

Friday 9th October 2026



Dear Parent and Carers,

It is getting busy in school...

October is National Walk to School Month which is a great opportunity to get active and take on the 'Dazzle's 15 Day Challenge'. We are encouraging our children to actively travel to school. This could include walking, cycling, scooting or by Park and Stride for their journey to school.

Today we had a '**Fix It Pink Day**'. We are encouraging our children to edit their own work and recognise when something needs 'fixing'.

To help our children recognise when there is a spelling or grammatical error the member of staff might highlight the error in pink. All staff wore something pink today to remind our children that we all make mistakes and that most importantly - we learn from our mistakes too!

Next week is parent consultation and book fair, then the following week we have Explore and Discovery Week, Bryntysilio for Y6, Halloween disco and EYFS Halloween Spooktacular. There is more information

on the next page about some of these events.

Thank you to all our families who sent in items for our local foodbank to help celebrate harvest. We had some very proud children who are making a difference to our local community.

The weather is beginning to feel more autumnal and so we have reminded children this week that they need to bring in a coat. If the weather is slightly wet or blustery then we still want to have fun outside but we do need a coat to enjoy this.

We might need our coat this weekend! Mrs Newton



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.

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

1NP 98.8% and 3A 100%

Absolutely Fantastic!



There are a few events on the calendar for parents to take note of:

Parent Consultation

Next week is parent consultation on Wednesday and Thursday evening, please do sign up for an appointment so our teachers can share how your child has settled into their new class and how they are progressing in the core areas of learning. If your child has additional needs (SEND) then you might have already met with the class teacher to go through their learning plan, if you have met with the teacher then you do not need to make another appointment.

Therefore, parents will need to book their appointment time. Bookings are now live on through Scopay via the 'Parents Evening' tab. If you cannot access Scopay then please contact the school office who will be able to help. Bookings will close on Monday 12th October at 1pm.

Parent Questionnaire

At the parent meetings you will be asked to fill in a questionnaire because we really want to know what we are doing well and how to improve. We really want Woodlands to be the best it can be for your children and family and so we value your feedback as to how we can improve and make Woodlands even better. Positive feedback is appreciated as much as constructive feedback. Therefore, we are asking our families to complete a questionnaire about Woodlands.

If you would prefer to complete an electronic version then this is the link:

[Woodlands Parent Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the questionnaire

Halloween Disco for Y1 to Y6

We have also had a few questions about the Halloween Disco on Thursday 22nd October.

Years 1 and 2 disco will be straight after school until 4:30. Children can bring in their Halloween costumes and the staff will help your child get changed. Then it will be a quick turnaround as Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attend from 4:45 to 5:45.

The tickets can be paid for through Scopay by Monday 12th October. The price includes a drink and a bag of pick 'n' mix, so children will not need to bring any money with them to the disco which means staff will not need to search the hall by torchlight for missing 20p pieces!

Halloween Spooktacular for Nursery and Reception

I also have to mention the Spooktacular event on Tuesday 20th October for our children in Nursery and Reception, along with a parent, they are sure to have great fun. Please pay for this event through Scopay by Thursday 15th October.

Don't forget - Y6 Secondary School Applications - The deadline is 31st October

CLASS DOJO IS LAUNCHED!

Our teachers have really missed being able to communicate with their families over the past year. We used to use Marvellous Me but the company stopped this service and switched us to a different application which was very unfriendly to use.

It has taken a while to find the right replacement, but we have, and Class Dojo has been launched this week. Every child should have come home with a personal letter containing instructions and a QR code for parents to sign up. We are currently working with all our families to ensure everyone is signed up.

Class Dojo has been received with excitement across the Academy as the children's very cute monsters hatched from their eggs. The enthusiasm to earn a Dojo Point is high and when your child does, a notification is sent to you via the app.

We hope this communication tool will ensure that our families are kept up to date with class information so we can all try to be organised in our busy lives.

We also hope that sharing elements of in class learning will spark a conversation at home so your child can talk to you about their learning.

Thank you to our families for their patience as they get connected and thank you to Miss Harvey who has been working hard behind the scenes to get everything set up and train the teachers.

We hope the enthusiasm for this new tool remains high and we all find it really helpful too!

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Scientists and Historians in 3E

On Tuesday afternoon 3E brought the world of rocks, soil and fossils to life as they shared their recent learning with enthusiasm. We learnt about the layers of the earth and the different types of rocks, we also learnt about how Mary Anning was the best fossil hunter of all time.

One of my favourite parts was the dinosaur song which was clearly enjoyed by the children.

Thank you 3E for an informative and technical assembly.





Dear Parents / Carers,

Please support our book fair - Every pound you spend benefits our children.



With your continue support we managed to purchase new books that went straight into our children's learning rooms.

This year's book fair will start on **Monday 12th October**. The entrance to the book fair will be through the main school office and based in the main hall and will be open as follows:

- o 3:30 – 4:15 Monday 12th October
- o 3:30 – 4:15 Tuesday 13th October
- o 3:30 – 5:15 Wednesday 14th October
- o 3:30 – 5:15 Thursday 15th October



Children will also have the opportunity to visit the book fair within their learning groups during the school day.

As always, there will be an array of books on many subjects, both fiction and non-fiction, that will appeal to children of all ages, siblings and parents.

If you would like to pay for your books on card at the fair or would like to order from home, you can use this link - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>.

With every book sold, everyone wins!



We therefore hope that you will support us as generously as you have in the past. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Harvey

Junior PCSO's working to keep our families safe at drop off and pick up on Hunts Lane

We have a special group of children who have been working with our local PCSO Officer over the past half term to be trained as Junior PCSOs

These children have been learning about the laws of parking near to the school entrance. They can identify cars that are parked in unlawful places ie; on single or double yellow lines, on zigzags, on the pavement or on a corner, also any car stopping outside the school gates to drop children off.

We have some wonderful families who park safely, however we do still have some families who continue to park unlawfully in the ways mentioned above or are turning round in the road, right in front of the school gates. This has resulted in some very close near misses when children have almost been knocked over whilst crossing the road.

Our Junior PCSOs will soon start their patrols. They will be looking for any drivers parked unlawfully, they will then note down the vehicle details and issue a warning ticket. A second warning ticket at a later date could result in a fine from West Midlands Police.

Could we please ask that families take the advice of our Junior PCSOs. We hope that we can count on your support to ensure that all children can make their way to and from school in a safe manner.

Look at our new PCSOs!



A cartoon illustration of a smiling, anthropomorphic trophy cup. The trophy is yellow with a black outline and has a happy face with large eyes and a wide smile. It is giving a thumbs up with its right hand. The trophy sits on a dark grey base with a yellow plaque. A vertical black line is on the right side of the image.

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The UK government has announced plans to make food served in schools across England healthier from September 2027.

**What's happening
in the news this week?**

 **Picture
News**

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

5th - 11th October 2026

The **Rule of Law** means schools need to follow agreed standards, to help provide healthy food choices for everyone.

The protected characteristic of **age** is highlighted, because it is important that people of every age have access to a healthy and nutritious diet.

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Francesca	For reading some CVC words for the first time! Well done Francesca!
NAM	Ace	Labs Challenge to build your house. Using the blocks independently Ace built his family home.
NPM	Poppy	Labs challenge to your house. Using the blocks Poppy independently but her family home
RG	Isobel	Showing amazing determination when completing a structure using the KNEX construction resources.
RJ	Kirat	Trying so hard in everything you do – you are always ready to learn and give your very best effort! Well done Kirat!
1W	Jaxson	Fantastic improvement in handwriting. Jaxson is beginning to form letter correctly and sit them on the line. Great perseverance, Jaxson!
1NP	Carson	For recalling fantastic facts in geography linked to the United Kingdom and knowing the 5 British Values. Your knowledge has really impressed us!
2CH	Huey-Hunter S	For remembering star words during History lessons. Huey-Hunter could talk about how wooden homes in past were flammable.
2D	Millie	For fantastic scores in her assessments this week, and for using her knowledge for Year 1 and the beginning of Year 2 to work out tricky problems. Well done Millie!
3A	Braelan	For a brilliant start to year 3 at Woodlands! Braelan has been working hard and has settled into 3A so well. Well done!
3E	Maddison	Super sentences about Mary Anning's life, using our key skill of starting sentences with 'When'.
4R	Oliver	For excellent explanations in Maths. Well done Oliver.
4N	Alex	For actively engaging in all lessons throughout Year 4. He has worked hard to recognise when he needs some time to refocus and has shown great independence by returning to lessons ready to learn.
5D	Carrick	Your fantastic independent writing. You showed confidence by creating a story completely independently, without knowing the story beforehand and without using your notebook for ideas. You used your imagination and went for it. Well done Carrick!
5H	Arjun	For consistently demonstrating accurate letter formation and sizing. You have listened carefully and followed the models for each letter, resulting in exceptionally neat and well-presented handwriting. Fantastic work—well done!
6P	Sophie	For being so conscientious in all your work, particularly your writing, where you are always thinking of creative ways to make it your own. You show a fantastic attitude to learning by continually looking for ways to improve and make your work the very best it can be!

Key Dates to share for the Autumn Term:

Week Beginning Monday 12th October Book Fair in school

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October Parent Consultations

Week Beginning Monday 19th October Y6 to Bryntysilio Residential Week

Week Beginning Monday 19th October Explore and Discovery Week: 11 Before 11

Tuesday 20th October Nursery and Reception Halloween Spooktacular, 4:30 with a parent

Tuesday 20th October 2:45, 5D Class Assembly. Please bring your letter as your ticket.

Thursday 22nd October Y1 to Y5 Halloween Disco (Fancy Dress)

Thursday 22nd October Flu vaccination for all children in school by the NHS (Y6 on 27.11.26)

Friday 23rd October School closes at the end of the day for half term

Monday 2nd November Children return to school after half term

Tuesday 3rd November Reception phonics and reading workshop for parents (2:15pm or 4:30pm)

Thursday 5th November Height and Weight by the NHS for YR and Y6

Tuesday 10th November Y1 Parent Workshop at 2:00 and repeated at 4:30

Wednesday 11th November Remembrance Day

Thursday 12th November Y1 Parent Workshop at 2:00 and repeated at 4:30

Friday 13th November Children In Need. Non Uniform for a £1.00 on Scopay

Week Beginning Monday 16th November Anti-bullying Week (Odd Socks Day on Monday)

Friday 27th November Flu vaccination for Y6 by the NHS

Wednesday 2nd December Christmas Fayre after school

Tuesday 15th December Y6 at the Theatre

Tuesday 15th December Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception at 9:15.

Christmas Performance for Y1 and Y2 at 2:15

Wednesday 9th December Christmas dinner for 3A (parents invited—letter closer to the time)

Wednesday 16th December Christmas Performance for Y1 and Y2 at 9:15.

Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception at 2:15

Christmas dinner for 3E (parents invited —letter closer to the time)

Thursday 17th December Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term for children

Friday 18th December Teacher Training Day – school closed for children

Monday 4th January Everyone returns for the Spring term

Connect
Share
Support
Belong ♥



Stronger
Together ♥

We're using ClassDojo!

Our new way to keep in touch with families

We are excited to let you know that we will be using ClassDojo as our new messaging system. ClassDojo helps us to communicate with you, share updates and celebrate your child's learning – all in one safe and easy-to-use app.



You will receive an invite via your email

We will send you an invitation to join ClassDojo through your email. Look out for an email from ClassDojo (please check your junk/spam folder if you can't see it).



Download the ClassDojo app

To use ClassDojo, you will need to download the free ClassDojo app on your phone or tablet. You can't access messaging through a web browser.

How to get started

- 1 Look for your invitation email from ClassDojo.
- 2 Click the link in the email.
- 3 Download the ClassDojo app from the App Store or Google Play (if you haven't already).
- 4 Follow the instructions to create your account and connect to your child's class.

With ClassDojo you can:

-  Receive messages from your child's teacher.
-  See updates and photos of what your child has been learning
-  Celebrate your child's achievements
-  Receive important reminders and announcements
-  Use translations to read messages in your home language



A happy
community
helps children
thrive!
♥

Download the app here:



Download on the
App Store

GET IT ON
Google Play

Or search for 'ClassDojo' in your app store.

If you have any problems receiving your invite or need any help, please let us know.

We're here to support you! ♥



EYFS

FUNDRAISER



To raise much needed funds for our EYFS provision we are inviting you to our

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Tuesday 20th October
4.30 - 5.30

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Only one child per ticket.

Wear
fancy dress!

£5.00
entrance fee

which includes:



A drink and
biscuit to decorate



A chocolate apple
made by the children



Face Painting
Face Art



Halloween Hoopla
& Spider Pull



Crafts
Pumpkin lanterns and
hanging spiders



Please pay on scopay by
Thursday 15th October 2026



29th September 2026

PARENT'S CONSULTATION - (NURSERY-Y6) - OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to confirm that during this half term, we shall be welcoming parents and carers into school for face-to-face teacher meetings for Nursery to Y6 classes, these will be held on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October – between 4pm & 6pm.

Appointments will need to be booked in advance, and this can be done easily via the 'Parents Evening' tab on your child's Scopay account, (www.scopay.com)

If you have not yet registered your child's account, please contact the school office who will issue a new account letter.

Appointment bookings will go live on Scopay at 7am on Thursday 1st October and will close at 1:00pm on Monday 12th October.

Should you have any issues booking your appointment on Scopay, there is a parent's guide which can be accessed on the Help section on your Scopay account

Yours sincerely,



Mrs T G Newton

Headteacher

HALLOWEEN DISCO Year

1 & 2

Thursday 22nd October
3:30pm – 4:30pm



FANCY DRESS!!!



Pupils must be collected by an adult at 4:30pm



REFRESHMENTS

A drink and a pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

Parent Note: If your child wishes to attend the Halloween disco, please pay the admission charge of £3.50 through your Scopay account by **Monday 12th October 2026**.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM ON THE DAY OF THE DISCO. An entrance ticket will be sent to your child's class once payment has been received on Scopay.



HALLOWEEN DISCO Year

3 - 6

Thursday 22nd October
4:45pm – 5:45pm



FANCY DRESS!!!



Pupils must be collected by an adult at 5:45pm



REFRESHMENTS

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An entrance ticket will be sent home with your child once payment has been received. Please make sure that your child brings their ticket with them to gain entrance.



Community Matters

**SANDWELL DEAF
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Hayes Travel
FOUNDATION**



WE'RE BACK!



Youth Club for Children and young people

Age: 8 - 17

AMAZING!

Who can join?

Deaf
Hard of Hearing
Deafblind
Hearing aid users
Cochlear implant or
other hearing device
users

What to expect:

Make new friends
Share experiences
Enjoy creative
activities & games
Take part in fun
sessions & gaming
Be yourself in a
supportive space



First Meet

 19th October
 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Yew Tree and Tamebridge
Community Centre,
Redwood Road,
Walsall,
WS8 4LB

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TERM TIME ONLY
No club during
school half terms or
holidays.
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have some fun!

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ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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**Skittles
AND
Pub Games
Evening**

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER
Doors open 5.30pm, Games start 6pm

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Tickets £4 adult, £3 child

Hot drinks and biscuits included. Cobs and other snacks & drinks will be available to purchase on the night.

Tickets available from Jean Taylor.
Alternatively, tickets can be reserved, by contacting Janet Holgate (01902) 605638
holgate325@btinternet.com

SEE YOU THERE!!

ST STEPHEN'S ACTIVITY DAY

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

10am-4pm

About The Day

We're so excited to be offering another Activity Day to start off your half term holidays with a bang!

With a whole host of activities for you to enjoy, it's going to be **GREAT!**

The subsidised cost is £3 per child or £5 for a family of 3 or more brothers and sisters (including lunch). Numbers are limited, so please book early to make sure you reserve your place.

Our Activities

- ✓ Craft activities
- ✓ Outdoor sports and games (if dry)
- ✓ Music and Stories
- ✓ Drinks and a Tuck Shop to keep you going!
- ✓ Pizza and chips for lunch!
- ✓ Exciting prizes!

**REGISTER
TODAY!**

for more information

Contact Rev Ros
Tel: (01892) 737793
Email: revroscost@gmail.com
Facebook: St Stephen the Martyr, Willenhall

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A graphic for an 'OPEN DAY' event. On the left, the text 'OPEN DAY' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, '» SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER' is in blue, and '10AM - 2PM' is in black. Further down, '► CLICK HERE TO REGISTER' is in black. On the right, three people (two women and one man) are smiling and standing against a blue background. They are holding a large sign that says 'BRINGING TALENT TO LIFE' in white letters. The sign also features three small yellow speech bubbles with the text 'Go Further', 'Develop Your Skills', and 'Gain A Promotion'.