

The Wolfreton Way Newsletter

Christmas Extra

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Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas

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As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, I want to thank you for your support throughout this term and year. We are pleased to share a special Christmas edition of 'The Wolfreton Way' newsletter, highlighting recent festive activities and giving you a closer insight into school life. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope the festive season brings time with loved ones and moments of joy. Thank you again for your continued support - we look forward to working with you in 2026.



Festive fun met community spirit today, as students proudly swapped their uniforms for colourful Christmas jumpers in support of the East Yorkshire Food Bank. The day was filled with an impressive display of festive fashion — from classic knits to bright, novelty designs that certainly brought smiles to everyone's faces.

More importantly, the Christmas Jumper Day was held to raise money for the East Yorkshire Food Bank, an organisation that provides vital support to individuals and families in our local community who are facing hardship. Thanks to the generosity of students, families, and staff, the event helped raise much-needed funds to support those who need it most, especially during the

challenging winter months.

Events like this remind us of the importance of kindness, compassion, and looking out for one another. By taking part, our students showed that even small actions can make a big difference and demonstrated a strong sense of social responsibility and community spirit.

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Year 7 Christmas Disco



We were delighted to launch our Christmas celebrations this week with the Year 7 Christmas Disco, which truly set a festive tone across the school. The hall was filled with Christmas cheer as students enjoyed fantastic dancing, lively music and a range of festive games that kept everyone entertained throughout the evening.

Adding to the excitement, awards were presented for *Best Dancers* and *Best Dressed*, celebrating both enthusiasm on the dance floor and some wonderfully

creative festive outfits. Laughter, smiles and an abundance of Christmas spirit made it a memorable night for our Year 7 students.

The disco provided a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate the season together, strengthen friendships and enjoy a well-earned break as Christmas approaches. The event would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and support of our dedicated staff, who generously gave their time to organise, supervise and create such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Thank you to everyone involved for helping to make the start of our Christmas festivities so special.



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Christmas Card Deliveries



This week, our Year 7 students embraced the true spirit of giving by hand-delivering Christmas cards throughout our local community. With smiling faces and kind words, they helped spread festive cheer and brighten the days of those they visited.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with the community and show compassion, generosity, and goodwill.

Thank you to all the students for showing such wonderful community spirit, and to Mrs Reed who made this initiative a success!



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Christmas Card Competition

A huge thank you to all the students who entered our Christmas Card Competition this year, we were so impressed by the creativity and effort shown in every entry.

Congratulations to our winner, Ruby in Year 9. Ruby's fantastic design will be featured as this year's winning Christmas Card.

Well done Ruby!



Christmas Showcase



Our Christmas Showcase, held on Tuesday 17 December, evening was filled with festive cheer.

The event celebrated the talent and dedication of both our students and staff, bringing the school community

together to mark the end of a busy year.

The programme featured a wide variety of performances, including vocal items and instrumental pieces from talented string players, pianists and guitarists. A highlight of the evening was the Year 7 medley, which saw over 60 students take to

the stage to perform a lively *Disney Dazzle* and *Christmas Medley*, delighting the audience with their enthusiasm and teamwork.

A big thank you goes to our Performing Arts team for all their hard work in organising and supporting the showcase.

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Christmas Stocking Tradition

One of our most cherished Christmas traditions is the creation of festive stockings by each tutor and their tutor group. Every year, these stockings are carefully designed, decorated, and displayed around the forum, transforming the space into a vibrant celebration of creativity, teamwork, and seasonal cheer.

This year has been no exception. Once again, we have been treated to a wonderful array of imaginative and eye-catching designs, each reflecting the unique personality and spirit of the tutor groups who created them. From colourful themes to thoughtful details, the effort and enthusiasm on display have truly captured the magic of the season. Here are just a few examples of the fantastic work on show.

This year, we were also delighted to invite our wider community to join

in, so a special well done to Priory Primary School, Willerby and Kirkella Pre-School, Springboard Nursery and Willersley House Care Home for taking part and adding to the festive fun.

A huge thank you to all our staff and students for getting involved and helping to keep this much-loved tradition alive. Your creativity and collaboration have brought warmth and joy to our community this Christmas.



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Christmas Dinner



On Wednesday 17 December, the Forum was transformed for our much-anticipated annual Christmas dinner, welcoming hundreds of students for a festive celebration. The event was filled with seasonal cheer and a lively, joyful atmosphere as students came together to enjoy the occasion.

We extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated kitchen team, whose hard work and commitment ensured the smooth running of the event. Appreciation also goes to all staff working behind the scenes; their organisation and teamwork played a vital role in creating such a warm and welcoming experience.

The success of the event was a true reflection of the strong sense of community within our school, making it a memorable celebration for everyone involved.



Festive Feasts in the Sixth Form



The Christmas celebrations continued in fine style in the Sixth Form, where festive cheer was very much on the menu.

A record-breaking number of Christmas meals were served, thanks to the hard work and organisation of Ali and her brilliant team of efficient helpers – Amber,

Amelia and Lexie! Their efforts ensured everything ran smoothly and that everyone was well fed and smiling.

Adding to the joyful atmosphere was a superb festive playlist, expertly curated by Summer, Hollie and Jessie which filled the Sixth Form area with seasonal tunes and set the perfect backdrop for the celebrations.



Hull Food Bank

Following a tutor-based session earlier in the Autumn term, during which students explored the importance of charity work both nationally and within our local area, our Sixth Form students have spent the past fortnight collecting food donations for the local foodbank to support members of our community in need.

The collection took place across both Wolfreton and Hessle Sixth Form campuses, with students and staff alike showing great generosity through their contributions. Our Head Students will be delivering the donated items to the local foodbank, where they will be gratefully received and used to support the vital work they do within our local community.

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UK Panathlon Bowling Competition

Wolfreton enjoyed a fantastic morning at Hollywood Bowl this week, as two teams proudly represented the school in the UK Panathlon Bowling Competition. Both teams displayed outstanding teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event.

Mr Marshall reported that the girls' team bowled brilliantly, showcasing great consistency, enthusiasm and improvement across their games. Their positive attitude and support for one another made them stand out and reflected the true spirit of the competition.

The boys' team went even further, delivering an exceptional performance that earned them 2nd place overall in the entire event—an incredible achievement against strong competition.

A special highlight of the day came from Oliver in Year 9, who achieved the highest individual score in the whole competition, with 143. His remarkable effort was recognised with a special award, rounding off a very proud moment for both Oliver and the school.

Overall, it was a superb morning filled with achievement, teamwork and celebration. A huge well done to all our students who took part—they represented Wolfreton brilliantly.

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Year 7 Football Team

Wolfreton's Year 7 football team delivered a heart-stopping performance this week, securing their passage into the 6th Round of the National Cup after a tense and dramatic 3-2 victory over Malet Lambert School.

Mr Rowe reported that the match began brightly for Wolfreton, who managed to seize an early advantage, taking the 1-0 lead. However, the early goal seemed to prompt a period of defending allowing Malet Lambert to find their rhythm and take control of the football. Malet's pressure eventually paid off in the final minutes of the half. With the clock ticking down, they were awarded a penalty, which was coolly converted to level the scores at 1-1.

The equaliser served as a wake-up call for the Wolfreton side. They immediately "kicked into gear" and started to dominate possession and territory. Their renewed intensity was rewarded almost instantly. Just before the half-time whistle blew, Wolfreton found the net again, snatching a crucial 2-1 lead going into the break.

The confidence gained from the late first-half goal carried over into the second period. Wolfreton returned to the pitch focused and composed, taking complete control of the game. Their dominance was not long in being reflected on the scoreboard, as they scored a deserved third goal to stretch their lead to 3-1.

With a two-goal cushion, Wolfreton seemed destined for a comfortable victory. However, football rarely follows the script. With 10 minutes

left on the clock, Malet Lambert launched a swift breakaway attack, culminating in a well-taken goal to make the score 3-2.

This victory is a monumental achievement for the Year 7 squad, demonstrating not only their attacking quality but also their incredible resolve in the face of pressure in such a tense game.

It has been a fantastic term for Wolfreton boys football team. The boys' teams have been exceptionally busy, playing over 40 matches so far this term!

A huge thank goes to Mr Rowe and Mr Slater for all the time and dedication they have put into taking the football teams.

House Points

All rewards earned by each House since the start of the year.



168,996



182,076



159,667



174,069



181,821

**Total House
Points
866,629**

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, topping Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

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Key dates

Friday 19 December 2025.....School Closes at 1.45pm
Tuesday 6 January 2026.....School Reopens to students

Have your contact details changed?

If you have changed any contact details such as home address, mobile number, email etc. this must be updated on the Arbor Parent Portal so we can ensure our system is up to date and can remain in contact with you.