

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2 everyone! We are well and truly in the season of autumn, the weather is blustery but the colours in nature are stunning.

Y2 are continuing their '11 Before 11' theme as Caring Campaigners. A group of children representing the year group visited Swan House on Wednesday. Everyone at Swann House was so welcoming and our children were just amazing; so respectful and polite. Thank you Swan House, we look forward to visiting again!

We have been reviewing attendance over the past week and have sent out a letter to all our children whose attendance is currently at or below 90%. We understand there may be genuine reasons for the absences and welcome parents working in partnership with Woodlands to keep us informed of the reasons for absences.

However, Woodland's policy is that all children with attendance at or below 90% receive a letter following each attendance review so that parents are kept updated.

The legal requirement is that children attend school regularly; to be classed as a good attendee according to the government, a child should have an attendance level of 96% or above. To help understand what this looks like by the end of the academic year, the government would expect the majority of children to have 7 or less days absent during a complete academic year.

Next week is looking very busy... It is Anti Bullying Week, starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday. All children are invited to wear crazy odd socks with their school uniform so we can celebrate how unique we all are. The theme for the week this year is 'Power for Good', with National Kindness Day on Thursday.

We shall be joining the nation in the two minute silence on Tuesday and it is Children In Need on Friday when children can wear appropriate non-uniform in return for a £1.00 donation through Scopay.

It is a great time of year for a walk in a woodland, maybe visit Rough Wood and check out the new paths which are great! Mrs Newton



Caring Campaigners n Year 2

As part of our caring campaigner theme from Explore and Discovery Week Year 2 School Council members and Learning Ambassadors visited the local residents of Swan House. We shared our learning with them about how we can care for others. We created bookmarks for them to keep using our outdoor learning with leaves as animals.

It was a lovely feeling of giving something back to our local community and the residents enjoyed seeing our Woodlands pupils.

Mrs Purcell.



**Winners of the best Halloween Costume, nominated by the children.
It was very hard to choose the winners!**

Elsie B in EYFS, Delilah M in KS1, Tobias H in KS2

**Thank you to Miss Whitehouse and the School Council
for organising a spooky Halloween Disco**



Warning!

**Shark on the loose in the
aquarium in reception!**

**The children have also been
getting creative, inspired by
Bonfire Night and the
fireworks.**



Out of school achievements

Jude was awarded two achievements in football; for training and Parent's Player of the Match

Jenson was Player of the Match.

Reuben was Manager's Player of the Match.

Tobias was Player of the Match.

Sienna entered a horse riding competition and also won first prize for her Halloween costume

Another exciting week for our out of school achievers!



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

What would you tell world leaders if you were at COP30?

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November.



What's happening in the news this week?



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

10th - 16th November 2025

Our linking Woodlands value is 'Resourceful'

Poppy Appeal 2025

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal last year, Woodlands raised £304.77 for this important charity. The Poppy Appeal has started again for this year in the lead up to Remembrance Day. From Monday 3rd children can purchase the items in the photograph through school. Please place the correct amount of money in an envelope. Then write your child's name, class and the item they would like.

Snap band	£2.00
Poppy Reflector	£1.00
Bracelet	£1.00
Zip Pull	£1.00
Paper Poppies	50p minimum



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	All of the Saplings	For being superstars on our trip to Playtropolis! All of the children engaged brilliantly with their environment and represented the school in a fantastic way! Well done everyone!
NAM	Whole class	For showing resilience and perseverance during Explore and Discovery week to carry out the challenges and becoming 'record breakers' by the end of the week
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RG	Henry Simpson	Sharing some wonderful information about the Earth. Henry could tell us that the blue parts are called the oceans and the green parts are the continents.
RJ	Grace J	Super work in our writing sessions working hard to form your letters correctly and leave spaces between your words – well done!
1W	Carter C	Excellent involvement in Explore and Discovery week. Carter was a super wildlife warrior and got stuck into making art from recycled materials. Well done!
1E	Emilia	Super participation in our Explore and Discovery week. You were creative when making our recyclable animals and explained why it is important to reuse and recycle!
2CP	Oliver	Writing a fantastic letter to King Charles, as Samuel Pepys, to explain what was happening with the Great Fire of London.
2D	Amaya	For being a fantastic caring campaigner during E&D week, creating an amazing bookmark for the residents of Swan House. Well done!
3A	Arthur	For always being ready to learn. Arthur shows fantastic listening skills and I can rely on him to have his equipment ready to begin tasks promptly. Arthur is an excellent role model to others. Well done Arthur!
3E	Oscar	Oscar wowed during our Explore and Discovery week. He enthusiastically took part in our week's learning and could confidently recap our learning about different artists and art skills. Well done Oscar!
4R	Rogan	For a fabulous retell of the Sikh story of Bondi Chhor Divas. Well done.
4N	Lily-Grace	Great effort and perseverance with rounding in Maths.
5D	All of 5D	For contributing to every aspect of Explore and Discovery week. Everyone worked well and created a wonderful invention to present in the Dragon's Den. Well Done 5D! Thank you for an enjoyably immersive week.
5H	Finley	For working effectively as part of a team during Explore and Discovery week. A great invention and a superb pitch.
Children who attended Bryntysilio		For recognition of their outstanding participation at Bryntysilio. Throughout the experience, they demonstrated remarkable resilience, teamwork, communication, and self-belief — overcoming challenges and supporting one another every step of the way. Their enthusiasm, positivity, and spirit made them an absolute joy to be with — truly the best group of children ever to attend! Congratulations on your fantastic achievement!
Children who helped around school during the last week of half term		For practising professionalism! A team of Year 6 children joined different classes around the school to help, playing the role of teaching assistants. Well done everyone, you showed maturity and reliability – all of your help was greatly appreciated.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 3rd November	All children in Y1 to Y6 to be in winter uniform from now on
Friday 7th November	Flu Catch Up for children who missed the first vaccination date
Friday 7th November	Y3-4 deadline for booking Christmas lunch.
Monday 10th November	Anti Bullying week starts with Odd Socks Day (with school uniform)
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 14 th November	1:00-3:00pm Year 4 Bike Maintenance.
Friday 14th November	Children In Need. Children can wear appropriate non-uniform on this day in return for a £1.00 for Children In Need. (Through Scopay please)
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	1:00-3:00pm 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
Friday 28 th November	1:00-3:00 Year 3 TOGO NOGO Road Safety
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.

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 99% and 4N 98.7%

SUPER ATTENDANCE!



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






CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
4PM - 9PM

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

McArthur Glen
Designer Outlet
West Midlands

Christmas

2025 SHOPPING LIST

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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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Winter

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Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme

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	• Pantomimes	• Swimming
• Arts & Crafts	• Football	• & much more!
• Cooking	• Sports	

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

Sign up now!

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