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# Foxdell Primary School

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

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## NEWSLETTER : Friday 25th October/ Autumn Term: Issue: 4

### Head Teacher's Corner

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of a very busy half term and I am really pleased with everything that has already gone on at Foxdell since September and how much the children have achieved.

Last week, the children in KS1 enjoyed the Riki Cycle show and they learned about recycling and looking after our environment. We also held our Harvest Assemblies at each site and Reverend David Kesterton from St Peter's Church joined us. Thank you to all our families for your generous donations. These were collected by Luton Food Bank this week.

All classes also engaged with the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies to help them to understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in an age appropriate way. Children were taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. Please refer to the NSPCC information letter that was sent out last week for more information.

This month we have been thinking about Black History and we started this week with an assembly about celebrating differences. We spent time thinking about how we are similar and different to others and how each of us is unique.

Over the half term break, children may be spending more time than usual on their devices. Please help them to stay safe when using the internet and technology by making sure they are showing you what they are doing. We teach children to stay safe by never sharing any information with people they don't know, even if they say they are another child and always telling an adult about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. Please see the online safety page in our newsletters for tips on keeping children safe online. More information can also be found on <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and a very happy Diwali to all our families that will be celebrating. School will reopen on Tuesday 6th November to children.

Best wishes

Mrs R Nisar  
 Headteacher

Reminder to all Y6 parents and carers—make sure you have completed your secondary school applications online by Thursday 31 October. If you need help, come and speak to Mrs Ahmed at the junior Site.

Dates for the Diary:

**Monday 28th October – Monday 3rd November**  
 Half term break

**Tuesday 4th November**  
 Children Return to School

**Monday 11th November**  
 Anti Bullying Week

**Tuesday 12th November**  
 Odd Socks Day- wear odd socks to school

**Friday 15th November**  
 Racism Awareness day- Wear something Red to school

**Friday 15th November**  
 Open Day for Reception 2025



We will be selling poppies from Tuesday 5th to Monday 11th November.

Children in Need merchandise will be sold from Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th November.



Don't forget the Reading Cafe at the Infant Site- every Thursday morning in your child's class!



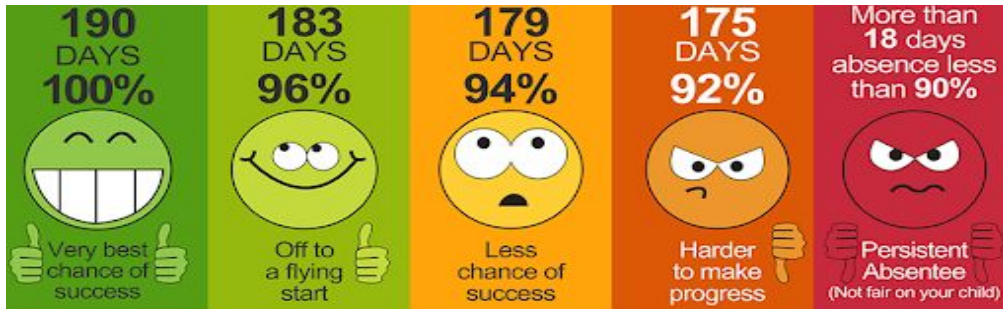
# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The new attendance guidelines came into place from 19th August 2024. More information and FAQs about attendance can be found on our school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/attendance-1/>

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

We are open for 190 days in a school year which equates to 380 sessions including the morning and afternoon registration.



**Our whole school attendance target is 96%**

The class with the best attendance each week wins the attendance trophy and receives a best attendance certificate. Children in Reception receive a lucky dip prize if they have 100% attendance for the week. Attendance for the last two weeks:

Class	Attendance WB 14.10.24	Attendance WB 21.10.24	Class	Attendance WB 14.10.24	Attendance WB 21.10.24	Class	Attendance WB 14.10.24	Attendance WB 07.10.24
Wrens	91.8%	89.8%	Badgers	93.4%	85.6%	Ash	99.2%	98.1%
Swifts	95.6%	89.9%	Hedgehogs	98.5%	94.4%	Ivy	96.7%	95%
Robins	97%	93.3%	Chestnuts	95.5%	90.3%	Cedar	94%	95.3%
Dragonflies	96.6%	87.6%	Acorns	98.3%	93.4%	Kestrels	98.5%	97.8%
Ladybirds	96%	94.3%	Pinecones	98.7%	99.7%	Kites	98.2%	97.9%
Butterflies	96.6%	96.9%	Beech	98.5%	96.2%	Eagles	99.6%	98.6%
Squirrels	95%	94.2%	Oak	97.2%	99.2%			



**Our Class H.E.R.O's for Week ending 18.10.24 and 25.10.24**

are:

**Infant Site: Hedgehogs & Butterflies**

**Junior Site: Eagles & Pinecones**

# STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to our STARS for the week ending 18.10.24 and 25.10.24

Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
			Hadiyah Abdullah Sophia Fatima	Saifullah Zahian Sebastian Afnaan	Zoraiz Amina Ayah Ridowan	Khadija Sirat Hafsa Sarah	Husayn Hania Sarib Khadija
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Daria Raees Ehan Samad	Maryam Rayaan Safa Ali Miraj M	Sarah Aryan Hilary Ismail	Hamza Daniyal Bilal S Rida Z	Hana Aadam Khadija Hassan	Iman Sultan Arhab Rayann	Irena Shayaan Rukayah Ibraheem	Amna Raffi Redah
		Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles		
		Rafay Aminah Zaroon Eesa	Ayaan Ubaid Anum Ibrahim	Anabia Stephen Rahaf Abdullah	Nawal Abdul S Hasan Sara		



Our Value for Autumn 1  
is

**Responsibility**

As part of Black History Month, we have been learning about our linked value  
**Caring**

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We can show we care by:

- Treating others with respect
- Giving them a compliment
- Understanding the feelings of others

## Invasion of the giant spiders!

Did you spot our hairy visitors this week?  
It seems that our mission to provide more habitats for wildlife around the school sites is working!

Don't worry, they are quite friendly and will be moving along to find their winter hideaway very soon!



# Around our School



With the support of **Andy and the Odd Socks**

**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on **TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**Odd Socks Day**

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to your teacher

#OddSocksDay  
#AntiBullyingWeek  
#ChooseRespect

Children can come to school wearing red on Friday 15th November in support of **Wear Red Day 2024 - Show Racism The Red Card**

I'M SUPPORTING



**STOCKWOOD ILLUMINATED SCHOOLS CHALLENGE**

This Winter, The Culture Trust Luton are offering local schools the opportunity to get involved in Stockwood Illuminated; an uplifting Winter light trail throughout December at our Discovery Centre!



Decorate a glass jar by:

- ★ Painting the inside of the jar
- ★ Using natural materials (leaves / twigs)
- ★ Crafting something to place inside
- ★ Sticking shadow shapes inside the jar

Make sure that you only decorate the inside of the jar and that your jar has a lid as it will be displayed outside and needs to be weatherproof.

Entries will be displayed in school, with the best entries then being taken to Stockwood Discovery Centre to be included in the Stockwood Illuminated Trail.

The trail will be open to visitors from Friday 13th to Tuesday 24th December.

## Stockwood Illuminated Jar Decorating Competition

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO:

Decorate the inside of a glass jar (with a lid) using recycled materials

The themes are:

Nature & Woodland

Animals in Winter

Or

Festivals of Light

Bring your decorated jar into school before

**Friday 29th November.**

Don't forget to put your first name and class on the bottom of the jar!



# Around our School



## Eco Schools



Your local environment needs you!

During the half term, could you be a good eco citizen and improve your local environment by going on a litter pick? Going on a litter pick means picking up rubbish in your local environment. Send a picture in ([admin@foxdellprimary.uk](mailto:admin@foxdellprimary.uk)) of you in action to be featured on X!

**Make sure you wear gloves and are accompanied by an adult.**



## Family Workers Corner



**ESOL Classes**  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

ESOL & ICT course for parents

Enrollment 9am, Monday 16th September – JUNIOR site



**MY FAMILY COACH**  
Powered by TEAM TEACH

We all have times when we need some parenting support. With My Family Coach, you get all the help you need.

Our help and ideas cover every stage of your child's development.

We'll support you through the tough times, inspire you with new ideas, and share practical tips to make parenting that little bit easier.

<https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

## Healthy Packed Lunches

Thank you to all our families who continue to provide their children with a healthy and nutritious packed lunch. Please be reminded that we are a healthy eating school and that the following items are **not permitted** in packed lunches:

- Nuts
- Chocolate/chocolate biscuits, sweets or doughnuts
- Large packets of crisps
- Fizzy drinks

Thank you for your continued support.



## Starting School/ High School in September 2025

If you have a child that is due to start school next September (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), the online application is now open on the Luton Borough Council's Website. Applications must be made by 15th January 2025. Please spread the word amongst the community for parents who have children of school age next year. Please note, our admissions are through Luton Borough Council and therefore forms cannot be submitted to the school.

If your child is starting **secondary school in September 2025**, the online application is also now open. **Parents with children in Year 6 have until 31st October to complete the online application.** You will need to apply via the Luton Borough council website.

Please refer to the starting school guide which can be found on our website:

<https://foxdell.secure-primarysite.net/transition-to-high-school/>

Details of high open days can be found in the starting school guide.

# Around our School

## Year R

In Reception we have been learning about Autumn and Diwali. The children have explored different Autumn vegetables and dissected pumpkins.

We have created our own glass lanterns using Rangoli patterns. The children have also dressed up to celebrate Diwali and performed our Rhyme of the Week on the stage.



## Year 1

This week, Year 1 went on a local walk to Dallow Downs. We looked at seasonal changes in our local environment and found an amazing variety of colours of leaves on our walk.

We also learnt about why the leaves have been changing colour. Though tiring, the children thoroughly enjoyed the walk!



## Year 2

In science, the children have been learning about different habitats. They have explored habitats such as polar regions, rainforests, deserts and woodlands. The children discussed their habitats and shared how adaptations can be made to a particular place. Finally, the children made habitats in shoe boxes to consolidate their knowledge.



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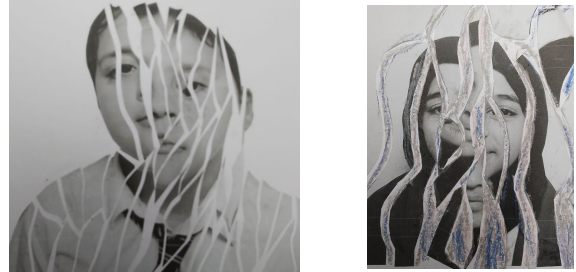
## Year 3

This half term, we have explored prehistoric art by recreating the style of early cave artists, using charcoal and natural pigments. We learned about ancient artists' methods and materials, gaining insight into artistic history and technique. We also experimented with colour mixing and created large-scale artworks, allowing us to enhance our creative skills while deepening our understanding of historical art practices.

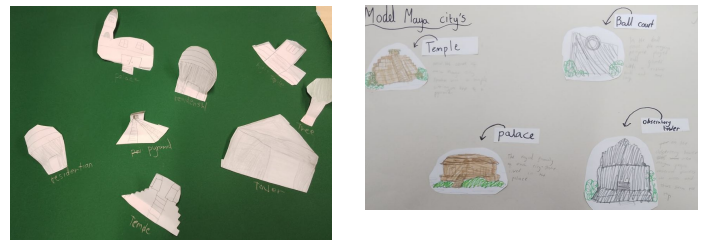


## Year 5

This half term, the children have been learning how to create self-portraits using a range of media.

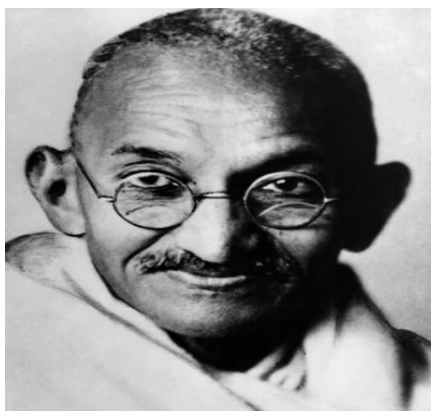


In history, the children have learnt all about the Maya civilisation. The children have enjoyed creating their own designs of Maya city states.



## Year 4

In RE, the children are focusing on Hinduism. They have learnt about the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, a significant figure in Hinduism. Through stories of his life, the children have explored key Hindu concepts such as non-violence and truth.



## Year 6

Over the last two weeks, Year 6 have been busy planning, preparing and creating memory boxes in Art to signify their achievements and core memories of primary school.

Children have also been writing a discussion text on whether school dinners should be compulsory for all pupils.



# Around our School

## Diwali Celebrations

On Thursday 24th October, Miss Rahman and two children from year 6, Manseerat and Saheejdeep, shared an assembly about Diwali. We learnt about the Hindu and Sikh beliefs about Diwali and how Diwali is celebrated. At lunchtime, we enjoyed a Diwali menu.

**Diwali** is one of the most important and **widely celebrated festivals in India** and many other parts of the world.

Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Newar Buddhists.



It is a five day festival that usually falls in October or November, depending on the lunar calendar.



Diwali is celebrated by wearing new traditional clothes, making food like pakor and asian sweets. At night, we usually light up candles and divas. We go to the Gurdwara to pray, where we light fireworks. Some people also light fireworks at home.

Saheejdeep (Kestrels)

In Sikhism, Diwali is known as Bandi Chhore Divas. The Sikh community gathers together and celebrates in the Gurdwara with fireworks, lamps and divas. A diva is a clay pot containing oil and cotton, which you light up. As for food, we eat chapati with daal and curry and lots of asian sweets. We wear presentable clothes and worship.

Manseerat (Kites)

This year it will be celebrated on Thursday 31st October

HAPPY DIWALI TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES

# Around our School

## Rangoli Competition Winners

Well done and thank you to all the children that took part in the Rangoli competition. We had some great entries. Look at our winning designs!



Abdur Raheem  
Swifts



Rabia  
Ladybirds



Eesa-Hedgehogs



Safa Ali- Chestnuts



Layla- Oak



Shiven- Cedar



Sumayah- Kites



## HOUSE TEAM WINNERS

**Radiant  
Rubies**

**Dynamic  
Diamonds**

**Spectacular  
Sapphires**

**Exemplary  
Emeralds**

**2481**

**2815**

**2859**

**2790**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Spectacular Sapphires - Winners for Autumn 1**

# Around our School

## Extreme Reading Challenge 2024

Thank you for the entries for the Extreme Reading Challenge this year. There were some fantastic and (very extreme!) attempts! We had some tough choices to make when choosing the winning entries. Well done for all for taking part!

# WINNERS



£5 Gift Vouchers for our winners!



Patricia-Butterflies



Arfa-Hedgehogs



Harlen- Hedgehogs



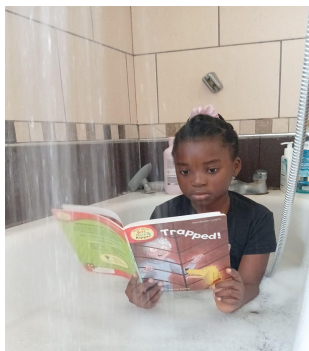
Sara -Kestrels



Taurab- Beech



Eesa-Robins



Favour- Acorns



Aizha- Ash



Maya- Oak



Sarim - Squirrels

# Around our School

## Bikeability- Years 5 and 6



This week children in Year 5 and 6 took part in cycle training with Bikeability. Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing.



**Bikeability**  
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century





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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

### CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

### FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

### PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

### CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

### REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

### DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

### Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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# Starting School 2025

## Is your child starting Reception in September 2025?

Come to our Open Day to find out about our school before you apply.

Apply online for a school place on:

<https://educationparentportal.luton.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Deadline: 15th January 2025



The poster features a colorful background with geometric shapes in orange, green, blue, pink, and purple. At the top left is the school logo, a spiral icon, followed by the text 'Foxdell Primary School'. The central focus is the text 'Reception Open Day' in large, bold, black letters, enclosed in a yellow hand-drawn circle. To the left of this circle is a glowing lightbulb icon, and to the right are two pencils. Below the main title, the date 'FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024' is written in black, and the time '9:30-11:00' is in a green circle. A red cross-shaped box contains the text 'VISIT OUR SCHOOL TO:'. To the right of this box is a list of three bullet points: 'See the day in action', 'Tour around the school', and 'Find out how to apply for September 2025'. Below the list, contact information is provided: 'Please contact the school to express your interest', 'admin@foxdellprimary.uk', and '01582 733764'. A line of text below that says 'For more information about our school, please visit our website:'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three diverse children (two girls and one boy) holding a green banner with the website 'WWW.FOXDELLPRIMARY.UK'. Other icons include a graduation cap, a globe, a pink notebook, and a red lunchbox with a yellow pencil case.

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# Reception Open Day

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024 **9:30-11:00**

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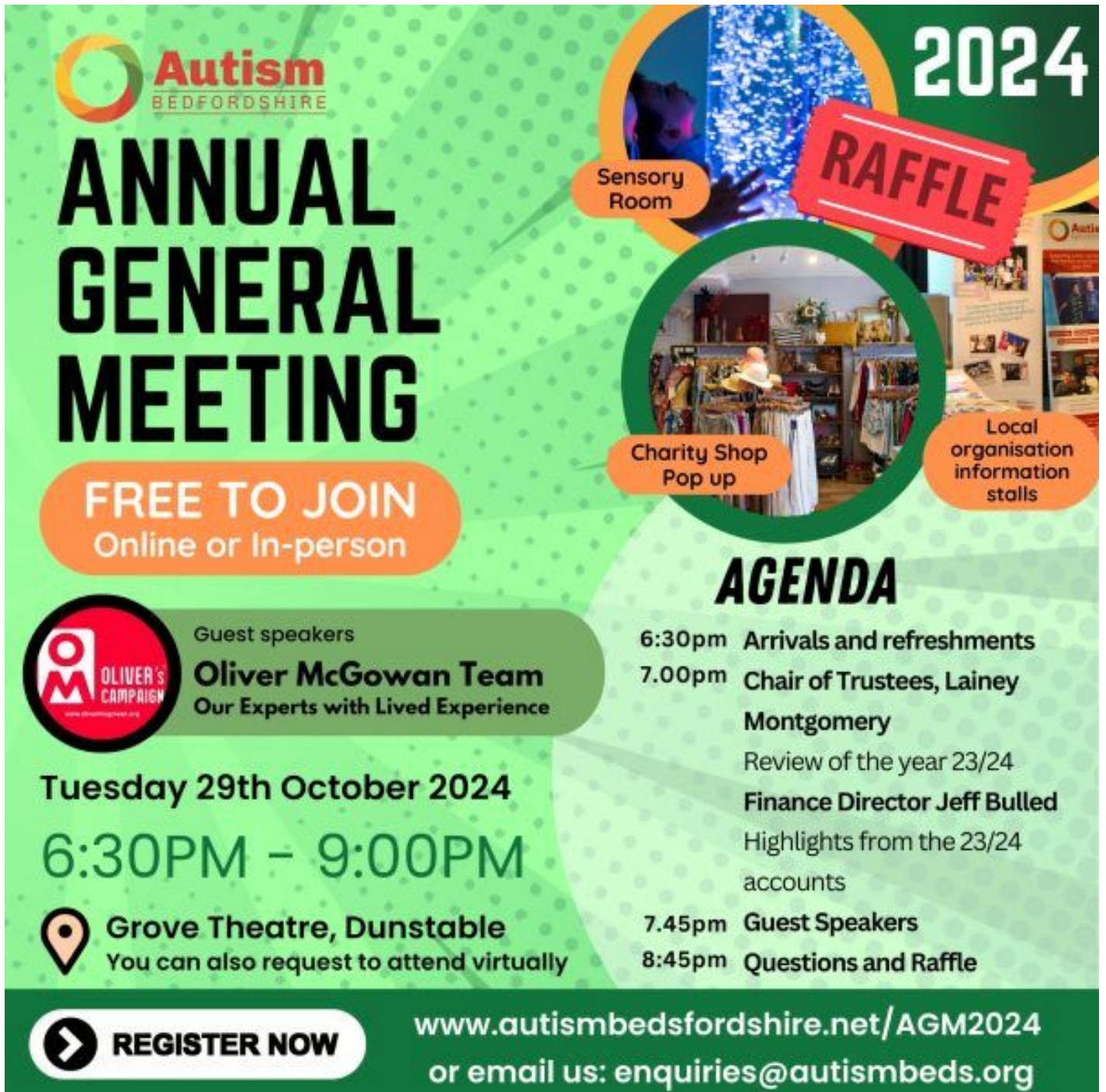
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# SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



**Autism**  
BEDFORDSHIRE

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**2024**

**RAFFLE**

Sensory Room

Charity Shop Pop up

Local organisation information stalls

**FREE TO JOIN**  
Online or In-person

**AGENDA**

6:30pm Arrivals and refreshments  
7.00pm Chair of Trustees, Lainey Montgomery  
Review of the year 23/24  
Finance Director Jeff Bulled  
Highlights from the 23/24 accounts  
7.45pm Guest Speakers  
8:45pm Questions and Raffle

**Guest speakers**  
**Oliver McGowan Team**  
Our Experts with Lived Experience

**OLIVER'S CAMPAIGN**  
www.olivermcgowan.org

**Tuesday 29th October 2024**  
**6:30PM – 9:00PM**

**Grove Theatre, Dunstable**  
You can also request to attend virtually

**REGISTER NOW**

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or email us: [enquiries@autismbeds.org](mailto:enquiries@autismbeds.org)

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