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The children have been learning all about being "great mates" for anti-bullying week. We have talked about how to talk to a trusted adult if something happens that they don't like or feel uncomfortable about. Look out for the **"Great Mates"** certificates this week, which have been chosen by the children. This is a very special certificate!



**Mrs Marshall**

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS MARSHALL

- This week has been anti-bullying week. The children talked in class and had an assembly to support talking about being a good friend.
- It is important that children talk to trusted adults at home or school about their worries.
- Bullying is always investigated at school and measures put in place to resolve any issues.
- We use simple language to explain bullying to our children:
- STOP = Several Times on Purpose
- STOP = Start Telling Other People
- We want all our children to feel safe and secure in school.
- In our recent pupil survey, 94% of the children felt safe all of the time and just four children felt safe most of the time. We have followed up with individual children to find out when and where they weren't feeling safe to resolve any worries.
- In our recent parent survey, 96% felt that their children were safe all of the time.
- We had 145 responses to our parent survey. We are very grateful for the feedback.
- 100% of our parents would recommend our school from our school survey data.

## Apply for a school place at INIS

Please use the parent portal for North Northants to apply for your child's place before 15th January. **Click here** to sign up to the portal.




- Please be aware that the school vehicle gates are not open after school for entry onto the school site for club pick-ups.
- Thank you to those parents who attended our English workshops. We hope that you have enjoyed—or will enjoy—seeing the lessons in action. You are welcome to email the class email addresses with any questions you may have.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school in a warm coat and shoes suitable for winter weather. We encourage outdoor time every day.

## UPCOMING DATES

- **23rd November 2.15pm & 6pm -** Maths workshop for Reception, Year One and Year Two. Please sign up on Arbor.
- **Wednesday 2nd December -** Ensure Christmas lunch is booked! Teachers serve the children!
- **Monday 7th Dec**- Choir to sing in the Library
- **Wednesday 9th Dec**- Christmas lunch
- **Thursday 10th Dec**- Santa's Grotto. Please join us for this community event.
- **Friday 18th December -** End of term
- **Tuesday 5th January -** Beginning of term
- **Wed 27th January 9.10am and 5.45pm -** Nursery Workshop for early language and maths.
- **New Parent visits for Children starting September 2026**
- 1.30pm Monday 23rd November
- 5pm Tuesday 1st December
- 10am Wednesday 13th January
- We look forward to showing parents our wonderful school.
- If you would like to arrange a visit to view the school, please check out our website for dates or phone the school office.

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Let's celebrate our differences and uniqueness! The children loved wearing and talking about their odd socks! There were some amazing colours and styles!



## Safeguarding Support

We are here to help. You can contact any member of our school safeguarding team on our usual school number: 01933 654900.

**If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen.**
**Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.**


Mrs Parsons-Moore


Mrs Luke


Mrs Marshall


Mrs Cummins


Mrs Richardson

**If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.**




## Remembrance

We are so proud of our children who took part in our remembrance events at school through assemblies and lessons, and in the community at the church and at the war memorial. At INIS, we feel it is important to take part in local events where possible and certainly talk to our children about world events.
The singing at the church was amazing from our choir. They worked hard on three songs, one of which was sung with the IJS choir.











## Anxiety workshop

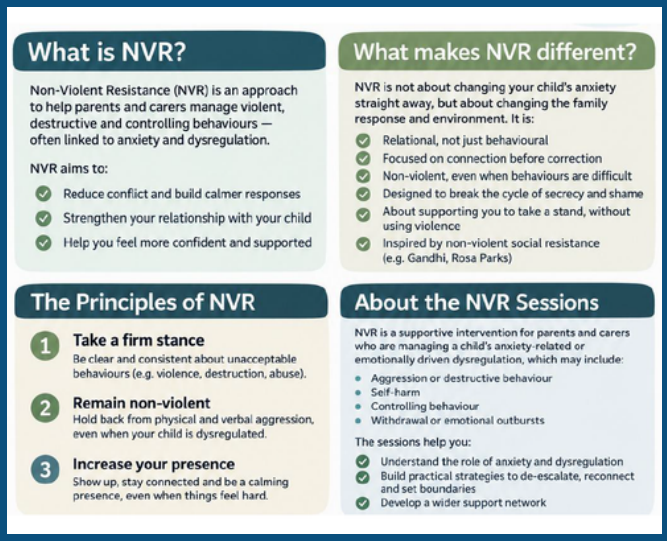
We had a really supportive anxiety workshop at school this week from our Mental Health Support Team. The team are looking at supporting parents with other areas. We had a few parents asking for more support with behaviour at home in the parent survey, so they are going to run a general session on supporting children's behaviour on **Tuesday 19th January 2027.** If you would like to sign up, please phone the school office—or if there is other support you would like to see offered in school, please let us know.



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## Supporting behaviour at home

**Our Mental Health Support Team** are interested in running a Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) behaviour support course which supports parents and carers to use calm, non-escalatory ways to manage aggressive, controlling, destructive, or high-anxiety behaviour in children. For more information, pop into the office for a flyer or phone and ask for one to be emailed to you. Our family workers also have information about the course. We haven't set any dates for the course yet as we are gauging interest. It is likely to be held in the IJS annex and each session is about 90 minutes long.




## PTA news

Our new PTA is organising our visit from Father Christmas. He has been invited and our team of PTA elves are starting to plan all the events. The letter to book your child's visit will be in their book bags. We have lots of events included in the ticket price to ensure it remains good value for money and can be a real community event.

The PTA are looking to support one of our biggest projects ever. We are looking to move our library into our old IT suite. We believe that it is vital for all children to learn to read and to enjoy books. We will be revamping our books but also have a great space for teachers, children and families to use together.

Having a wonderful visit to Santa will help to support our library campaign.

## SEND Information Report

At INIS, we want every child to feel happy, supported and able to reach their full potential.

Our SEND Information Report explains how we identify and support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and how we work together with families to help every child succeed.

Many children may need extra support at different points in their school journey. This support is known as Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) and is available as part of everyday school life.

At INIS, this includes:

- High-quality teaching that is carefully adapted to meet children's needs
- Skilled teachers and teaching assistants who provide additional support and scaffolding
- Phonics, reading and maths interventions
- Speech and language support
- Lego Therapy and Drawing & Talking sessions
- A Thrive Practitioner
- Fidget tools and wobble cushions to support focus and regulation
- A caring, inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported
- A sports mentor

If you would like to find out more about how we support children at INIS, please speak to your child's teacher.

**Click here to find out more.**

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**Nature area visits**

Our Reception children have started visiting our nature area. They will have the opportunity to explore, engage and learn about nature around them. We are very lucky to have such a great space to use so close to school. The area is in our fenced area just next to the recreational area.

**Kindness at INIS**

We are proud of our kindness ambassadors, who organised our Children in Need and Kindness Day. Teachers talked to our children about the importance of showing kindness at home and at school.

The kindness ambassadors follow a programme with Miss Basnett, and meet with children from other schools online to plan events and learn more about how to promote kindness in our community.

They hope you loved your kindness hearts!



We have had **two donations so far** on our 52 Lives charity page. Please find the link if you would like to give a little and support this charity, which helps our school. **Click here to give to 52 lives.**

52 Lives is a charity that aims to change someone's life every week of the year and spread kindness. It is based on the simple premise that people are good, and lots of good people working together can achieve amazing things. We believe that kindness has the power to change people's lives, strengthen communities and ultimately change the world - while improving our own wellbeing at the same time.




We were splitting our charity donations with the **Children in Need** charity if you would like to donate to that charity, please **follow this link.**

Come and find out more about maths at INIS at our workshop on 23rd November.

If you would like more information about this approach, please follow **this link.**




# MY CHRISTMAS WISH 2026

DEC 12-13

DONATE

FOR DESERVING FAMILIES IN THE RUSHDEN & WELLINGBOROUGH AREA

DONATIONS WELCOME AT OUR DROP OFF POINTS BY 10TH DEC:

SIMPSON & WEEKLEY ESTATE AGENTS (DURING OFFICE HOURS)
HIGH STREET, RUSHDEN OR 33 SHEEP STREET, WELLINGBOROUGH

RUSHDEN & IRTHLINGBOROUGH LIBRARIES
NEWTON ROAD, RUSHDEN OR HIGH STREET, IRTHLINGBOROUGH

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY DESERVING FAMILIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE TO RECIEVE GIFTS, PLEASE EMAIL: MYCHRISTMASWISH.ORG@GMAIL.COM

FIND OUT MORE AT: WWW.MYCHRISTMASWISH.ORG.UK

# OWLS NURSERY

A fantastic start for every little learner

A warm welcome to our teacher led learning environment for children who are aged three now or who would like to put their child's name down for a space in the future.

**SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!**
Come and be part of our friendly nursery family.

**WE CAN SUPPORT WITH FREE NURSERY HOURS**
Helping your child learn, grow and thrive.

**WE OFFER UP TO 30 HOURS PER WEEK**
Flexible sessions to suit your family.

**LEARNING ADVENTURES BOTH INSIDE AND OUT!**
From creative play and early learning, to outdoor exploration and messy fun, children enjoy exciting experiences every day.

**HIGHLY TRAINED, PASSIONATE STAFF**
Dedicated to ensuring every child feels safe, happy and valued.

**HAPPY CHILDREN THRIVE AT OWLS NURSERY!**
Where every day is full of smiles, discoveries and fun!

CALL US TODAY TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO OUR SETTING 01933 654900

To prevent painful tooth decay, brush all of your child's teeth twice a day

Shine Bright

# Help your child care for their milk teeth

to give them a healthy smile for life!

## Did you know?

- Good oral health is important for a strong start in life, helping children smile with confidence, speak clearly and make friends.
- It's important to look after your child's milk teeth, as these help adult teeth grow strong.
- Sadly, about a quarter of 5-year-olds across the UK have had experience of visible tooth decay*.
- And tooth decay is the main reason why 5-9-year-olds are admitted to hospital**.

* National Dental Epidemiology Oral Health Surveys for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, 2019-2024
** NHS Digital, 2022-23

## Top tips to prevent tooth decay

**Supervise your child's toothbrushing until they are at least 7.** It can be hard to brush all surfaces of all teeth. Encourage your child by brushing your teeth at the same time.

**Use a fluoride toothpaste.** Fluoride helps shield teeth and protect them from acid.

**Visit the dentist regularly.** This helps catch problems early, to keep your child's teeth healthy for life.

**Be playful with the Shine Bright song.** Download the free Brush DJ app and make toothbrushing fun!

SCAN ME FOR THE BRUSH DJ APP

Brush DJ

Brush when you wake

Brush before bed

## How to brush your child's teeth

**Step 1**
Pop a pea-sized blob of toothpaste on your child's brush.

**Step 2**
Gently brush the outside, the whole way around using small circles.

**Step 3**
Open wide! Brush the surfaces that crunch. Slowly does it!

**Step 4**
Next, gently brush all inside surfaces, top and bottom.

**Step 5**
Spit, don't rinse! Keep the fluoride shield on the teeth.

For more resources, search online for *'Aquafresh Shine Bright'*.

# Solihull Approach Programme

**A friendly and supportive 10-week programme for parents and carers**

Join us for a welcoming group where we will explore children's behaviour, feelings and development, and gain practical strategies for everyday life.

## WHEN?

**Tuesdays**

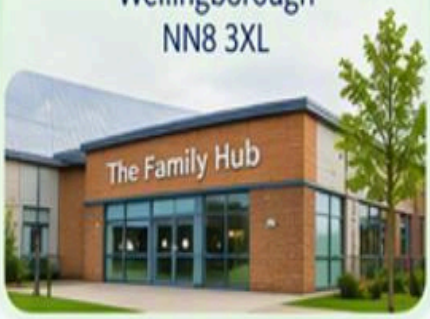
**9:30am – 11:30am**

**Starting**
**Tuesday 5th January 2027**

Weekly sessions over 10 weeks.

## WHERE?

**The Family Hub**
Penrith Drive Children's Centre
Penrith Drive
Wellingborough
NN8 3XL




## GROUP DATES
(Term time only)

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|---|---|
| 5th January 2027 | 9th February 2027 |
| 12th January 2027 | 23rd February 2027 |
| 19th January 2027 | 2nd March 2027 |
| 26th January 2027 | 9th March 2027 |
| 2nd February 2027 | 16th March 2027 |

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- A relaxed and welcoming atmosphere
- A small, supportive group of parents and carers
- Opportunities to share ideas and ask questions
- Practical strategies for everyday life
- A confidential space
- No pressure to speak if you don't want to – listening is fine too!

## REFRESHMENTS

Free tea and coffee will be provided.

Please feel free to bring along any **nut-free** food or snacks you would like to enjoy during the break.

## GETTING HERE

- Free on-site parking, including accessible spaces.
- Additional free on-street parking nearby (please note any permit-only areas and/or time restrictions).
- Local bus services and taxis are nearby. The closest bus stop is the 'Queensway' bus stop, approximately a 5-minute walk away.
- Please arrive around 15 minutes early to help yourself to a drink and make yourself comfy before we begin.

## Delivered by the SEND Support Service

Supporting children, young people and families across North Northamptonshire

North Northamptonshire Council

SEND SUPPORT SERVICE
School Age Team
5 to 19 years

**Scan to book or follow the link below.**

Wellingborough Family Hub | North Northamptonshire Family Hubs