

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week it has been! We're bursting with pride for our Year 6 children, who have met their SATs head-on with determination, positivity and teamwork. Well done to all! We are all so proud of you!

A huge thank you also goes to our wonderful families for your encouragement, calm early morning drops offs for SATs breakfast club and steady support throughout. Now it's time to celebrate!

We have seen lots of super science in action across Woodlands this week. The eggs have hatched in Reception and the chicks have arrived! They are just adorable!



Our super scientists in Year 2 have learned all about life cycles and have carefully observed their caterpillars changing into chrysalises and then they saw metamorphosis in action as they transformed into beautiful butterflies!

This week has seen a mixture of weather! Hopefully, the sunshine from today lasts over the weekend and you have a lovely relaxing weekend, a fun treat or a well-earned rest.

Miss Edmunds

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Please be aware that it has been brought to our attention that there have been reports in the UK of children being encouraged to microwave squishy toys under the pretence that it makes them more pliable.

This viral trend has led to severe burns.

For more information scan this QR code or follow this link.



<https://ineqe.com/2026/05/07/safeguarding-alert-viral-trend-causing-burns/>

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Finley	For making lots of positive choices and always having a wonderful Woodlands smile! Well done Finley 😊
NAM	Emily	Independently in PWAP and at labs you wrote the sound 'a' and word ant.
NPM	Envy	For working very hard in remembering your RWI sounds and saying them independently
RG	Reya	For always working hard and giving 100% in everything she does. Well Done 😊
RJ	Rory	For improved attitudes towards his learning. Rory is contributing to class discussions more, writing his name independently and trying hard with letter formation. Well done Rory!
1W	Joshua	For super science skills. Joshua created a bar chart from his plant hunt data with the correct labels and amounts for each plant he found. Well done, Joshua!
1E	Ava-Rose	For her dedication to her learning this term. It has been a pleasure to see Ava contributing more and working well as a team in collaborative activities.
2CP	Thomas	Focusing on his letter formation and size. Thomas has been working hard on his handwriting in all subjects.
2D	Cooper-Andrew	For a fantastic poem about the seasons. Using interesting and relevant vocabulary and creating his own rhymes. Brilliant work, well done!
3A	Oliver	For Oliver's excellent work in maths. He has worked hard to find equivalent masses in kilograms and grams and also compare the mass of different objects. Well done, Oliver!
3E	Lucy	a fantastic collage of flowers. Lucy used a range of fabrics to create her collage. It was beautiful!
4R	Brodie	For a fabulous diary entry. Brodie applied her learning of subordinating conjunctions and used star words. Well done.
4N	Olivia	working independently during our Star Write this week. You used your own ideas to write a diary entry from Ivan.
5D	Harry	For showing excellent improvement in Maths over the last few weeks. Your hard work, growing understanding and improved effort have led to better results. You should be proud of the progress you have made. Well done, Harry! 😊
5H	Bonnie J	For working hard in your handwriting intervention group. Mrs Clift was so impressed she used your writing as an example to others.
6P	Amiya	For showing fantastic dedication and determination while revising for SATs. Your hard work, positive attitude, and perseverance have been outstanding.
6H	Fateh	A great attitude towards your learning and revision. Your hard work, determination, and positive mind-set have been noticed. These qualities will help guide you successfully through your SATs week and beyond. Well Done



Laches Wood and Beyond Certificates

Iyla, Molly-Anne, Jaiden, Aubrey, Lottie, Holly, Mariah, Sienna, Esma, Hazel
and Amelia



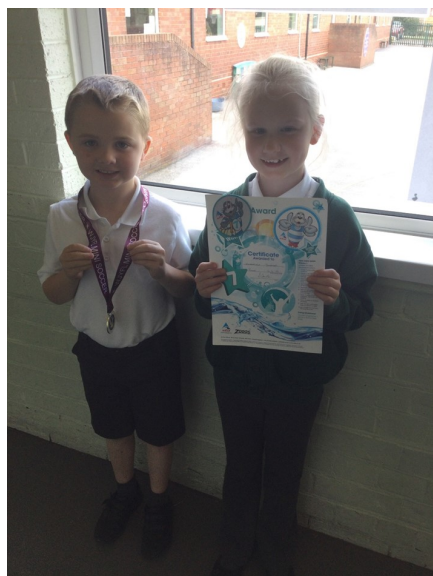
I AM A **CLEVER**
WRITER

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.



Out of school achievers! Congratulations to:



Alexandria achieved her Stanley 7 swimming certificate for displaying several swimming skills including different strokes and star floating.

Oliver has a football medal for his part in a match, which his team won. Oliver plays in several positions from centre to goalie.

Football Tournament participation medals



Y5—Oliver, Lincoln, Jude, Leo W, Elliott, Leo J, Luco, Sam, Ollie, Kane

Y4—Jaxon, Rylee, Veer, Roshan, Haiden, Reuben, Tommy, Lucas

Y3—Nixon, Tobias, Ryan, Ollie, Ethan

Out of school achievers! Congratulations to:

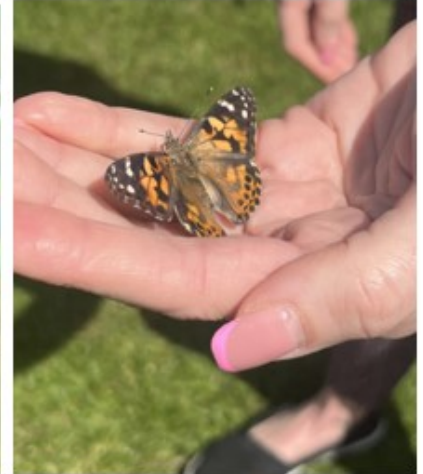
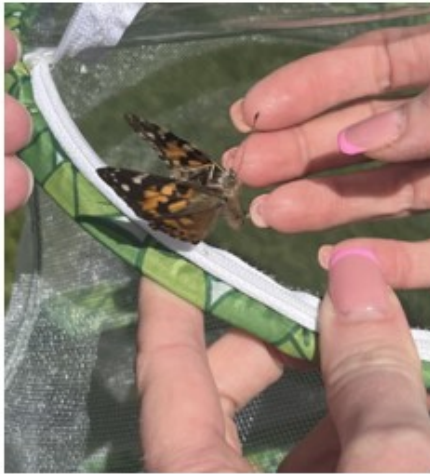


Arlo took part in the Cancer Research Pretty Muddy 5k Race for Life at the weekend and raised £200 for the charity.



Leighton also achieved his swimming award at Cubs and swam 25 metres.





Our Real-Life Butterfly Life Cycle

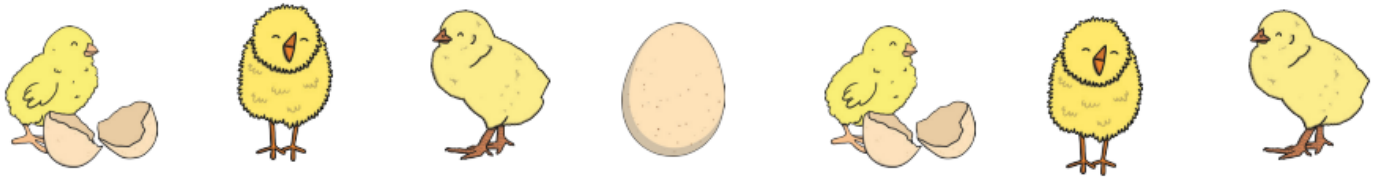
This half term, Year Two watched the life cycle of a butterfly through its three stages. The butterflies started as caterpillars, feeding on food inside the tub. After a week, they formed chrysalises on the lid of the tub. We then carefully placed the lid with the chrysalises inside our butterfly garden.

Less than a week later, our monarch butterflies emerged from the pupae. We celebrated with a special releasing ceremony, where we let the butterflies go, ready to lay eggs and begin the life cycle all over again.

Year Two were so excited to observe this amazing transformation through metamorphosis.

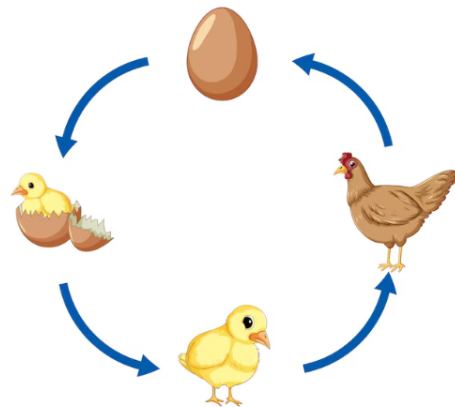
Mrs Purcell





Reception's Super Scientists!

This week has been very 'egg-citing' in Reception as the eggs have hatched and Reception have welcomed their little chicks!





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

How can music bring us together?

This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest.



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

Rise to the challenge



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

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:



2D 98.8%

6P 100%

Absolutely Fantastic!



Dates on the horizon

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 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



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!





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**



Free WiFi available



Baby changing on the ground floor



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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