

Dear All,

You may have noticed that Mrs Newton hasn't been around school recently. Unfortunately she is poorly at the moment and so will be taking a well earned break over the next few weeks in order to fully recover. I have therefore stepped into her role for the time being. Myself, Miss Edmunds and Mrs Jackson are excited to be taking over the Newsletter messages each week.

I am sure that you join with us in wishing Mrs Newton a very speedy recovery and we all look forward to seeing her back around school soon.

Mrs Macpherson

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another action packed week and Christmas has officially arrived at Woodlands with the commencement of our Christmas dinners and our non-school uniform day today to help stock up our prizes ready for our Christmas Fayre next week.

This week, Year 3 celebrated their 'Woodlands Christmas' with their families for our first Christmas dinner of the year. It was delicious! In two weeks time, we are looking forward to welcoming our families from Year 4 with 4N and 4R's Christmas dinners. Queen Mary's Grammar school joined us on Monday evening to share information with Year 5 parents in preparation for Secondary School choices. We were treated to a class assembly from 5H all about British Values. Year 3 ventured out of school again, this time to learn about road safety and safer crossing places with TOGO and NOGO and their instructors. Our Choir also ventured to Walsall Arena to perform, 'Once Upon a Christmas'.

Please remember that on **Monday 1st December** we have a teacher training day so **school will be closed to children**. Teaching staff are excited to be learning about our new whole school approach to writing with consultants from 'I'm a Clever Writer' joining us for the day.

Our children and staff have been busily creating Christmas crafts and games to share with you on Wednesday with our Woodlands Christmas Fayre after school. We look forward to seeing you there and being part of your Christmas celebrations. We may even have a VERY special visitor!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, whether it be a bit of Christmas shopping, a relaxing walk, family fun or filled with a bit of festive sparkle!

Miss Edmunds



Out of school achievements

Well done to:

Brooklyn for star of the week for his first dancing class and having a good memory of six dances.

John for a pony riding competition and coming first.

Effy for swimming 15 metres.

Finn for completing his Stanley 1 swimming badge.



Out of School Achievements

A big well done to all our pupils who continue to shine in their extra-curricular activities:

Leo W – voted *Player of the Week* at football by the parents

Ollie S – achieved an impressive *1000 metres* in swimming

Rueben A – voted the *Manager's Player of the Week* at football



Wonderful achievements — we are very proud of you all!



This week we have seen (and felt) the temperature drop and the frosty mornings appear.

Please ensure that your child is wrapped up warm ready for spending break and lunchtimes outside and please remember to label all extra clothing with children's names, it really does help!





5H Assembly – Celebrating British Values: The Rule of Law

This week, 5H delivered a fantastic assembly all about one of our key British Values — The Rule of Law. The children put on a confident, informative, and highly entertaining performance that showed how rules help us live safely, fairly, and respectfully both in school and in wider society.

Through drama, real-life examples, and even a chaotic football match scene, the pupils demonstrated what might happen if we had no rules at all. They explored how laws keep everyone safe, protect us from harm, and ensure that no one is above them.

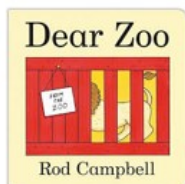
One of the highlights was a fun audience quiz, where everyone was challenged to decide whether everyday actions were a *rule* or a *choice*. It was wonderful to see the children speaking clearly, confidently, and thoughtfully about such an important topic.

5H also shared examples of how we follow rules in school — walking in corridors, listening to others, using kind words, and taking responsibility when things go wrong. Their prayer and reflection encouraged us all to think about how we can follow rules positively and help others to do the same.

The assembly concluded with a brilliant performance of “Everybody Wants to Rule the World”, rounding off a truly engaging and meaningful presentation.

Well done, 5H — you spoke with maturity, teamwork, and enthusiasm. We are very proud of you!





As a fabulous finish to their 'Dear Zoo' topic, nursery have been making their own fruit lions. They used pineapple, satsumas, raisins and bananas. Nursery had fun making them and tasting the different fruit.



On Friday, Walsall NHS nurses came in to speak to year 5 about 'Emotional Health and Wellbeing.'

They discussed the importance of mental health and ways in which we can deal with issues that may arise.

Children took part in activities and explored their senses as a means to helping alleviate worries and emotional burdens.

We talked about how it is important to share your thoughts and concerns with a trusted adult and understand how to help yourself if you are alone and feeling worried and/or anxious.



Reception have been scientists this week learning all about habitats and why animals live in different kinds.

We even built some habitats for squirrels in the outdoor area.



Mrs Graham organised a donation of advent calendars for the Black Country Foodbank. Staff at Woodlands kindly donated 160 advent calendars. Well done Woodlands!



Woodlands Choir

Our school choir helped bring the magic of the season to life at this year's, 'Once Upon a Christmas' concert. Their beautiful voices, hard work, and joyful spirit lit up the stage and filled the audience with holiday cheer. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and the heart they put into every note! Well done Woodlands! Let the Christmas countdown begin!



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



How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?

On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection and community.



Our linking Woodlands value is 'caring'.

Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Leonora	for great improvement with her pencil grip. She has been using pinch and swing much more consistently and independently. Well done Leonora!
NAM	Annie	During art created a lovely concentric circle painting, inspired from our artist Kandinsky.
NPM	Joel	For improved drawing skills, when drawing himself and his family, having a body, legs arms and added detailed features.
RG	Eliyana	For always trying hard in all areas ☺
RJ	Harleen H	For knocking our socks off with her amazing 'book talk!' Harleen was able to discuss the role of an Author and an Illustrator for our story Tiddler – well done!
1W	Oliver M	Excellent Maths work. Oliver has worked really hard to understand subtraction this week. He successfully used a number line to correctly answer subtraction sums. Well done!
1E	George	George has impressed us in Maths this week with his Subtraction knowledge. He demonstrated how to solve subtraction facts with three different methods well. Good job!
2CP	Erika	For always following the class and academy rules. Erika sets a fantastic example for others and consistently gives 100% to her learning and tasks.
2D	Arla-Mae	For a fantastic character description when writing all about Bob. Remembering to use her capital letters and full-stops throughout. Well done!
3A	Everyone in Year 3	For being wonderful on our school trip to the Think Tank. All children showed excellent listening skills and manners. They were inquisitive and asked lots of questions to deepen their knowledge. Year 3 did a fantastic job of representing Woodlands. Well done everyone!
3E		
4R	Evie	For a super retelling of the story including dialogue. Evie used all the rules of speech in her work. Well done.
4N	Bebe	Perservering with subtracting with exchange. You kept going and could do it by the end of the week- well done!
5D	Daisy	For showing perseverance and a positive attitude while learning and using relative clauses successfully. Daisy worked well in a group and independently. Well done Daisy! ☺
5H	Billy	For creating excellent sentences that contain a relative clause.
6P	Oliver M	Achieving 40 out of 40 on his Arithmetic test. Your arithmetic skills have really shone through Oliver, you should be very proud! Keep up the good work.
6H	Logan F	for the improvement with his arithmetic.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 1st December	Teacher Training Day, school closed to children.
Wednesday 3rd December	Christmas Fayre after school
Wednesday 3rd December	Y4 visit to Black Country Living Museum
Thursday 4 th December	1:00-3:00 Reception walk
Friday 5 th December	1:00-3:00 Reception walk
Tuesday 9th December	Y2 visit Short Heath Methodist Church
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner with your child for 4N
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Dinner with your child for 4R
Tuesday 16th December	Y6 visit to the Theatre
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2 9:15 Nursery and Reception Performance 2:00 Y1 and Y2 Performance
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2 9:15 Y1 and Y2 Performance 2:00 Nursery and Reception Performance
Thursday 18th December	School closes at the end of the day for children
Friday 19th December	Teacher Training Day, school closed to children.
Monday 5th January	School opens for everyone
Wednesday 7th January	Young Voices
Friday 16th January	Y5 Visit to Selly Manor
Wednesday 18th March	Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo
Wednesday 22nd April	Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May	Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood

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:

2CP 98.7 % and 5H 97.4%

Fantastic!



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.

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
- Call us on 01922 653899
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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 activities:

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

FREE Healthy Meal



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Football, Mobile Youth Bus, Gaming & Coding, Snooker Performing Arts, Music & DJ and much more!

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Family Festive Workshop at Pleck Library

Saturday 29th November 2025
10am - 1:30pm



Just to remind you, our ***FREE festive arts & crafts event** for **all the family** takes place this Saturday (29th November) at our Pleck Library Campus!

Come down between **10am – 1.30pm** to enjoy a relaxed and creative time with your family as you make and **decorate festive-themed creations together**, including a **visit from Santa!**

*Free for anyone aged 19+, living in the West Midlands area and with household income below £33,000 per year, otherwise it will be £6.60 per hour. Children are free but must be accompanied by an adult aged 19+

Register your place at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-festive-workshop-at-pleck-library-tickets-1837336245169>

Is your child due to start Reception next September?

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.

Primary school drop-in sessions

2 December 2025

Willenhall Library – 9am-12pm

Darlaston Library – 1pm-4pm

3 December 2025

Lichfield Street Hub – 9am – 5pm