

Friday 12th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

The second week of the half term has not only brought along the rain clouds but also many events in school this week. We have been so busy!

On Monday the array of snazzy socks was incredible to see, as we celebrated our differences and uniqueness for Anti-bullying Week. Pippa, Amelia, Evie and Brooke from Year 6 led their own Anti-bullying assemblies on Wednesday for both KS1 and KS2, after working hard to create their own Pow-erpoint. They did an incredible job explaining the different types of bullying to the children. They also taught the children the STOP mnemonic, which reminds them of how bullying behaviour can be described.

On Tuesday we observed a 2 minute silence to honour Remembrance Day. Many classes observed the silence being undertaken live in London through the wonders of modern technology.

On Thursday our SMILE tree came into it's own, as we recognised National Kindness Day. This linked beautifully with the Anti-bullying theme.

Finally, we rounded off the week in our casual clothes in support of Comic Relief. There were some very interesting noses on display for us all to see.

This week has showcased again the charitable nature of the families within our school and community. Many thanks for all of your donations both for Remembrance and Comic Relief.

Let's hope that the rain stops, so that we can all have a wonderfully relaxing (and dry) weekend. Enjoy everyone!

Mrs Macpherson



Several
Times
On
Purpose

Out of school achievements

Rylee gained awards for Trainer of the Week and Man of the Match.

Iyla showed her swimming Octopus award.

Esmay was awarded for her fantastic work at Giokick.

Harry and Alfie earned medals for fantastic football skills.

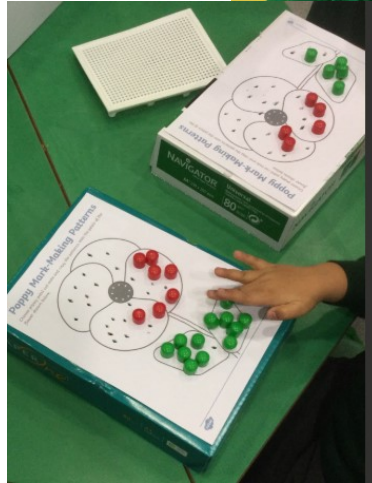
Great out of school work achievers!



In Remembrance

Reception created their own poppies, whilst also improving their fine motor skills.

Wonderful work Reception!



Short Heath Remembrance Parade



Holly, Aubrey and Carrick showed fabulous community spirit with their Brownie and Scout troops, as they took part in our local Remembrance Parade. Well done to everyone who was involved.

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

What's happening in the news this week?



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

17th - 23rd November 2025

Can technology ever help us too much?

A new shoe using motors to boost a person's running and walking movement has been created.

Our linking Woodlands value is 'Imaginative'



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Finley	For showing great understanding of addition to 10 using a part, part, whole independently! Well done Finley!
NAM	Reuben	For lovely hand eye co-ordination to thread your commemorative Poppy.
NPM	Isobel	For lovely hand eye co-ordination to thread your commemorative Poppy.
RG	Poppy	For a huge improvement in her handwriting.
RJ	Saorise	Amazing Art work creating firework pictures using different media. Saorise explored the chalk pastels, felt pens and used paint and straws to create blow painting fireworks. Well done!
1W	Talia K	Amazing Maths work. Talia has been working incredibly hard to create fact families and always puts in 100% effort into every piece of work. Well done Talia!
1E	Alarna-Ocean	For her ambitious writing! In our English lesson Alarna gives 100% when building and sequencing her sentences. What a role model!
2CP	Bella	For setting the example for everyone with her beautiful handwriting. Bella has taken the new handwriting rules on board and makes sure her capitals and ascenders are always touching the line above.
2D	Esmail	For amazing effort in all her lessons and always trying to make her handwriting the best it can be. Well done Esmail!
3A	Ella-Rose	For eagerly engaging with forest school last week. Ella-Rose showed fantastic listening skills and she was sensible when visiting Rough Wood. She was able to confidently identify the parts of a plant and explain their functions. Well done Ella-Rose!
3E	Nixon	For his fantastic maths learning. Nixon took his learning to great depths by solving our, 'Digging Deeper' challenges and showing his workings out.
4R	Esma	Super observational sketches after looking at the work of William Morris. Well done.
4N	Jacob	Great first lesson on Solids, Liquids and Gases in Science.
5D	Shianne	For writing a wonderful acrostic poem that beautifully spelled out "REMEMBER" in honor of Remembrance Day. Well done Shianne!
5H	Oliver	For making big improvements to his handwriting. You have worked hard to demonstrate consistent letter formation and sizing. Keep it up.
6P	Jake W	Trying his best in every lesson. He has been taking wonderful care with his handwriting and working hard to improve his arithmetic skills. Keep it up Jake!
6H	Emmy	her outstanding effort and determination in all areas of her learning. Emmy always gives her best, showing great focus, pride, and care in everything she does. She has become increasingly conscientious, always striving to improve - you are a wonderful role model to others!

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 18th November	2:45, 6H Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 19th November	Y3 visit to Think Tank
Friday 21st November	Y5 workshop on understanding our emotions led by the School Nurses
Monday 24 th November	1:00-3:00 Year 3 TOGO NOGO Road Safety
Monday 24th November	4:00 Queen Mary's information meeting in the hall for Y5 parents from local schools
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
Friday 28 th November	1:00-3:00 Year 3 TOGO NOGO Road Safety
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

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

4 December 2025

Blakenall Village Centre- 1-4pm

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](#)

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:

RG 98% and 5D 98.3%

Fantastic!





HAF Winter 2025

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

Sign up now!

Walsall Council | Walsall Right Children | Department for Education

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:

www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf




Christmas ADVENTURE DAYS

DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE FOR YOUR KIDS AT ENTRUST ADVENTURE DAYS!

- THRILLING ACTIVITIES
- FAMILIAR GROUNDS
- CONVENIENT SCHEDULE
- AFFORDABLE FUN
- OPEN TO ALL - INCLUSIVE OF SEND

BOOK TODAY
Running at both centres on 22nd, 23rd December 2025 and 2nd January 2026 - Scan the QR codes to book...

STANDON BOWERS **LACHES WOOD**

WE ALSO ACCEPT HAF BOOKINGS THROUGH EEQU. SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE

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Christmas SHOPPING LIST 2025

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK LOVE CONNECT INVEST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT: CHICKEN, HAM	MINCE PIES
TINNED POTATOES OR MASH	CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
TINNED VEGETABLES	TINNED CUSTARD
GRAVY OR PACKETS OF STUFFING	SELECTION BOXES
CARTONS OF UHT MILK	TINNED READY MEALS: MEAT AND VEGETARIAN
CORDIAL OR SQUASH	SAVOURY RICE
SMALL JARS OF COFFEE	TINNED FISH
TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S	TINNED FRUIT
CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE	SHOWER GEL
PASTA SAUCE OR COOKING SAUCE	TOILET ROLL
INSTANT NOODLES	ROLL ON DEODORANT
TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES	SHAMPOO
BREAKFAST CEREAL	BAR'S OF SOAP

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,

McArthurGlen West Midlands



CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON
THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
4PM - 9PM

Meet Santa in his sleigh, enjoy live entertainment and free festive Lindt goodies

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