

# Brookside Academy – The Willows

## Newsletter – Friday 6th December 2024



The Value we are focusing on this term is **Resilience**.

Dear Parents/Carers,

'Tis the season to be jolly!!'

Christmas is upon us and the children are beginning to prepare for the Christmas festivities. We have nearly completed our first term of this academic year and what a busy term it has been. The children are busy composing class Christmas performances which they will perform to parents on the dates below. Some of these performances are being filmed so that if you miss the performances on the day, you will be able to see it again during our Christmas creative afternoon.

### Dates for the diary

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day



#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Early Years Christmas Nativity (**Swifts**)



#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performances at Millfield School (an email was sent yesterday regarding further information about these). Here is a reminder about the timings of the performances:

**Toucans, Kingfishers and Jays** – performing (alongside the mainstream children) **5.45-6.30pm**

**Robins** – performing (alongside the mainstream children) **7.00-7.45pm**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BOOK A SEAT through our booking system; we would love to see as many of you as possible at the performances:** <https://brookside.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Willows Christmas Creative afternoon (an email with further details will be sent within the next week) please book your place through our booking system: <https://brookside.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The children can wear a Christmas item to school, if they wish e.g. a Christmas jumper, hat, etc.

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm

The Willows Christmas Party. Children can come into school in their party clothes, if they wish.

# WISE Up Workshops

## New Wise-Up Workshops 2024-2025

Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can mean situations arise which are challenging. [Somerset Parent Carer Forum](#) have created a range of workshops based on topics parents have expressed would be helpful – [workshops for Information, Support and Education \(WISE\)](#).

All the workshops will be delivered or co-delivered by someone with lived experience of being a parent carer. Alongside this there will be a range of information workshops both face to face and online. Thank you to NHS Somerset for funding the program and to the organisations who are supporting the delivery.

If you feel nervous about attending any of the Workshops, please give Somerset Parent Carer Forum a phone call on **07543 680 395** and they will arrange for their parent carer representative, who will be at the session, to talk to you beforehand so you will know someone. Everyone attending will be parent carers who are experiencing similar challenges.

Bookings for the workshops are being managed by Somerset Parent Carer Forum. You don't need to be a member of the forum to attend but will need to be added to their database to enable your booking details to be secure.

To find out more information and book your space please see the link below

[WISE Up Workshops - Link](#)



**WISE UP WORKSHOPS**

Empowering Parent  
Carers to succeed

*Festive Fun for All: Inclusive Christmas Activities from the  
Community Inclusion Activity Team*

[Calendar-xmas-2024.pdf - Link](#)