



Move over Coldplay, its not just a sky full of stars at Woodlands... it's been week full of stars!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well the sun has shone for us this week and so have all the stars we have in school! As you will see in the next few pages, we have some incredible children at Woodlands from Star Readers, Writing Stars to children who shine in their out of school endeavours!



We had our 4R Stars putting on a fantastic performance for their families in their class assembly, Year 5 learning how to be star first aiders while Year 4 became stars of the Fire Service! Not only that but Year 3 were superstars on their trip to Walsall Art Gallery and we had our star children sharing their learning from the Spring Term in our Jigsaw Assembly—how much can we pack into one week at Woodlands?



There was great egg-citement in Reception on Monday when our live eggs were delivered and we are keenly keeping an eye on them as we await the arrival of our baby chicks! I do have a real soft spot for our little visitors so don't be surprised if you see me around school sporting a chick on my shoulder!!

What a fabulously shiny start to our Summer Term it has been—I can only imagine what else is in store for us all! Happy weekend to all our fabulous families & all the best to Year 4 who will be busy packing up their gear for their residential trip to Laches Wood!!

Mrs Jackson xx



Out of school achievers! Congratulations to:



Jude who was chosen as Parents Player of the Match in football and to top it off, scored a goal! Go Jude!

Nixon who was chosen as football Coaches' Player of the Match—fantastic!

Millie who danced her way to Liverpool for competition and was awarded 1st place for quad, 2nd place in Street, 3rd place for lyrical, 2nd place duet with Leela! Wow!

Leela who also danced away to Liverpool for her competition. 2nd place in Street, 3rd place for lyrical, 2nd place duet with Millie. A-maz-ing!

Amit who was awarded his junior yellow belt in Kickboxing which is his 2nd so far—

Finn who was awarded a certificate for Geokicks this week and is loving his group—boom!

Hero who has been training hard twice a week and has now achieved his green belt in kickboxing—fabulous!

Octavia who also danced off to Liverpool & was awarded first place in her competition—Strictly Come Dancing has some new professionals on the way!!





Star Readers for Spring Term!

Staff had the unenviable task of choosing one child from their class who had made exceptional progress in Reading during the Spring Term. Each child was celebrated in assembly on Monday and were given a copy of a class text to take home and treasure forever!

A huge congratulations goes to:

Francesa in Saplings

Jacob and Nellie in
Nursery

Octavia & Madison in
Y2

Jaycee-James & Amrit
in Y1

Hudson & Tommy in
Reception

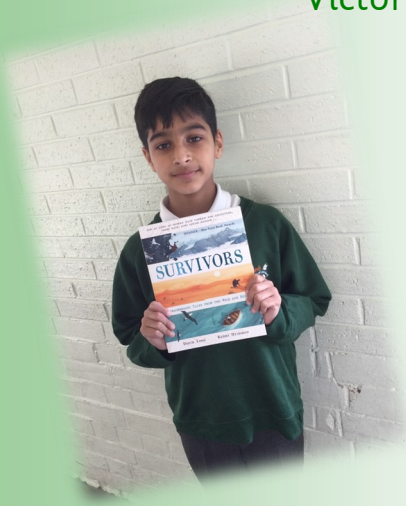




Our Ks2 Star Readers



Congratulations to
Victorious & Sophie in Y3, Emilia & Elyza in Y4,
Ollie & Nella in Y5



Zyaan & Dannielle in Y6



I AM A **CLEVER**
WRITER



A special well done to all of our 'Star Writers'
for this week!

If your child was chosen as a Star Writer this
week, please come and read their wonderful
work which will be displayed in the school foyer.



4R are Super Geographers!



4R wowed us with their knowledge of rivers with a wealth of facts and information on how rivers are formed and the names for different parts of a river. The vocabulary learned and information given was phenomenal. We even learned about our local river The River Tame; Queen Victoria ate a trout that had been caught there!

Fabulous job 4R!—Mrs Macpherson

Amazing Assemblies



During our Wednesday assembly this week, children shared their JIGSAW learning from last half term. The topic was 'Healthy Me'. Children talked about ways to keep ourselves healthy in our bodies, our relationships and our mind.

The children spoke so confidently about their learning and we reflected on ways that we could each become more healthy.

Egg-citing news in Reception!



The 'Live Egg's project is in full swing and we are very egg-cited to find out how many chicks we are going to bring into the world next week!!

They have been nice and snug in their incubator which moves them around twice a day to mimic the reality of the mama hen sitting on her eggs!

We have a special microscope to see which eggs have chicks inside and how well they are growing—it is very Scientific!



Watch this space for hatching news!



Year 5's First Aid Workshop

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Well done to Year 5
who undertook their
very own First Aid
training on Wednesday.
Everybody got stuck in
and learned a lot!



Year 3's visit to 'The New Art Gallery Walsall'.

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited the art gallery in Walsall. They had lots of fun learning about different artists and styles of art. They made sculptures using Mod rok in their workshop led by an artist. They sculpted animals using plasticine, sketched sculptures from different perspectives and visited lots of the different exhibitions around the gallery.

The New
Art Gallery
Walsall









WINNING CLASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE!

Well done to our children who arrive every day on time, before 8:50,
and so are ready for the important first lesson of the day.
Best classes during the last week who earn extra play time are:



Afternoon Nursery 100%

2CP 100%

4N 97.7%

Absolutely Fantastic!



The question of the week that we will
be discussing in school and that you can
discuss at home too:

Is it ever too late to try something new?



The Woodlands Value that
we will be focusing on this
week is:

Rise to the challenge!



Individual Liberty

Individual liberty gives us the freedom
to make our own life choices and pursue
new challenges. We are free to choose
our goals, which can shape our journey
throughout our lives.

**Can your child tell you about
the British Values?**



We use this handy reminder in school!

Summer uniform can now be worn.

This means children do not need to wear
a tie if they are wearing a polo shirt but
if they chose to wear a normal shirt then
a tie must be worn.

We have also noticed trainers creeping
back in, children should be wearing
school shoes to school. If children arrive
in trainers they will have to change into
black pumps during lesson times.

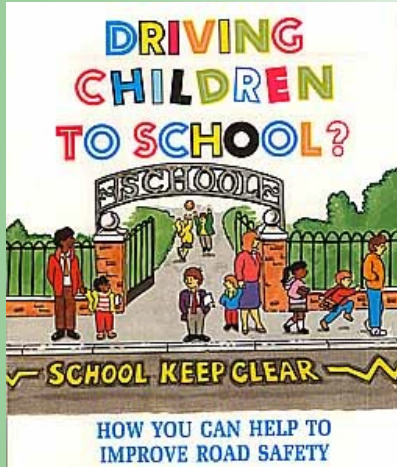
**Thank you to all our families for
supporting our uniform policy
so our children always look smart!**

Please find a link to our uniform policy on our
website:

<https://www.woodlands.walsall.sch.uk/school-uniform/>



Where possible, we encourage parents and children to walk to school. This is an ideal time for promoting exercise and healthy lifestyles as well as teaching road safety.



The roads around Woodlands are extremely busy and our children and families have a right to be safe as they walk to and from school. We have had a number of concerns raised about unsafe driving and poor parking along Hunts Lane which leaves our children at risk of serious injury. Parking on curbs where people are

walking and pushing pushchairs is dangerous and puts our families at risk.

We ask again that if you do park near school you do so legally and considerately! Thank you!



Nursery Dismissal

Our Nursery children do not finish their learning until 3:30 and we are aware that means some families are waiting for them near the Nursery ramp. Please do not allow children to run up and down the ramp, peer through the windows or climb and hang on the railings—our youngest children are finding this distracting and upsetting. We have to dismiss our children safely and we ask that siblings do not come up to the door and instead wait at the bottom of the ramp.

We would ask that all children stay with their grown ups —children running around cars and on the carpark are not safe so please do keep them with you! Thank you!

Dates on the horizon

Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood /

Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May Cake sale after school

Monday 4th May School closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Friday 8th May Online Safety Session for Y5 at Woodlands with PC Holownia

Monday 11th May Y6 SATs all week

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th May Reception trips to Tamworth Castle

Wednesday 20th May 10:00am New Reception Parent meeting

Thursday 21st May Y6 Geographical visit to the Beach

Thursday 21st May School closes at the end of the day for May half term

Friday 22nd May School closed to children Teacher Training Day

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May MAY HALF TERM

Monday 1st June Swimming starts for Y6, continues for three weeks

Tuesday 2nd June Y6 Parents Prom Committee mtg (2:15 start)

Wednesday 3rd June 10:00am New Nursery Parent Meeting

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th June Bikeability for children who are registered

Tuesday 9th June 3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)

Thursday 12th June Y6 Sponsored Silence

Week Beg Monday 15th June Transition Begins for two weeks - children working with their new teachers in their new classes for the mornings.

Monday 15th June Y6 Transition workshops led by PC Lally in school

Thursday 18th June Uniform stall

Friday 19th June Father's Day Bring & Buy Sale

Monday 22nd June Swimming starts for Y5, continues for three weeks

Uniform stall

Week Beg Monday 29th June Health & Fitness Week—children can wear sports wear or PE kit to school all week

Monday 29th June Y5 and 6 Sports Afternoon

Tuesday 30th June Y1 and 2 Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 1st July Y3 and 4 Sports Afternoon

Thursday 2nd July Nursery and Reception Sports Afternoon

Thursday 9th July Summer Sizzler

Uniform stall on site

Saturday 11th July Y6 Prom celebrations

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July Year 1 trips to the farm

Monday 13th July Parent Drop Ins

Thursday 16th July Year 6 Production





CAKE SALE

**WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL.
TO
FRIDAY 1ST MAY.**

**Cakes will be sold after school
on the main playground
All proceeds will go to the Year
6 Prom.**

**Thank you for your continued
support**

Year 6 Prom Committee



WALSALL KNIFE AWARENESS PROJECT
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YOUR STREETS.
YOUR FUTURE.**

Real talk. No judgement.

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Have your say. Be part of the change.
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<https://survey.fnbmentoringandcoaching.com/>
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Knife Crime Survey

Walsall are asking for your support in completing an important community survey focused on Knife Awareness.

<https://survey.fnbmentoringandcoaching.com/>

The questions have been shaped not only by national UK data but also by local evidence specific to Walsall, ensuring the survey reflects the realities and facts impacting our own communities. This work is especially timely given the publication of the government's new document, 'Protecting Lives, Building Hope:

A Plan to Halve Knife Crime' which sets out the government's national strategy to reduce knife crime by 50% through a coordinated focus on prevention, early intervention, enforcement and community led action.

Through conducting this piece of work, we aim to paint a clearer picture of how safe people feel in Walsall; the realities facing young people and the wider community and importantly, what additional support those in the community feel they need to increase opportunities to make things better as we move forward.

Family Hubs

Walsall are delighted to share that over **200 families** have now signed up to Best Start Family Hubs!

If you are a family who are expecting a baby or have a child aged five or under, please register using the link below:

□ [Book your activities now](#)

Families will need an email address to register. Once signed up, they can book and cancel activities, update their personal details, and manage bookings easily through the online portal.

Why register?

- Discover what free activities and courses are available at each hub and book onto them
- Receive news and updates about events, groups, and much more

Need help?

There are several ways to get in touch with the Family Hub team for support:

In person: Visit your nearest Best Start in Life Family Hub and speak to a member of the team

Website: www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk

Email: □ familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk

Facebook: @Walsallfamiliesintheknow



Register for Walsall Family Hubs

Expecting a baby or caring for a child under 5?
Complete a quick online registration to become a member of our Walsall Best Start in Life Family Hub!

Why register?

- Book FREE activities, courses, and support.
- Get updates about events, groups, childcare and so much more!

Need help?

Pop into your local Family Hub and speak to a member of the team.
We'll help you get registered and explain how your information is kept safe.
Or simply scan the QR code below to sign up today!

Scan here



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