

Dear Families,

the sun has been a welcome visitor at school this week and as you can see from the pictures below and on 'X', it has been shining on Year 4 too during their exciting adventures at Laches Wood.

We have been working on improving our First Aid Processes and you may have noticed a change in the way in which first aid incidents are reported to you. Hopefully the new forms will be a little clearer and easier to follow.

It has been wonderful during assembly over the last few weeks to see the children being celebrated for being Community Champions. It is always a treat to walk around the corridors, checking in with everyone and I am especially proud when I can give out one of these awards, as children show their amazing manners by; holding the door open for each other, stopping in the corridor to let people through, asking how someone's day has been, picking up objects to tidy our school, giving people compliments and my favourite, asking if they can help in any way (usually when I am wandering around with my laptop, books or a number of other objects in my hands, such a relief to have some help). Those house points boxes are certainly filling up quickly.



This week we have also been thinking of ways to support children in attending school more frequently, so you may hear the phrase 'Miss School, Miss What?' being uttered by staff, as we remind children of the wonderful things they will be missing if they are not in school. I for one would miss Singing Assembly the most. Next week why not ask your children what they would miss if they were not at school.

Have a wonderful Bank holiday weekend everyone, I really hope that the sun continues to shine.

Mrs Macpherson

Maths

Miss School

Miss What?

**Guitar
Lessons**

Trips

PE

**Special
jobs**

Pizza for lunch

friends

**Playing on
the field**

Out of school achievers! Congratulations to:



Tommy H gained a football award as Tommy's team progressed to the final and were winners.

Tobias received 'Player of the Match' for scoring a goal, and for his tackling and passing skills.

Nixon Won 'Parents 'Player of the Match' for being his team's top goal scorer.

Myah Took part in her dance show at the weekend, performing two dances and wearing her dance T-shirt with pride.

Alara Completed two dance exams in 'Street' and 'Freestyle', receiving a highly commended result for her efforts.

Oliver was awarded a medal from his manager in football. He won two matches, he made a fantastic contribution by saving four goals.

Ella H was awarded a certificate for freestyle rainbow in dance.

Evie T showed off her swimming certificate and badge for her skills including jumping in, gliding from the side of the pool and swimming to the bottom to collect an object.

You are all developing so many skills, keeping your minds and bodies healthy and nurturing your personalities and characters by engaging in these hobbies and pastimes.

**Fantastic out of school learning
Woodlands!**



Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Kristofers	For super engagement with his science learning with his class. Well done Kristofers! 😊
NAM	Frankie	Frankie has made outstanding progress in using Makaton signs to support her learning and is always asking to learn new signs, which she uses daily.
NPM	Macarie	Joining in with class discussions and using your Makaton signs to support your learning.
RG	Freya	Showing a great understanding of number bonds to 5.
RJ	Leonora	For super work in our Art lesson, working with others to create a collage! You spent time carefully gluing your pieces alongside your friends!
1W	Jayden L	For demonstrating excellent effort during his independent writing. Jayden used full stops and capital letters accurately and sequenced our story. The Extraordinary Gardener, correctly. Well done!
1E	Ronnie FH	Working <u>really hard</u> to share his understanding of plants and how to care for them in our Science lessons. 😊
2CP	Albie	Showing confidence with recognising coins and using them to make different amounts.
2D	Jacob	For taking pride in his presentation throughout his work. For taking his time to perfect his handwriting and make his work look beautiful. Well done!
3A	Everyone in Year 3	For creating fantastic sculptures out of ModRock on our trip to Walsall Art Gallery last week. They looked fantastic! Well done everyone 😊
3E		
4R	Sahil	Fabulous running stitch during our Art lesson on textiles. Well done.
4N	Jenson	Superb understanding of decimals. You can add them and identify tenths and hundredths.
5D	Oscar R	For demonstrating excellent curiosity, thoughtful thinking, and a strong commitment to learning by asking sensible and effective questions throughout the Year 5 First Aid Course. Well done Oscar 😊
5H	Leo W	For achieving an outstanding improvement of 41 extra marks in his Mathematics test papers.
6P	Arthur B	Working hard, showing determination and a positive attitude towards every challenge in Maths. We are extremely proud that Arthur has achieved Greater Depth in his Maths.
6H	Grace O	Her outstanding improvement across all recent assessments. Her dedication, perseverance, and commitment to her learning have been evident, and her hard work is truly paying off. Well done, Grace!

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!



Uniform Reminder

It is lovely to see children in their summer uniform now
that the sun is properly shining.

Please also ensure that children are wearing non-
branded items for PE as in the uniform policy

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

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



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

**Why do some people become so important to the
world?**



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

Enquire



Can your child tell you about
the British Values?
We use this handy reminder in
school!



The Year 4 Laches Wood Experience





Dates on the horizon

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
Monday 20th July	Last Day of term - Break up at normal time



The New Art Gallery Walsall

Family Programme

May – August 2026



LOOK INSIDE FOR OUR NEW WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY ART CLUB MINI MAKERS WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL YOUNG MASTERS

For information on future workshops follow us on Facebook and Instagram.
Share pictures of your fabulous creations with us!



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BUMPER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS EDITION

MAY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY ART CLUB

12-3pm

Ages 4+

Drop-in

Weekly art club for children and young people. Meet artists and creatives, learn to paint, print, sculpt, craft and more!

Arts & Travel

With thanks to Arts & Travel for their generous donation towards Sunday Art Club.

Donations allow us to offer free workshops to families throughout the year.

FREE



3 May: Simple Stitched Flowers

Learn to sew with wool and plastic needles



10 May: Pointilist Landscapes

Use dots, marks and dashes to paint stunning landscapes

17 May: Positive Printed Posters

Make a positive statement using foam letters to print a poster in support of Mental Health Awareness Week



24 May: Petal Prints

Print colourful patterns using plants and ink pads

31 May: Blow Painting

Using tubes and straws, blow paint across the page to make colourful abstract paintings



HALF-TERM

Bird Cage Thaumatrope

Tues 26 — Sun 31 May

Trick your eyes by making a simple optical illusion toy using card and string

All ages welcome. Drop-in. 10am - 4pm

FREE



MINI MAKERS

Toddler Tea Party

Tues 26 May

Use fine motor skills to cut, scrunch and stick colourful paper and tissue to decorate giant teacups and cakes. Also enjoy sensory play in our sand tray!

Ages 2-5. Drop-in. 11am - 1pm. £4



WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

Block Houses

Weds 27 May

Turn a wooden block into a house and add to our model village

Ages 4+. Drop-in. 11am - 3pm

JUNE/JULY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY ART CLUB

FREE



7 June: Spirit Animal Collage

Experiment with collage to create a wild hybrid animal



21 June: Junk Inventions

Have fun inventing an amazing thingamabob or a new kind of doodah using recycled materials



5 July: Tinted Photographs

Add a playful hint of colour to black and white photos using watercolour paints



19 July: Draw With Shadows

Play with light, shadows and hand gestures to create striking silhouettes



14 June: 3D Letter Shop Signs

Learn to make lettering bold and eye-catching then make your own shop sign



28 June: Mini Matchbox Suitcases

Pack-up your own tiny collaged case



12 July: Foil Embossed Patterns

Emboss metal foil with patterns inspired by South Asian truck art

26 July: Square Features

Draw 9 facial features to create a single artwork



WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

Ages 4+ Drop-in. 11am - 3pm.



Clay Hippos 22 July

Celebrate Walsall's famous hippo by making your own sculpture in clay



Animal Headbands 29 July

Look like your favourite animal by adding funky ears, antlers or horns to a headband

MINI MAKERS

Ages 2-5
Drop-in 11am - 1pm.
£4

Animal Clay Play 28 July

Mould, pinch and squeeze clay into fun animals just like our own Frisky the Dog. Also animal themed play in our sensory sand tray!



AUGUST ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY ART CLUB

FREE



2 Aug: Scrap Sketchbooks

Turn a collection of scrap papers into a usable sketchbook

9 Aug: Floral Sun Catchers

Make and take home a colourful summer sun catcher using pva glue



16 Aug: Saltdough Creations

Allergens: contains wheat

Roll, plait and make squashy shapes with traditional salt dough



23 Aug: Paper People

Collage and colour a whole outfit for a paper doll



30 Aug: Reverse Drawing

Create bold still lifes using black paper and white drawing materials



SUMMER HOLIDAY

FREE

Butterflies, Bugs & Moths

Tues 21 July — Sun 30 Aug

Get creative making a colourful bug using simple paper craft

All ages welcome. Drop-in. 10am - 4pm



Also see holiday listings for Young Masters Workshops overleaf

WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL

FREE

Ages 4+ Drop-in. 11am - 3pm.

Mosaic Medallions

5 Aug

Cut paper tiles in a variety of colours to design an exquisite mosaic medallion



Fish Masks

12 Aug

Use colourful scrap materials to create a fabulous fishy headpiece



Holiday Zines

19 Aug

Document your summer holiday in a fun and colourful collaged 'zine'



MINI MAKERS

Ages 2-5

Drop-in

11am - 1pm.

£4

Flower Sun Dials

11 Aug

Decorate a paper plate with paint and stickers and watch how your flower marks the hours. Have fun exploring the sensory sand tray!



YOUNG MASTERS

New fun, skills based workshops for aspiring young artists. Work with experts to explore processes and techniques in a range of art mediums, develop skills and create unique artworks with professional materials.

Ages 6+

Workshop 1: 11am - 12.30pm

Workshop 2: 1.30 - 3pm

£5 per child

Advance booking essential.

Numbers limited.



Thursday 28 May Slab Pot Houses

Inspired by the streets of Walsall, construct a small house from clay with artist Sam Mace. Master the technique of slab building pottery, learning how to build walls and cut out windows. Pop a tealight inside to add a warm homely glow.



Thursday 23 July Painting Still Life in Acrylics

Join artist Alex Fawson for this painting masterclass. Learn how to use colour and tone to describe 3D objects using acrylic paint, a variety of brushes and canvas board to create a beautiful still life painting.

Thursday 6 Aug Handy Plaster Casts



Join artist Benny Semp in this exciting workshop inspired by the sculptures of hands in our Collection. Explore a range of techniques in plaster casting then make a beautifully detailed cast of your own hand.

Thursday 20 Aug Colourful Coin Pouch



Work with Kate from Stitchety to create a practical felt pouch then personalise it using decorative stitches and colourful motifs. Pre-punched hole versions and plastic needles available for younger children.

CONNECTED

Multi-sensory music sessions for children with Additional Needs

Saturday 20 June

Join Nicola and Maisy from Fantastic Journeys in a session inspired by the exhibition *Fractured Landscapes and how we heal* on floor 4.

Taking the natural world as inspiration, this session will explore how engaging with nature can enrich our lives. There will be opportunities for music making, singing, dancing and playing. Expect instruments, multi-sensory props, tactile items and more. Be prepared to explore how we connect with nature.

These sessions are designed to deliver a life affirming, empowering and creative experience for children with Additional Needs.



FREE

12pm - 1pm: A lively session suitable for most children with additional needs

2pm - 3pm: A quieter session for children with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD) and/or complex support needs

Booking essential/places limited
(See back page for details)



BABY & ME

13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 12 Aug

10.30am - 12pm & 12.30 - 2pm

Ages 0-2. £4 per child

Booking essential

Multi-sensory sessions for
parents, carers & their babies



ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Now over 90 workshops to
discover! Available on our
website and YouTube channel



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your child's birthday with us!

Email robert.conway@walsall.gov.uk for more info

Spark
Young Writers

6 June, 4 July

Creative writing group
aimed at young people in
school years 3 - 6

10.30am - 12.30am

£10 per session (Free
places available)

Booking essential via
sparkwriters.org

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4.30pm

Sunday - 11am - 4pm

Closed Mondays and Bank Holidays

The New Art Gallery Walsall
Gallery Square, Walsall WS2 8LG

01922 654400

www.thenewartgallerywalsall.org.uk

SHOP

Our shop stocks a range of gallery
souvenirs, children's gifts and art materials

COSTA

Monday - Saturday 7.30am - 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30 - 4.30pm

We remind families that all children and
young people must be accompanied by a
parent or carer over the age of 18 for the
duration of our workshops

**TO BOOK: Call 01922 654400
or visit our reception**



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Accessible toilets on
ground floor & floors 1 & 4



Buggy Friendly



The lifts provide access to all floors



Our friendly, trained staff are always
available to provide assistance



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