

Winter Challenge

Do you know your family tree?
Ask an older relative if they could help you create a family tree. See how far back you can go and what discoveries you can make!

(2 Hours)

Take a look on theimaginationtree.com and have a go at making homemade Snow Dough!
For extra credit see what snow related shapes you can make from it.

(1/2 Hours)

What festivals happen around the world? Find out what festivals people celebrate in different countries and cultures. Write a report, create a story board or draw a picture to show what and how these festivals are celebrated.

(1 Hour)

Imagine you are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position do you finish? (See answer below) Have a look online and see if you can crack the brainteasers. Have a go at creating your own brainteasers and test them out on your friends and family.

(1 Hour)

Use items from your home and outside to create an instrument. For extra credit, write a seasonal song to play on it.

(1/2 Hours)

Grab some straws and some pipe cleaners and have a go at making a geodesic dome from

babbledabbledo.com

(2 Hours)

For each challenge, we require evidence that it has been completed. This could be photos, videos, drawings, written reports, etc.—be as creative as you like! Evidence can be sent by email, post or to school who will send it on to us. Our details are:

childrensuniversity@wakefield.ac.uk

Wakefield Children's University

Wakefield College, Thunderhead Ridge, Glasshoughton, WF10 4UA

Upon receiving the evidence, we will issue you with a sticker showing the total hours gained. This can be added to the Passport to Learning. Please let us know if you would like your evidence returning to you. Please have your evidence to us by Friday 12th January 2018.

If you would like your photos featured in our next Parent/Carer Guide, please let us know when you send your evidence in.

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Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,



Welcome to the Winter update of the Wakefield Children's University.

We've seen a big increase in the number of children collecting Learning Hours this term so well done to you all. It's been great to see such a variety of learning taking place.

We are delighted to be able to welcome Stanley St Peter's C of E (VC) Primary School as a member of the Children's University. All pupils should now have their Passport to Learning and we hope you enjoy collecting Learning Hours this year!

Finally, with the Christmas holidays just around the corner, we have included some activities to help you plan your break.

I hope you enjoy our latest parent/carer guide.

James Pennington
Wakefield CU Manager



Winter Challenge 2017

Lots of CU members have taken part in our October Challenge and we hope you all enjoyed trying out the activities. The CU team tried the carnation & food colouring experiment over half term and while it didn't quite work for us, we've seen lots of member's photos where it has so well done to you!

We include different activities each time such as science experiments, arts and crafts, sport and nature. We love seeing all the evidence you send in and we've included some photos below.

If you would like to take part in the Winter Challenge you can pick up a challenge sheet from your school, find it on our Facebook page or send us an email and we can send you one directly.



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Winter Learning Destination Activities

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There's plenty happening across Wakefield this Christmas. Here are just a few suggestions of places to visit. Don't forget – you can always use your Passport to Learning in places outside of Wakefield. Just check with each activity provider beforehand to make sure they are a Learning Destination.

Theatre Royal Wakefield
www.theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk
 01924 211311 (Box Office)

Aladdin

Join us this festive season for a wondrous tale of genies, magic lamps, wishes and feisty princesses! When our plucky hero Aladdin finds a mysterious lamp he meets a genie and is transported into a world where wishes come true.



He teams up with a courageous princess and together they take on the wicked old sorcerer and discover an abundance of riches beyond their wildest dreams! Produced by Theatre Royal Wakefield's critically acclaimed team, Aladdin features fantastic sets, magical costumes and some of the best performers in the country. Don't miss this eagerly awaited pantomime from the creators of Cinderella, Dick Whittington and Sleeping Beauty.

Wakefield & Castleford Museums

www.facebook.com/wakefieldmuseum
wakefieldmuseumsandlibraries.blogspot.com

There's lots of activities taking place at both Wakefield and Castleford Museums this Christmas. Take a look at the list below or for full details see their website and Facebook page. Booking may be required for some events. All events are free unless otherwise stated.

Wakefield Museum

16th Dec: Victorian Father Christmas at Home (10am – 3pm)

Castleford Museum

16th Dec: Tree-mendous Decorations (10am – 3pm)
 18th Dec: DIY Gift Wrap (10am – 4:30pm)
 19th Dec: Colourful Cookies (10am – 4:30pm)
 21st Dec: Snow Globes! (10am – 4:30pm)
 22nd Dec: Christmas Decorations (10am – 4:30pm)
 23rd Dec: 1940's Christmas Celebration (10am – 3pm)

National Coal Mining Museum

www.ncm.org.uk
 01924 848806

Get your Christmas off to a magical start - come and visit Santa in his underground grotto! Santa is 140m underground this Christmas, greeting mini miners and their friends, so don't miss out on the Christmas fun. A unique experience for all the family to enjoy together.

Under 5's can go underground to visit Santa too. Booking is essential. To book a place please call 01924 848806. Available dates can be found on the website.

Nostell Priory

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nostell-priory-and-parkland/whats-on
 01924 863892
 18th – 20th December (1pm – 3pm)

Over the holidays Nostell Priory are offering you the chance to take part in outdoors activities, all of which can be included in your 50 Things booklet. On Monday plant winter veggies in the garden. Tuesday is your chance to make those last decorations for the tree - head to the adventure playgrounds to craft stars and mini trees from woodland treasures. On Wednesday, head out for an orienteering adventure, on foot, bike or scooter!

Events are free but normal admission prices apply for the venue. Don't forget to pick up a nature spotter sheet too to look out for winter wildlife.



New Learning Destinations!

We've added some new Learning Destinations recently and they all have plenty of activities on offer. We are validating all the time so keep an eye out in the next Parent/Carer Guide for even more new Learning Destinations

Shanks Waste Management

www.shanks-wakefield.co.uk/education

01977 624678

Oak Forest School & Wilderness Skills

www.oakforestschool.co.uk

07764869374

Wakefield School of Tennis

www.wakefieldschooloftennis.com

07715 627159

Wildcats Girls' Football

events@wakefield.ac.uk

5sport Holiday Camps

www.5sport.co.uk

07538690071

Company A Theatre

www.companyatheatre.com

bev@companyatheatre.com

All About Eve Dance Academy

www.allaboutevedance.co.uk

07977740471

Pontefract RUFC

www.pitchero.com/clubs/pontefractrufc

Sharlston Rovers Juniors

www.sharlstonroversjuniors.co.uk

Graduation 2018



We're pleased to announce that the 2018 Graduation Ceremony will take place over 2 days: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th June 2018. The ceremony will be held once again at the Theatre Royal Wakefield. Each school will attend one day only and we will let you know which day in the New Year.

Having the ceremony across 2 days means we will be able to invite more parents/carers to come and see their children graduate. We will also have use of the new Centre for Creativity at the theatre, meaning registration times should be reduced!

We're already hard at work planning the ceremony and we will provide you with more information in due course.



Very Merry
CHRISTMAS

and
HAPPY NEW YEAR