

Friday 21st November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Even with the weather turning frosty it hasn't stopped the learning and enjoyment in school.

A Star Sheriffs led an assembly on how to keep safe through the dark evenings by wearing fluorescent or reflective clothing. They explained how important it is to have lights and reflectors, when riding your bike during the winter. Children were given a challenge when the Sheriffs launched a competition to design a hat that would help people to be seen more easily in the dark. These should be completed and handed in by Friday 28th November.



We were treated to a class assembly from 6H, Year 3 ventured out of school to be scientists at the Think Tank and our Netball Team did us proud at the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton University. It has been an exciting week.

On another note, are you thinking about Christmas yet? Maybe humming some Christmas tunes? The festive season is rapidly approaching, as we move into the last week of November. The first of our Christmas activities is a special lunch for Year 3 and their parents. Staff and children are as busy as Santa's elves preparing extra special gifts and treats to be sampled at our Christmas Fayre. To help with our money raising attempts, next Friday is non-uniform day, in exchange we ask for a wrapped chocolate bar or small gift to be used in the Fayre. Look out for further information on the fayre coming your way soon.

With the winter temperatures arriving, it has been wonderful to see the children's colourful hats, scarves and gloves. Please ensure that the children are 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!

This weekend, maybe you'll be enjoying a crisp winter walk through nature or visiting a Christmas Gift Fayre. Whatever you get up to this weekend, I hope that you have a wonderful time.

Mrs Macpherson

Out of school achievements

Well done to:

Sienna D who earned a gold medal for Rhythmic Gymnastics

Madison C shared swimming certificates Stages 1-3

Olivia earned Stage 6 Swimming

Holly and Pippa shared their Brownies badges

Haiden received Player of the Match

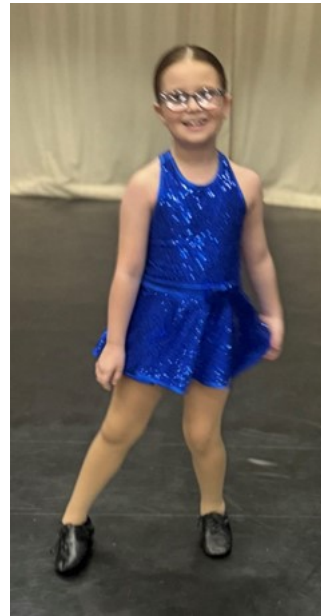


Wonderful extra curricular activities!

Superstar Dancer

Ivy Roberts is hoping to dance on stage at Disneyland Paris with her dance troop. They have been busy putting together a dance videos, ready for their upcoming auditions.

Best of luck Ivy!



6H Travel Back in Time

6H showcased their numerous talents in a poignant class assembly on Tuesday. The theme of WWII and The Holocaust was explained with sensitivity and care. 6H presented their knowledge through explanation of facts, acting out scenes from their focus text 'Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and signing the song 'Imagine' using Makaton. It was a truly moving presentation. You should be proud 6H, I know that we all were.



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

What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?

McDonalds are trying to encourage creativity by making their boxes white on 3 sides.

Our linking Woodlands value is 'Imaginative'





This week, Year 3 visited the Think Tank Science museum in Birmingham. During our visit, we had fun and learned a lot too.

We visited, 'Things about me' to learn how our bodies work.



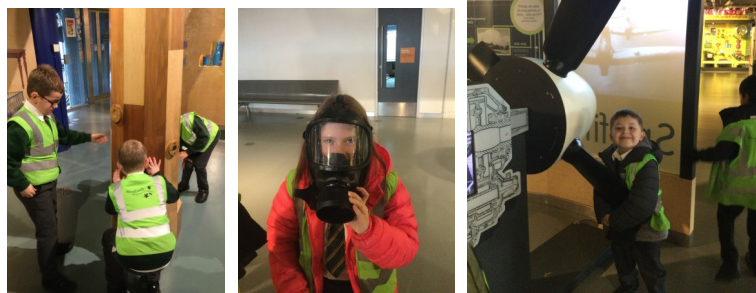
In the 'Wildlife' area we learned about animals, fossils and even saw an ichthyosaurus fossil.

During our workshop, we learned more about fossils, role played the fossilisation process, sorted materials into those that we felt were rocks and weren't rocks. We had lots of fun acting too!



The science garden was lots of fun! We learned all about forces.

In the 'We Made it' section we learned how different materials are used to create everyday objects.



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Michael	For great participation in dough disco! Michael copied the actions well to warm up his fingers. Well done Michael!
NAM	Darcy	For joining in with whole class discussions sharing your knowledge and understanding with your peers.
NPM	Declan	Working hard in Maths recognising the number 2 and independently touch counting and subitising to 2
RG	Finley C	For working hard to build number bonds to 3 using cubes.
RJ	Henry	For making a huge effort in your writing and making amazing progress since September – your letter formation is really coming on, well done!
1W	Charlie G	For excellent improvement in Maths. Charlie has been working really hard to create accurate number sentences to match an addition problem. Well done!
1E	Isla	For her independence when thinking, holding and writing her own sentences for our story Elmer.
2CP	Penny-Mae R	Selecting maths equipment to help herself solve addition and subtraction problems.
2D	Harry	For a fantastic attitude towards his learning and being a helpful partner in maths.
3A	Karman	For Karman's fantastic work in computing last week. Karman asked a range of closed questions to organise animals into a branching database. Well done Karman!
3E	Hamza	always listening and trying his best. Hamza is a fantastic role model and friend to all. Well done Hamza.
4R	Isla	For a fabulous setting description about the beach at night. Isla included lots of adjectives and similes. Well done.
4N	All of 4N	Wonderful listening and participation during our visit on bike maintenance.
5D	Gurfateh	For working hard and trying your best with your letter formations and making a wonderful improvement with your handwriting overall. Well done Gurfateh! ☺
5H	Sienna Rigby	For excellent learning behaviours and engagement with every lesson. Well done!
6P	Emily Bakewell	Truly remarkable writing. Every piece is a joy to read – full of vivid language, creative ideas, and delightful turns of phrase which show real imagination and skill. I am so proud of the thoughtful, expressive writer she is becoming. Keep shining.
6H	Imogen Hale	For her exceptional effort and determination across all areas of learning. Imogen consistently gives her very best, approaching every task with focus, pride, and care.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 24th November	4:00 Queen Mary's information meeting in the hall for Y5 parents from local schools
Monday 24 th November	1:00-3:00 Year 3 TOGO NOGO Road Safety
Tuesday 25th November	2:45, 5H Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 26th November	Christmas Dinner with your child for 3E
Thursday 27th November	Christmas Dinner with your child for 3A
Thursday 27th November	Evening Walsall Arena Performance by the choir
Thursday 27 th November	1:00-3:00 Year 3 TOGO NOGO Road Safety (change of date)
Friday 28th November	Non-school Uniform day, please bring in a gift or wrapped chocolate bar
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
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
Thursday 21st May	Y6 geographical visit to the Beach

Well done to the Year 5 Netball team who did us proud at Wolverhampton University. You were not only fantastic sports people but also wonderful ambassadors for our school. Great job team!



Results			
Whitehall A	0	2	Woodlands
Woodlands	1	1	Walsall Wood
Woodlands	0	0	Palfrey
Whitehall B	0	0	Woodlands
Delves	3	3	Woodlands



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

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:

1W 99.3 % and 5D 98.87%

Fantastic!





What's on offer this Winter?

This winter we have 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!



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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
- Email us your enquiry on 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:

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PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY

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McArthurGlen Exclusive Offer - Santa's Grotto Bookings Now Open for 2025

We're delighted to announce that **Santa's Grotto bookings are now open for 2025!** This year, we're proud to share that **100% of proceeds will go directly to Kids Village Charity.**

We're offering an **exclusive early booking discount:**



25% off your Santa's Grotto booking with the code **ELF25**.

This offer is limited to **the first 200 bookings** and will be available on a **first come, first served** basis. Once these discounted spaces are filled, bookings will return to full price – so don't wait too long to secure your spot!

We can't wait to welcome your pupils, families, and staff to experience the magic of Christmas with us this festive season, and we thank you for helping us raise money for such a wonderful cause.

Warm festive wishes,

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