjoyable event. Speaking of communities pulling together, the PA Laser show was another amazing event. I know Jilly McCullagh and the PA were delighted with the support and how well it all went. With this in mind, I do want to direct you to the PA email which went out today - it is critical that we have sign up for the numerous activities so please do look at this carefully and let the PA know directly what you can help with. Thank you in advance for your continued help and support.

Our Class assembly this week was led by 1A who wowed us with their presentation on the theme of the 1A learning journey. With an audience dressed in night attire, they maintained their focus exceptionally well and delivered their lines, jokes, dances, aspirations and newly learnt information with a growing confidence that demonstrated such excellent progress from the beginning of term. Congratulations to all the 1A pupils, Miss Ashcroft, Mrs Watson and Mrs Millar for treating us to such an enjoyable and engaging assembly.

Our Year 6 pupils travelled to London and the Natural History Museum earlier in the week, please do look out for the report in the newsletter. In addition, there were a number of fixtures and events, including a very significant U11 40 point win in Rugby against St Nicholas School. With the Year 5 Parents' Evening to boot, we certainly have had a very busy and purposeful week here at Duncombe.

The sound of carols could be heard loud and true as we prepare for our Christmas events later in the term. It sounded exceptionally good and I think we shall be in for a festive treat come the concerts and plays. Do have a restful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

## Well done to this week's pupil who received a Headmaster's Award



## Well done to the Lower School Stars of the Week



## Well done to 1A for their brilliant Assembly today!



# Duncombe Digest



## Diary Dates

### **Thursday 21st November**

Year 2 to the Roald Dahl Museum.

### **Friday 22nd November**

1TG Class Assembly. 8.50am start in New Hall.

Nursery Rhyme Dress Up day for Treetops

Knebworth Charity Movie Night. 6.30pm to 8.30pm in New Hall. (For children in Years 3 to 6.)

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## Looking Forward

### **Monday 25th November**

Flu vaccination for Reception to Year 6 children.

### **Thursday 28th November**

Shaking up Shakespeare for Years 3 to 6.

### **Friday 29th November**

4S Class Assembly. 8.50am start in New Hall.

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## Sports Fixtures

### **Monday 18th November**

Year 4 Netball v St Christopher School (away). 3.30pm start.

### **Wednesday 20th November**

U11 Football v St Nicholas School (away). 2.30pm start.

### **Thursday 21st November**

U9 Rugby v Manor Lodge (away). 2.30pm start.

### **Monday 25th November**

U8 Football v St Edmund's Prep (away). Time TBC.

U8 Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). Time TBC.

### **Tuesday 26th November**

U11 Hockey v St Francis (away). Time TBC.

### **Wednesday 27th November**

U11 Rugby Tournament at Haileybury. Time TBC.

## Important Notices

### **Last Day of Term**

We would like to remind you that we break up for Christmas on **Thursday 12th December**. Lower School will finish at 2.45pm and Upper School will finish at 3pm. We return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

### **Knebworth Charity Movie Night Friday 22nd November**

Tickets for the Knebworth Charity Movie Night are still on sale. Please get your form in to the school office if you would like tickets. This event is for children in Years 3 to 6 and we will be showing Toy Story 4.

### **Speech & Drama**

The last Speech and Drama lessons take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Coley has said that children are welcome to bring in reindeer antlers, Christmas hats etc for the last lesson.

### **Last After School Club Dates**

Please be aware that the following After School Clubs finish next week:

- Cheerleading - Finishes on Monday 18th November
- Horse Riding - Finishes on Monday 18th November
- Tennis - Finishes on Tuesday 19th November
- Fencing - Finishes on Thursday 21st November

If you require care after that date please let the School Office know.

### **Knebworth Charity Dress Up Day**

Thank you to everyone who dressed in their onesies or pyjamas today to help raise money for The Brothers Trust. We hope you all had fun!

*The Knebworth Charity Team*



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## Year 6 Natural History Museum Trip

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 went to the Natural History Museum. As soon as we got off the coach it was like a dream come true, we were revisiting the same place where Sir David Attenborough has been before us! We walked in and were greeted by a gargantuan blue whale skeleton, hanging from the ceiling. Our first stop was the Evolution workshop where we were split into groups and saw bones from creatures who lived thousands of years ago. We learnt about adaptation and how animals have changed and adapted to their environment. We discovered that horses were once tiny and had feet similar to that of a chicken, but without the claws. They are now very different with a horse being much bigger with hooves

After our workshop we had our delicious lunch, the rolls were my favourite...yum! We were then able to explore the museum and its many galleries. Our group visited the creepy crawlies, dinosaurs and the Earth exhibitions. One of my favourite parts was seeing the Earth live from a camera up in space, it was amazing! We got to see a robotic tyrannosaurus rex with lifelike features.

We had a really enjoyable day and I would like to visit again! *By our roving reporter Reece Hurley 6T.*



## Carol Service - Tuesday 3rd December

We are looking forward to our Carol Service at Haileybury on Tuesday 3rd December for Years 1-6.

Here is more information about this event:

Treetops' day will end as normal at 3.30pm. If parents are going to the Carol Service at Haileybury, please see your form teacher to arrange an early pick up.

Please note that school will finish for **Lower School** at **2.45pm** and **Upper School** at **3pm**. This allows everyone the opportunity to freshen up and have tea in good time before our Carol Service in Haileybury Chapel which starts at 5pm.

This year, we are asking that pupils be brought to the Attlee Room prior to the service no earlier than 4.30pm (this is a large room to the left of the main doors.) Parents and guests will then be seated as normal from 4.30pm and just before 5.00pm, the children will walk into the church in their classes and be seated.

**After School Clubs** - Treetops After School Activities will continue as normal. **There will be no Clubs for non-Treetops pupils.** If you are unable to collect your child by 3pm on Tuesday 3rd December, please let the School Office know.

Please arrange childcare for siblings below Reception age and babies.

Any Reception child who has an older sibling is allowed to attend the Christmas Carol Service. They must be in their school uniform and will be seated with their class teacher in the pews towards the front of the church. If you are intending to bring your Reception child with you, please let the School Office know so that we can make sure we have enough room for them all.

We will be sending more information out next week.

## Lost

Pink watch belonging to Charlotte Wackett.





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Duncombe Parents' Association Presents

## Duncombe Winter Wonderland

Sunday 8th December 2019  
12-3pm  
Duncombe School  
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**Santa's Workshop**

**Raffle & more**

**Festive Food and Drinks**

**£2 ADULTS & £1 CHILDREN ENTRY**

All Saints Welcomes Everyone

**ALLSAINTS HERTFORD**

## STARRY CHRISTMAS

A FESTIVAL OF STARS, WREATHS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

**Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November 2019**  
In Aid of the Alzheimer's Society and All Saints Church

**FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2019**  
6.30 to 9.00pm  
Sponsored Carolathon by All Saints Choir

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019**  
10.00am to 4.00pm  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
with Fabulous Stalls including: Home Made Cakes, Crafts, Aschiana Charity Stall, Vintage Gifts, Jill Rolfe Artworks, Simply Scarves, Massage Therapy Treatments, Usbourne Books, Grand Raffle, Soft Toy, Chocolate and Bottle Tombolas, Children's Activities and Games.

**Delightful Music Performances by**  
St Andrew's Primary School at 10.00am  
Wheatcroft Primary School at 11.30 am  
and St Joseph's in the Park Preparatory School at 1.00pm.

**Entertaining Puppet Show**  
**Visit by Father Christmas**  
**All-Day Refreshments and Mulled Wine with Lunches Served from 12.00noon**

**SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019**  
12.00noon to 4.00pm  
**Free Entrance and Parking**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY**  
[www.allsaintshertford.org](http://www.allsaintshertford.org)

All the funds raised from the booking fees will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society. All other funds raised for All Saints Church

### Warren Restaurant Menu

Week commencing 18th November 2019



#### Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>The SOUP Kettle</b>	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread
<b>TAKE THE ENTREE</b>	Minced Beef Chilli with Taco chips and Sour Cream	Chicken Tagine	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Beef Yorkshire puddings and Gravy	Breaded Fish Fillet
<b>VEGGIE LOVERS</b>	Thai Green Quorn and Vegetable Curry with Basmati Rice	5 Bean and Soya mince Tagine	Pizza Margarita	Stuffed Roasted Butternut squash	Vegetable Spring Rolls
<b>Light BITES</b>	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Penne Napolitana	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Pasta in 3 Cheese sauce	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special
<b>on the SIDE</b>	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Roast Cauliflower Cous Cous and Pomegranate	Potato salad Red Cabbage Slaw Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Parsnips Broccoli and Carrots	Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
<b>TASTY PUDS</b>	Yoghurt Sundae with Sliced Peaches	Banana and Cinnamon Cake	Yogurt With Fresh Fruit and Coulis	Orange Jelly and Fruit	Chocolate Brownie

Salad Bar available everyday  
Chunks of fresh fruit and Homemade Wholemeal Bread

