



Sunshine Family Centre Christmas Holiday Calendar

We welcome families who live in Furzton, Emerson Valley, Shenley Lodge, Shenley Church End, Shenley Wood, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park, Loughton and Loughton Lodge, Crownhill, Kingsmead, Whitehouse, Grange Farm, Oxley Park, Westcroft, Oakhill and Medbourne.

| Monday 22 nd December | Tuesday 23 rd December | Wednesday 24 th December | Thursday 25 th December | Friday 26 th December |
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| <p>10:00-11:00 Join the Sunshine team for festive Story, Songs and Rhymes at Westcroft Library</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Community Larder At The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse & our Community Café More info at: www.sofea.uk.com</p> | <p>10:00-11:30 Christmas Family Stay and Play Crafts, festive treats and songs!</p>  | <p>10:00-11:30 Drop in Café Enjoy a hot drink</p>  | <p>Christmas Day Centre closed</p>  | <p>Boxing Day Centre closed</p>  |
| Monday 29 th December | Tuesday 30 th December | Wednesday 31 st December | Thursday 1 st January | Friday 2 nd January |
| <p>Open for support Daisychain Family Centre MK3 6PS</p> | <p>Open for support Hedgerows Family Centre MK6 4NP</p> | <p>Open for support Saplings Family Centre MK2 2HB & Rainbow Family Centre MK13 7BQ</p> | <p>Happy New Year!</p>  | <p>HAF Pantomime For eligible families Bookings only</p> |

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Dates for the diary

School Tours
1st Tuesday of the month at 10.30am

KS 2 Production club carol concert
Monday 15th December 6pm
Tuesday 16th December 6pm

EYFS concert
Monday 15th December, Aston Class at 2pm
Tuesday 16th December, Pelton Class at 2pm

School Christmas Lunch 17th December

Last day of term - 19th December 1pm finish

Return to School Tuesday 6th January 2026

Thinking of giving your child a phone for Christmas?



The smartphone is **NOT** a perfect gift! What are the risks? Why Waiting Matters!

A smartphone and social media may **NOT** be the best Christmas present! Make sure you understand the risks as well as the benefits.

As Christmas gets closer, many children are dreaming of their first smartphone. It's a big deal. It shows they're becoming more independent and trustworthy. But before you get one wrapped up, it's important to think about what a smartphone really opens up, especially for younger children who are still figuring out how to handle friendships, feelings and the online world.

The latest research reveals that children aged 8-14 spend almost 3 hours online each day, mostly on smartphones. Even the youngest are telling researchers that they often see upsetting or confusing things online, and more and more are being exposed to adult content before they're ready. Social media platforms, many of which have age limits of 13 and above, keep younger children coming back through peer pressure, clever algorithms and features that keep them scrolling.

We all want our children to be safe, confident and happy. But giving them a smartphone too early puts them in situations they can't handle on their own: messages from strangers, friendship problems that spill into every hour of the day and content that changes how they see themselves and the world. Once a child has a smartphone, it becomes much harder to protect their sleep, attention and emotional space.

There will be plenty of time for smartphones as they grow. Childhood is short. Holding off, even for just one more year, gives your child the gift of time: time to grow, time to learn good habits, time to play, read, rest and be present in their real world.

This Christmas, the most loving answer might be the hardest one: not yet. Your child might not thank you today, but their future self will.

If you give your child a smartphone, please ensure you set up parental controls and add restrictions to what they can do.

Sourced from the Ofcom 2025 Online Nation Report



Pupil Achievement

Aarav from Volta class has successfully completed Stage 2 in Badminton via Shuttle stars, Badminton England's junior Programme.



Well done Aarav!

Year 2 Christmas Performances

Over the last two evenings, Year 2 have performed their show 'A Bundle of Joy'. All of the children were amazing! They sang their hearts out and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done Rutherford and Volta!



Learning Behaviours

At Caroline Haslett Primary School, we have 8 characters that help us remember the skills of an effective learner in all of our lessons.

Next week's character will be Charlie the Co-operative Camel. Encourage your child to practise the skills listed below and be like Charlie.

I Listen to others.
I ask when I don't understand.
I am kind when I disagree.
I explain things to help others.





At Caroline Haslett, we nurture a culture where every child can develop confidence, curiosity and a genuine love of maths. Our commitment to enriching learning experiences has now been formally recognised, and we are delighted to announce that we have been named a White Rose Champion School. This achievement celebrates the strength of our maths provision and our dedication to continual improvement. As a Champion School, we are part of a national network of schools who share a passion for excellence in maths education, and who work together to drive innovation, support teachers, and inspire children.

Digital Leaders

Our enthusiastic Year 6 Digital Leaders had an interesting morning at a BT Work Ready Bootcamp! The programme, designed to inspire the next generation, saw the children delve into the fast-paced world of digital and tech careers.

The bootcamp helped them understand how their digital skills link directly to real-world jobs, from Artificial Intelligence to Cybersecurity.



