

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and shorter working week – a special treat for us all!

Healthy Snacking

Our Phunky Food Ambassadors have been busy selecting the winners of the 'Snack Attack' poster competition – it was very tricky! Well done to all our children that participated. It is very exciting that Phunky Foods will be publishing two of the winning designs into glossy, enlarged posters that we can display in school to remind us all to make healthy choices.

Attendance and term time holidays

The six weeks holiday is fast approaching and the date we break up has changed. When we set the dates, back in July 2025, Walsall had set the final day as Tuesday 21st July, this has now changed to Monday 20th July so we have all gained an extra day of holiday!

It is that time of year when we all start planning time away, nothing beats a family holiday. A time to be together without the daily stresses and to have the opportunity of new places and new experiences.

It is tempting to take your child out of school for a cheaper holiday which we completely understand with such high costs in the summer holiday. However, I just wanted to remind our families of the government drive to increase attendance which means we cannot authorise holidays and it is likely to result in a fine. Please do pay the fine if it issued, Walsall will pursue costs and have taken some of our families to court when fines can escalate and include legal costs. One family has been fined £880.

Many families let us know that they are taking their child out of school for a holiday in term time which we absolutely appreciate. We also recognise that some families choose to not inform school of a term time holiday. I am afraid that if your child is absent for a few days then it will result in a home visit in order to see your child, if we believe you have been on holiday this will also result in a referral and potential fine.

Next week is SATs for Y6 – this means they will sit a core subject test every day under test conditions. Our children are ready and have been working extremely hard in partnership with the Y6 team. We wish all our children the best of luck and ask only that they try their best.

If you have some spare family time this weekend then a bluebell walk is a relaxing way to spend a few hours, Mrs Newton



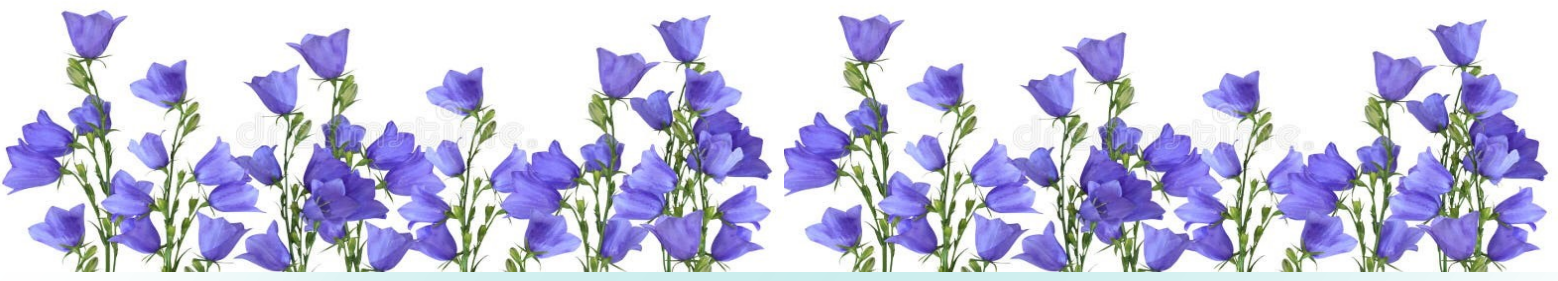
Snack Attack

Competition Winners

Evie C, Jaxson, Seraya,
Ellanna and Oscar

**These children won prizes
for their fabulous posters.**

**Seraya and Oscar's posters
were selected to be
professionally published**



WINNING CLASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE!

Well done to our children who arrive on time, before 8:50, and so are ready for the important first lesson of the day.

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‘Restrictive interventions, including use of reasonable force, in schools’

We have sent out a letter recently to all our families so you are informed about updated government guidance called restrictive interventions. We know this terminology sounds quite scary but please be reassured it isn't as scary as it sounds.

This guidance has been in place for a long time, it isn't new, the government has just updated aspects, including the terminology. High level restrictive intervention is absolutely the last resort and the last thing that any staff at Woodlands would want to do; we would only ever undertake to keep your child safe in a critical situation which is very rare.

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E-Scooters and E-bikes

Electric scooters and bikes have been in the news quite a lot recently. West Midlands Police have issued guidance that privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, parks, cycle lanes and any other public spaces. Any child riding such a scooter could have their scooter seized.

We have also received guidance from Walsall that has been discussed with Governors. We are in agreement that families cannot bring either e-scooters or e-bikes on site at Woodlands.

Also, a young child was hurt this week by an older child riding a normal scooter on the playground. Please ensure your children are not riding their bikes or scooters on the school site to keep everyone safe.

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

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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Picture News

11th - 17th May 2026



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Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Mehtab	For fantastic independent spelling of CVC words! Well done Mehtab! 😊
NAM	Reuben	Working hard on your writing to support your drawing about sunflowers. Keep up with your writing.
NPM	Fateh	Drawing five sunflowers and correctly labelling them with numbers 1-5 independently, to match our new nursery rhyme about sunflowers.
RG	Freya	For working hard to learn her number bond facts to 5.
RJ	Ayyan	For a huge improvement in your writing – you have made so much progress and grown in confidence- well done!!
1W	Rajeeve	For working hard to improve his handwriting. Rajeeve has been taking his time to ensure his letters sit on the line and his words are spaced accurately. Well done!
1E	Phoebe	For consistently trying her best to ensure that her handwriting is at its very best across all subject areas. Keep it up!
2CP	Mollie	Working hard to implement all of the skills that she has been taught into her independent tasks. Mollie always gives 100% to her learning.
2D	Daphne	For brilliant work during her English lessons, writing about Tad the tadpole. Using the skills she has learnt in class and phonics to create fantastic sentences. Well done Daphne!
3A	Sydney	For her fantastic fabric collage in art last week! Sydney worked hard to cut, stick and arrange the fabric to create a collage of a cat. Well done Sydney!
3E	Aisha	for her fantastic approach towards her learning. Aisha always puts 100% effort into everything she does and does it with a smile. Well done Aisha!
4R	All of Y4	For taking on new challenges both in school and at Laches Wood. You all demonstrated resilience and courage. Well done.
4N		
5D	Gurvur S	For creating a wonderful fact file on the Rosetta Stone. Your fact file was clear, detailed and showed a good understanding. Well done, Gurvir! 😊
5H	Henry	For demonstrating all your knowledge of the Rosetta Stone in a super fact file.
6P	Evie	For continuing to work hard across all subjects in preparation for our upcoming SATs. Her hard work is really shining through in her contributions in lessons and in the progress she is making.
6H	Imogen	For always being a fantastic role model. She demonstrates the correct learning attitude and always puts 100% effort in. Keep it up.

Dates on the horizon

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	6 Parents Prom Committee mtg (2:15 start)
Wednesday 3rd June	10:00am New Nursery Parent Meeting
Thursday 4th June	2:30 Healthy Snack Parent and Child Workshop for 3E
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th June	Bikeability for children who are registered
Tuesday 9th June	3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Thursday 11th June	2:30 Healthy Snack Parent and Child Workshop for 3A
Friday 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 (11 - 12)
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	1:45 Y5 and 6 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 30th June	1:45 Y1 and 2 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 1st July	1:45 Y3 and 4 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 2nd July	1:45 Nursery and Reception Sports Afternoon
Thursday 9th July	Summer Sizzler (Uniform stall on site)
Saturday 11th July	Y6 Prom performance and celebrations
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July	Year 1 trips to the farm
Monday 13th July	Parent Drop In - come and see your teacher and look through your child's books
Thursday 16th July	9:15 Year 6 Production and presentations
Monday 20th July	Last Day of term - Break up at normal time



Out of school achievers...

I think half of Woodlands were in Blackpool over the weekend dancing in a competition at The Winter Gardens!

They did wonderfully as they accumulated trophies, many medals and certificates.

Go Leela, Nelly, Octavia and Millie!

Carter has been practising his swimming skills and achieved his 5m swimming certificate.

Holly has also been working hard on her swimming and achieved her Stanley 5 and 6 swimming certificates.

Fantastic out of school Achievements!



Community Matters!

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AGE 2-5 YEARS

SUMMER 'READY TO LEARN' ADVENTURE PASSPORT

FREE

A fun Summer of Learning, Play & Adventure

Help your child get ready for school or childcare while having fun this summer!

What is the Summer Adventure Passport?
The Summer Adventure Passport offers free, fun activities for children aged 2-5 years to enjoy over the summer holidays. Complete activities together, collect stamps, and receive a FREE Ready to Learn bag, with chances to win prizes along the way.

Collect your passport from the 13th July 2026 from a Family Hub or Library

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Something fun is coming this summer...

✿ The Best Start Summer Passport is back! ✿

Designed especially for children aged 2-5 years, the Summer Passport is packed with playful activities to help little ones build confidence and get ready for school or childcare over the summer holidays.

👉 When you collect your passport and take part in the fun activities, families also receive a FREE Ready to Learn pack plus so much more!

👉 Collect your Summer Passport from a Family Hub or Library from 13 July 2026.

✿ And the fun doesn't stop there...
Your Summer Passport is just the beginning! Best Start Family Hubs are buzzing all year round with free activities and support for the whole family ♥

💖 Did you know?
Best Start Family Hubs offer a wide variety of free support and activities for families, including:

- Breastfeeding support groups
- Weekly stay and play sessions
- Sensory room hire
- Baby Massage & Sensory
- Parenting courses
- Speech and Language
- And so much more

All activities are free of charge for families in Walsall.

👉 To find out more take a look at what's on by visiting [Activities and Events | Walsall Family hubs](#) and register for FREE activities today!

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