



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



West Alvington Church of England Academy

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER NEWSLETTER

December 2023



Its hard to believe that Christmas is nearly here! There are lots of activities planned for the next few weeks which the children are really excited about - please check the school diary dates.

I have included several bits of information below that you might find useful and if there is anything that you personally would like information about please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me confidentially at anytime if you have any concerns or would just like a chat to get things off your chest. No issue is too big nor too small! If you are having difficulties or worries then it is a problem worth sharing. If I don't have the answer then I will find someone who does.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!!!

My email address is sdugard@lapsw.org or you can contact me at West Alvington on 01548 312290.



[Information for Families.](#)

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THE BIG STEP!

*Free to attend

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XMAS HOLIDAY CLUB KINGSBRIDGE (AGE 8-13)

Limited Availability

Woodlands Adventure Theme Park An action packed day at Devon's largest Theme Park	DEC 20	
Movie and Dinner Night Visit to Kings Cinema to watch Latest 'Wonka' Movie, followed by Dinner (venue TBC)	DEC 21	
Free Luxury Christmas Hamper For the first 32 parent that register their children, you'll receive a Luxury Christmas Hamper Worth £50 (T&C's apply)		

*Free for all children entitled to benefit related free school meals

Transport provided FREE for Woodlands Theme Park
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THE BIG STEP PRESENTS



2023 XMAS PARTY

**THE
BIG
STEP!**

**20TH
DEC**

**WOODLANDS
ADVENTURE
THEME PARK**

**FOR CHILDREN
AGED 8 TO 13
YEARS OLD**

10AM-2PM OR 12PM-4PM
BOTH TIME SLOTS WITH A HOT LUNCH
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

PICK UP AND DROP OFF FROM KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
for children entitled to benefit related free school meals

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CHRISTMAS
Movie Night
AND DINNER

AT KINGS CINEMA,
KINGSBRIDGE

Thursday December 21st
TIME: Late Afternoon (TBC)

**FOR CHILDREN AGED
8 -13 YEARS OLD**
WHO ARE ENTITLED TO
BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS
PICK UP & DROP OFF FROM
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THE **BIG** STEP!

**LIMITED
SPACES**

DEVON
HAF
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

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Pupil Premium Information

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are a Looked-After Child (according to the Children Act 1989), or
- Have left care through adoption, special guardianship order (SGO), or child arrangement order (CAO)
- Have a member of the family in the armed forces
- Whose family are in receipt of a range of government benefits, entitling them to free school meals

Please inform the school if any of the above relates to your child and we are not already aware of this. Schools receive extra funding for every eligible pupil. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Pupil Premium is allocated separately to the free school meal programme. Your child may be eligible for one, but not the other. If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, your child will receive:

- free school meals throughout their schooling
- food vouchers to use in the school holidays
- free places at a range of holiday activity clubs

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM).

You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once. To register, please log on to the 'Citizen Portal' of the Devon County Council website.