



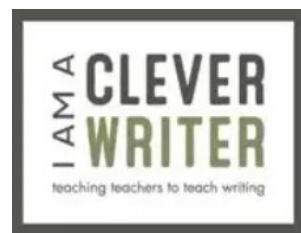
Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

we are well and truly back into the swing of things after our first snowy week back to school and it has been wonderful to get back into our normal routine. How lovely it has been to see the smiles on everyone's faces as they tackle and conquer each new set of learning with resilience and pride. Really showing off those Woodlands' values.

As you might expect, this week has been busy, just as we like it. During assembly, we celebrated the learning that took place in our JIGSAW lessons last half term. The topic was 'Celebrating Differences'. Children from each year group talked confidently about many aspects such as; how we are all different, different family units and how they are all special, bullying, cyber bullying, roles and responsibilities that we may have and equality and diversity.

Today Year 5 have been off visiting Selly Manor, they have certainly made us proud by sharing all of the incredible historical knowledge that they have learned on the Tudors. We will look forward to sharing the photos with you next week. I also had a very rude interruption to my singing assembly but I did forgive Mrs Jackson in the end because it was indeed a very important interruption, as Mrs Corbett and Miss Adams shared our new approach to Writing with the children. Look below for a little more information on this. We are all so excited to improve our writing skills even more, to show off how we are all Clever Writers.



Hopefully the weather will stay dry for us all this weekend and if not, then that will give us a good excuse to stay wrapped up in the warm. Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

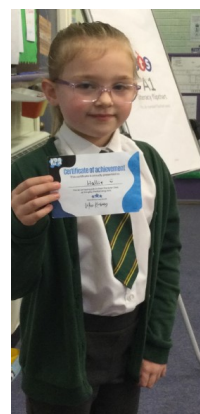
Mrs Macpherson

Out of School Awards



Sreeya in Year 1 and Reya in Reception, who gained their awards last week.

Then Kristian this week showed off his superb football trophies and Halle told us about her certificate for attending her first dance class!

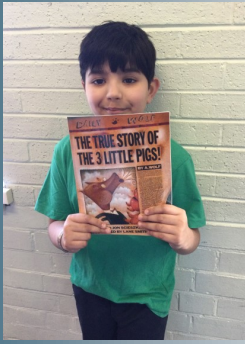




Sharing Our JIGSAW Learning



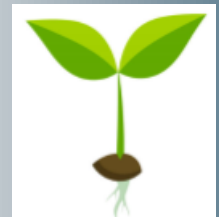
Star Reader!



Jeevan from 3E received his book this week, to celebrate his achievements in Reading last term.

Fantastic work Jeevan!

History in the Treehouse



The Saplings have been exploring and learning all about dinosaurs! They've created their own fossils using clay and dinosaur footprints.

They also had some dinosaur eggs appear in the learning room, for the children to explore and open! Inside they found baby dinosaurs. Super exciting!



Juniper has arrived at Woodlands!

Please remember to sign up to our new Juniper system if you haven't already. Be sure to contact school at:

ict@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk if you need any help with this!

Parent App

Quick Reference Guide

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Get started

1. Open your **email** invite
2. **Create** an account
3. Download the **Juniper Education** app from the **App Store** or **Google Play**
4. Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) and **login**
5. You're all set – stay informed and enjoy! 🥳

Homepage

Hi there Hello

Messages sent to you by school

View your children in **one** account

Swipe through **Latest Updates**

Tap **See all** to view all updates in that area

Press and hold to **reorder** widgets

Tap **Hub** to explore other areas in the app

Allow **push notifications** to stay informed with school

Observations

Change **order** newest to oldest

Press and hold to **react**

React with an **emoji** or post a **comment**

View **full** photo

Swipe **up** to flick through each observation

Why is it important to interact with the updates?

By adding an emoji or leaving a short comment, you're showing your child (and their teacher) that **you care** and **you're excited** to see what they've been up to at school.

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Awards

Tap through to see the **badges** they have been awarded

How many **points** they have achieved

Press to view their **badges** and see what's left to receive

Attendance

Your child's overall attendance in the current school year

An attendance summary and their **absence** and **late** records

Swipec to view attendance for **each child**

Summary and breakdowns with charts below

Confetti celebration

If your child is at **100% attendance**, at the end of each term you'll have a celebration with onscreen confetti 🎉

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It is vital that **every** parent/carer uses this app as we will send a lot of information out this way and without the app you could miss something important!



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Rory L	For having a big Woodlands smile when he comes to the Treehouse and demonstrating good listening skills during activities.
NAM	Isla	Drawing a picture about our class text 'One Snowy Night' and talking about what happened in the story.
NPM	Cade	For joining in our whole class discussion about people who help us and especially the role of the fire fighter
RG	John W	For asking some inquisitive questions during our English learning. John asked some interesting questions about the dinosaur in our new story.
RJ	Leo S	Leo gave some fantastic answers during our English learning, he could explain what expression and intonation is and modelled this during our echo read.
1W	Amrit	For super 2D and 3D shape recognition. Amrit worked really hard, to remember the shape names and recognise them in patterns. Well done!
1E	Ethan	For showing a super attitude and determination to do his best in his learning in this new term. It is great to see you answering questions carefully and being a good talk partner to your peers. Keep it up!
2CP	Delilah	Showing wonderful understanding of using column method to solve addition and subtraction calculations. Not only does Delilah always give 100% to her own learning but she is always willing to lend a helping hand to others. What a superstar!
2D	Storm	For fantastic work in English when writing sentences about the man on the moon, using 'ing' words in her work. Well done!
3A	Lilly-Rose	For creating a fantastic colour wheel by correctly using the primary and secondary colours. Lilly-Rose showed great care when using the paintbrush and worked neatly, staying carefully within the template. Well done!
3E	Ryan	For trying hard to improve his handwriting. Ryan is listening to advice given and persevering to make it better, so that it can be read clearly by others. Keep it up Ryan!
4R	Alara	For super descriptive writing in English about the film clip 'Taking Flight.' Well done.
4N	Ettie	Improved and positive attitude to her learning. She has made the correct choices all week and has shown that she wants to always try her best.
5D	Millie	For showing excellent effort to independently solve calculations involving the addition and subtraction of fractions less than and greater than 1. Well done Millie 😊
5H	Layla S	For demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning and producing a wonderful acrostic poem on a snowman.
6P	Jayden E	For outstanding effort and determination in your learning. Even when things feel challenging, you try your best and never give up. Since Christmas, you have been producing brilliant work! Keep it up Jayden!
6H	Navseerat K	A great effort with her book review of 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. You have structured your sentences well, making it very informative. Well Done.

British Values at Woodlands Academy of Learning!

We actively promote British values in school to ensure our young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to it's law. We teach British Values through Picture News:



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

Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?



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

Caring



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Jane Goodall Earth Medal shows us that being respectful means looking after all living things. It encourages tolerance by focusing on a goal that brings different cultures and beliefs together to protect our world.

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

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 20th January	Year 6 SATs meeting
Tuesday 20th January	2CP Class assembly
Thursday 22nd January	10:00, 10:45, 2:00 or 2:45 — Year 1 Phonics Workshops
Tuesday 27th January	4N Class assembly
Thursday 29th January	Y1 Visit to Ironbridge
Tuesday 3rd Feb	1W Class assembly
Monday 9th February	Y5/6 Netball Tournament TBC
Tuesday 10th February	2D Class assembly
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term at the end of the day

Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February—HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd February	School opens to children as normal
Tuesday 3rd March	RG Class assembly
Tuesday 10th March	1E Class Assembly
Week Beg 16th March – Easter Extravaganza	
Wednesday 18th March	Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo
Tuesday 24th March	RJ Class assembly
Friday 27th March	School closes at the end of the day for Easter Break
Monday 13th April	School open to children as normal
Tuesday 21st April	4R Class assembly
Wednesday 22nd April	Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May	Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood



WINNING CLASSES FOR THE LAST WEEK OF AUTUMN TERM 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.

Best classes during the last week of term who earn extra play time are:

NAM 98.3% and 5D 97.5%

Fantastic!



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There's plenty of exciting and FREE activities to do and enjoy this month at our four Family Hubs;

- Saturday Stay and play session / PEEP Stay and plays
- Dads Groups – Dads for Dads Peer Support and Stay and plays
- Breastfeeding support groups and Introducing solid food workshops
- Walsall Works drop-ins for careers advice and help
- PEEP Antenatal workshops
- Sensory room at our North Hub
- Free therapy service for pregnant families & with child up to the age of 3 (Secure Beginnings)
- Parenting workshops including first aid, online, antenatal

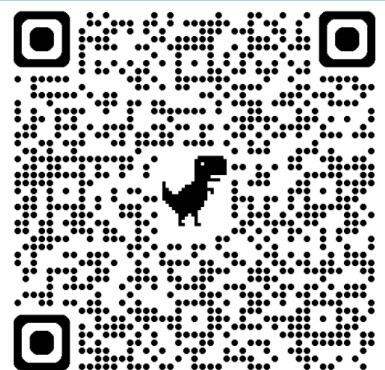
.....And lots more!

Take a look at our Family Hubs website for more information on what's on offer in Walsall for families <https://walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/> and follow and share our posts on Facebook [WalsallfamiliesintheKnow](https://www.facebook.com/WalsallfamiliesintheKnow)

Did you know we also have recently launched some new resources for families ??

- Free Apps available to download with a Walsall postcode – EasyPeasy, Dads Pad and Baby Buddy!
- Home learning booklet for families - [Supporting your Child's Learning and Development at Home :: Walsall Together Family Hub](#)
- Best Start for Life booklet for expectant and new families - [Pregnancy :: Walsall Together Family Hub](#)

Family Information Service



Better Health Start for Life

Top tips for TEETH

Children aged 0-3 and pregnant women

1. Protect your PREGNANCY smile
During pregnancy you're more vulnerable to gum disease. Remember, your dental check-ups and treatments are FREE up to a year after your baby's birth.

2. Help them brush TWICE A DAY to keep decay away
From the moment their first tooth appears, it's time to start helping your child brush twice a day.

3. PROTECT THEIR SMILE with regular visits to the dentist
Under 16s are entitled to FREE NHS dental treatment in England.

4. Remember... NO NEED TO RINSE after brushing
Don't rinse with water after brushing as it washes away fluoride. As they get older teach them to spit instead.

5. SKIP THE SUGAR they're sweet enough!
Brushing before bedtime is important. Don't offer food after brushing teeth at night. To protect their smile, offer only water to drink (or milk for younger babies).

6. Go with THE FLOW
Introducing your baby to free-flow cups from 6 months can help avoid tooth decay.

Search **Start for Life** or scan the QR code for more tips and advice for taking care of your little one's teeth.

Helpful Info for Families!

NHS Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

Fun FRIENDS (4-7 years)
Groups for children and young people to help improve self esteem and confidence.

The **Fun FRIENDS** groups are for children aged between **4-7 years**. These programs teach children to **engage resilience** early on, **encouraging them to thrive and smoothly transition into school life**. Each course runs for **8 weeks** and are **1 hour sessions between 4pm-5pm**. (Venue is dependent on availability. Please ask us to find out). Parents/carers will be in the face to face sessions and will be involved in the activities. The groups will be run by staff from the **school nursing service**.

The secret to the Fun FRIENDS Program is the group activities that help children to **develop new skills**. There are several **different play-focused activities**, which help teach the following skills in a way that can be easily grasped, understood and used in everyday life:

- Smiling and making eye contact when communicating
- Speaking with a brave and confident voice
- Talking about and understanding feelings in themselves and others
- Helping other people including family, peers, and teachers
- Self-awareness of body clues, e.g., tense means stressed, butterflies mean nervous
- Relaxation techniques to relax the body and mind during stressful situations
- Approaching groups of peers and making friends
- Trying new things, and different approaches to problem solving
- Identifying negative thoughts and turning them into positive thoughts

To book on a session or for further information please email: wht.wellbeing@nhs.net

(Please note that there are limited places available on our face-to-face groups. Instructions will be sent to parents/carers once you book a place for your child)

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*BACP stands for British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. We're an accredited service, and our practitioners are either BACP accredited or working towards it. You're in safe hands.

Transitions, like moving to a new school year or starting secondary school, can be tough. Nearly **1 in 4 pupils in England** become disengaged during this period, often feeling less safe, less heard, and less happy in school.

That's where Kooth's free digital mental health support for young people can make a difference.

Here to help you juggle family life

In the beautiful chaos of parenthood, balance is everything — but it can sometimes be hard to find.

Childcare Choices is here to support you with expanded childcare options that can help give your child a great start, and make the juggle a little easier.

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- Downloading & using specific apps
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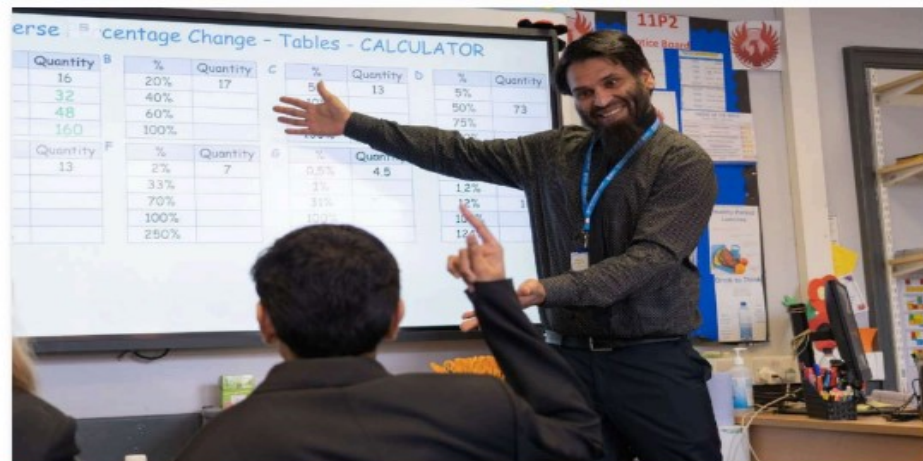
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The internship will give you a real insight into what it is like to be a teacher.

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