



**Thursday 18th December**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas performances this week. The children and staff have worked so hard to make them as good as they could possibly be and they certainly succeeded. The children sang their hearts out, delivered their lines from memory with confidence, danced with amazing energy and their costumes were incredible.

I must admit that they made the adults who work with them extremely proud and I know that those of you who came along felt the same way too. What an incredible way to round off 2025.

Year 6 were feeling extremely cultured this week when they visited the theatre in Birmingham to see 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. The children showed their usual excellent behaviour and manners while they were there and I heard that the ice cream was delicious.

Our last day has been packed full of Christmas fun. Starting with a whole school assembly, where we celebrated our 100% attendees for the term, said good luck to Mrs Cattell (we look forward to meeting her little one in the new year) and then sang some festive favourites in our annual Christmas Karaoke. We had a visit from Santa, who spread some Christmas cheer and fun was had by all, with party games and dancing. It was a wonderful (and tiring) day.

**All that is left to say is that I hope that you have a very relaxing and enjoyable Christmas. Enjoy the chocolates and the mince pies and I look forward to seeing you all in 2026.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.**

**Mrs Macpherson**



Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance this term.

All 100% attenders were put into a hat, Brooke D from 6P won a gift voucher and chocolates.



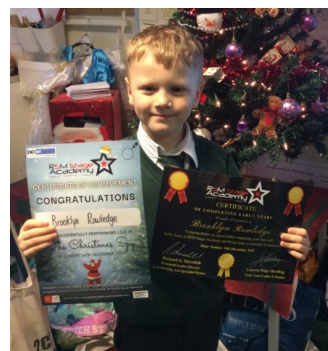
## Out of School Awards



Haiden won player of the week at football.



Octavia won an award in her ballet class for performer of the year.



Brooklyn achieved his Early Years dance academy and starred in the Christmas Spy Play.

Also, from 5D, Millie C was chosen as Performer of the Year for her dancing skills and Kitty W was rewarded for her gymnastic prowess. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to the children who successfully followed the elf trail during our Christmas Fayre.

They were presented with their prizes during our special whole school assembly today.



**Well done to all of the winners of the A Star design a hat competition.**

**John W—RG**

**Freddie G—RJ**

**Sienna W—1E**

**Dienna D—1W**

**Hugh—2D**

**Penny-Mae R—2CP**

**Tobias H—3A**

**Jeevan—3E**

**Annabelle W—4R**

**Lottie R—4N**

**Gurfateh—5D**

## EYFS Christmas Performance



## Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance



## Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



| Class     | Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Reason                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Treehouse | All of the Saplings                                                                                                                                                                                                       | For fantastic engagement and effort with their Christmas performances. You all tried hard and we are very proud of you – well done!                                                  |
| NAM       | Willow                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Wonderful scissor control, following the lines, cutting out a Christmas number line and completing the sequence                                                                      |
| NPM       | Pippa                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wonderful scissor control, following the lines, cutting out a Christmas number line and completing the sequence                                                                      |
| RG        | Ella                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | For working hard to learn her lines in the Christmas play.                                                                                                                           |
| RJ        | Biffy                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | For a superb performance in our Christmas production – you learned all your lines and delivered them with enthusiasm!                                                                |
| 1W        | All of 1W                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | For their fantastic effort and enthusiasm for their Christmas play: Boogie Woogie Nativity. Well done Everyone! 😊                                                                    |
| 1E        | Kristian                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Demonstrating a good understanding of how to partition numbers up to 20 in Maths. Well done!                                                                                         |
| 2CP       | Regan                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Listening well at the church visit. Regan asked and answered questions linked to the Christmas Story.                                                                                |
| 2D        | Ava                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | For using her creative skills to produce a wonderful flower painting inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. Beautiful work, well done!                                                        |
| 3A        | Charlie P                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | For Charlie's hard work when creating a set of instructions for how to make Granny Wolf's birthday cake. Charlie used adverbs of time in his set of instructions. Well done Charlie! |
| 3E        | Noah                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Super instructions for how to bake a cake for a wolf. Well done Noah.                                                                                                                |
| 4R        | Nancie                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | For a fabulous winter poem using lots of adjectives and similes. Well done.                                                                                                          |
| 4N        | Aubrey                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Always following the class rules. You are always ready to learn and are always helpful around the classroom. Super pupil!                                                            |
| 5D        | All of 5D                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | For successfully completing end of term assessments to consolidate learning. Everyone tried their best and used newly taught skills. Well done 5D! 😊                                 |
| 5H        | Jacob                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | For making progress with your handwriting. Your letter sizing is improving. Keep up the good work!                                                                                   |
| 6P        | A great week filled with excitement and creativity. You have all demonstrated great manners and behaviour whilst on our theatre trip and have worked well within teams when creating your Ferris wheel models. Well done! |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6H        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### Dates on the horizon

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| Monday 5th January                     | School opens for everyone                             |
| Wednesday 7th January                  | Young Voices                                          |
| Friday 16th January                    | Y5 Visit to Selly Manor                               |
| Thursday 22nd January                  | Y1 Phonics Parent Workshop—see letter for group times |
| Monday 9th February                    | Y5/6 Netball Tournament                               |
| Wednesday 18th March                   | Year 5 First Aid in school                            |
| Wednesday 18th March                   | Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo                                |
| Monday 23rd March                      | Y3/4 Netball Tournament                               |
| Wednesday 22nd April                   | Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery                       |
| Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May | Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood                   |
| Thursday 21st May                      | Y6 geographical visit to the Beach                    |

### **WINNING CLASSES LAST WEEK 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:

**Afternoon Nursery 100% and 5D 98.3%**

**Fantastic!**



### **Is your child due to start Reception next September?**



**Walsall Council**

The application form process is now open on Walsall admissions website.

Parents and carers are advised to submit applications on time before **15 January 2026** for primary school applications.

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 are due to start reception in September 2026.

Please remember that having a place in Woodlands nursery does not guarantee a place in the reception class at that school. Parents/carers must submit a separate application for a place in the reception class.

The applications process is all online, and our school admissions team are hosting drop-in sessions throughout this term to support parents and carers with any questions you may have.

Offers will be sent by email to on-time applicants on **16 April 2026** for primary school places.

Further information and help with school admissions can be found on the council's website: [Apply for a primary school place | Walsall Council](#)

## How to register and book for the 2025 programme?

You will need a code to register if you have not received a code, by post. Please contact us to see if you qualify for the programme via email [wr4c@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:wr4c@walsall.gov.uk).

### To register your child, use any of the following options:

- Scan the QR CODE below
- Visit our website [www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf)
- Call us on 01922 653899
- Email us your enquiry on [wr4c@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:wr4c@walsall.gov.uk)

Once you have registered you will be able to book onto activities.

### To find out more visit our website or sign up to our newsletter:

[www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf)

**Sign up now!**

## What's on offer this Winter?

This winter we lots of exciting & free activities for children and young people aged 5-16 yrs on income based free school meals. The portal will be live for you to get booked on 11/11/25.

**FREE  
Healthy  
Meal**

### Free activities:

- Horse riding
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Pantomimes
- Football
- Sports
- Swimming
- & much more!



**Sign up now!**



## Did You Know?

The Best Start in Life campaign aims to increase awareness of the role of the early years in a child's development, offering advice to parents about things they can do in their child's early years and how early education supports child development. Visit the [Best Start in Life website](#) which brings together trusted advice, support and guidance for us as parents to turn to.

## Advice and support for your child's development

From pregnancy to childcare right through to starting school.

UK Government

**NHS**

## For parents' questions, BIG & small.



Who can I ask for help with breast-feeding?

Can I dye my hair if I'm pregnant?