

Dear Parents and Carers,

The theme this week has been 'Leadership' and in particular - pupil leadership!

We talked about the qualities of a good leader in assembly and announced our new School Council and new Learning Ambassadors for this academic year.

School Council representatives are chosen by the class teacher whereas the children chose their Learning Ambassadors through a democratic process during the summer term.

There were some very proud children on Wednesday!

In a couple of weeks we shall be celebrating the theme of Harvest, starting on Monday 29th September. We ask parents and families for contributions for the Local Food Bank which is important to our local community.

Woodlands is fantastic and always donates well to help others. It doesn't have to be a lot - if every family donated one tin of food that would be a lot of tins of food that would be very gratefully received. The foodbank list of ideas is at the back of the newsletter.

We might need raincoats for autumnal walks this weekend.  
Mrs Newton



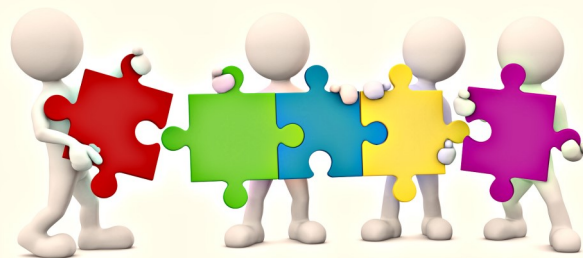
### A Star Sheriffs

Our new A Star Sheriffs have been to a training session this week with other newly appointed Sheriffs from Walsall schools. They have been learning all about road safety and how they can teach Woodlands children how to be safe on the roads and pavements.

In the photograph, they are creating a practice notice board to keep everyone up to date in school.

They really enjoyed their training session and are excited about how they can make a difference in the year ahead. Well done Nella, Skye, Dara and Eden for being such great ambassadors for our school.

# PUPIL LEADERSHIP



## Woodland's Learning Ambassadors 2025 - 2026

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1W<br>Ellanna<br>& Jayden L | 1E<br>Sienna W<br>& Zachary |
| 2CP<br>Thomas & Harper      | 2D<br>Oliver &<br>Ella-Mae  |
| 3A<br>Alessa & Ethan        | 3E<br>Ella & Ted            |
| 4N<br>Poppy-Rae<br>& Tommy  | 4R<br>Arlo & Amelia P       |
| 5D<br>Thea & Ethan          | 5H<br>Sam & Isobel          |
| 6P<br>Harley & Brooke       | 6H<br>Logan & Taylor        |



## Woodland's School Council 2025 - 2026

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1W<br>Eliza & Joban                  | 1E<br>Oliver & Sreeya          |
| 2CP<br>Mollie & Oliver F<br>Carter W | 2D<br>Autumn &<br>Tommy-Kieron |
| 3A<br>Ella-Rose &<br>Guruman         | 3E<br>Poppy K &<br>Nixon Y     |
| 4N<br>Luna-Rose &<br>Lucas J         | 4R<br>Evie W &<br>Haïden F     |
| 5M<br>Lincoln D &<br>Kitty W         | 5H<br>Jude B &<br>Sienna R     |

Led by Y6 Children who  
applied successfully for their roles

Head Boy - Xander R

Head Girl - Amelia D

Deputy Head Boy - Jacob M-J

Deputy Head Girl - Ella-Sofia W

**Congratulations to all our children who have been appointed in leadership roles.**

Learning Ambassadors and School Councillors are only two of the leadership roles in school. We also have Phunky Food Ambassadors; Woodland's Warriors; Librarians; Office support; A Star Coordinators, Buddies and Rotakids!

## Rough Wood Maintenance Work

Please be aware that contractors will be resurfacing paths in Rough Wood over the next three weeks.

We have received an email from the Council asking parents to not park in Rough Wood car park for this time period because it will be partially fenced for the storage of materials.

## Achieving Out of School!

Congratulations to Lillian for doing so well in her recent gymnastics competition and being awarded two medals.

Leighton has been awarded Chief Scouts Bronze Award which is a significant achievement. I hope Leighton feels very proud.

Footballers - Harry, Albie and Maddison have excelled in their training and matches this week, earning themselves medals. Albie and Maddison are strikers and Harry is a defender - they are fine tuning their skills.

Maddison has also achieved a water safety certificate and a medal for her dancing skills too. So many talented children at Woodlands!



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

**Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?**

**What's happening  
in the news this week?**



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

**22nd - 28th September 2025**

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, it's encouraging people to have a go at some unclaimed records!

**Our linking  
Woodlands value is  
'Risk Taker'**



## Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



| Class      | Name           | Reason                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tree-house | Alex J         | Amazing independent self-regulation last week! Alex utilised the resources within the Treehouse to help him regulate throughout the week. Well done Alex!                          |
| NAM        | Polly-Anna     | Amazing enthusiasm and great participation during PE. Completing all challenges with a smile. Well done Polly-Anna                                                                 |
| NPM        | Emily          | Following all instructions during PE and completing all challenges . Well done Emily.                                                                                              |
| RG         | Lilly-Mae      | For being super brave and still smiling when she hurt herself                                                                                                                      |
| RJ         | Neveah-Rose    | For always being ready to learn and being an amazing role model to her friends!                                                                                                    |
| 1W         | Ronnie S       | For always putting 100% effort into lessons. Ronnie has been trying super hard in all his lessons even when the work is a little tricky. Well done Ronnie!                         |
| 1E         | All of 1E      | A fantastic full first week! Everyone has tried so hard to remember our new routines and follow them well.                                                                         |
| 2CP        | Evie           | Settling into year 2 very well and trying her very best. Evie follows all instructions and leads by example as a fantastic role model to the other children in the year group.     |
| 2D         | Ella-Mae       | Always being ready to learn, taking part in all activities and willing to help others at all times.                                                                                |
| 3A         | Everyone in 3A | Well done to everyone in 3A for a wonderful first week back! You have all settled into year three well and have shown fantastic learning behaviours.                               |
| 3E         | Lilian A       | her fantastic attitude towards all of her learning. Lilian is an amazing role model. She listens attentively, tried her best and is always ready to learn.                         |
| 4R         | Sahibpreet     | Great use of expanded noun phrases to describe the character of the Artful Dodger. Well done.                                                                                      |
| 4N         | Aeron          | Superb use of the art pencil to produce tone and different types of texture e.g- cross hatching, stippling and ink wash.                                                           |
| 5D         | Isaac D        | For a fantastic drawing of himself for his annual art book. Isaac used shade, tone and detail to create a real life representation of himself. Well done Isaac!                    |
| 5H         | Tali           | For excellent learning behaviours and for giving maximum effort on every task. Keep up the good work.                                                                              |
| 6P         | Pippa          | Trying her best in everything she does. Pippa shared some thoughtful and imaginative ideas for our diary entry from Shmuel this week. Well done Pippa.                             |
| 6H         | Harley-Mae     | For a great effort on her first diary draft. It is clear that you have listened to the advice given and have tailored it to make it your own. Well done, keep up the great effort. |

## **Dates on the horizon**

|                                                  |                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 26th September                            | Flu Vaccination by the NHS for all children                               |
| Week of 29th September                           | Whole school Harvest theme (Food Bank donations are very welcome)         |
| Tuesday 30th September                           | 2:45, 6P Class Assembly, parents invited                                  |
| Thursday 2nd October                             | 2:30 Y6 Parent meeting for Bryntysilio                                    |
| Tuesday 7th October                              | 2:45, 5D Class Assembly, parents invited                                  |
| Wednesday 8th October                            | 2:15 and repeated at 4:30 Reception Parent meeting about phonics          |
| Thursday 9th October                             | Y2 visit to The Black Country Museum                                      |
| Monday 13th to Thursday 16th October             | Book Fair after school                                                    |
| Wednesday 15th October and Thursday 16th October | Parent Consultation                                                       |
| Monday 20th October                              | Explore and Discovery Week                                                |
| Monday 20th October                              | Y6 to Bryntysilio for the week                                            |
| Tuesday 21st October                             | 2:45, 3E Class Assembly, parents invited                                  |
| Tuesday 21st October                             | After school, Nursery and Reception Pumpkin Party with an adult           |
| Thursday 23rd October                            | After school, Halloween Disco for Y1 to Y6                                |
| Friday 24th October                              | School closes for half term at the end of the school day                  |
| Monday 3rd November                              | School opens. All children in Y1 to Y6 to be in winter uniform            |
| Friday 7th November                              | Y3 & Y4 parent deadline for ordering & paying for parent Christmas dinner |
| Monday 10th November                             | Anti Bullying week starts with Odd Socks Day                              |
| Tuesday 11th November                            | Remembrance Day                                                           |
| Friday 14th November                             | Children In Need                                                          |
| Tuesday 18th November                            | 2:45, 6H Class Assembly, parents invited                                  |
| 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                            |
| Wednesday 3rd December                           | Christmas Fayre after school                                              |
| Wednesday 3rd December                           | Y4 visit to Black Country Living Museum                                   |
| 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                                   |
| Wednesday 17th December                          | Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2                                   |
| Thursday 18th December                           | School closes at the end of the day for children                          |
| Friday 19th December                             | Teacher Training Day                                                      |
| Monday 5th January                               | School opens for everyone                                                 |

## IMPORTANT: CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

### Families with a child in Year 6 who live in Walsall should have received a letter about the application process for Secondary Schools from Woodlands

Families need to apply online, through the below link, to select the choices for their child.

[Apply for a secondary school place | Walsall Council](#)

The portal is already open so if you know which schools you would like to apply for then you can complete and submit the form now. The portal will close on 31st October so it is important that every family applies before this date because otherwise a school will be selected for your child which might not be your preference and might be located a distance from your home.

Parents can list up to 5 school preferences, they recommend that parents use all 5 preferences.

If you are still unsure then please do go and visit the Secondary Schools that you are interested in. Many Secondary Schools are currently holding Open Evenings when you can go and visit and meet the staff. The dates of these events will be on the Secondary School's website.

Parents will be notified of the school that has been allocated for your child on the 2nd March 2026.

If you live in a different authority then please access your council website to find the relevant information. You can apply for Walsall schools through their application form.

### Drop-in sessions

At our drop-in sessions, we will be available to help you make your child's secondary school application.

| Location                                                     | Date                      | Time        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Willenhall Library, 1 Walsall St, Willenhall WV13 2EX        | Tuesday 14 October 2025   | 9am to 12pm |
| Darlaston Library, 1 King St, Darlaston, Wednesbury WS10 8DE | Tuesday 14 October 2025   | 1pm to 4pm  |
| Lichfield Street Hub, Lichfield St, Walsall WS1 1TR          | Wednesday 15 October 2025 | 9am to 5pm  |
| Blakenall Village Centre, 79 Thames Road, Bloxwich WS3 1LZ   | Thursday 16 October 2025  | 1pm to 4pm  |

## 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:

**1E 100% and 5H 99.3%**

**What a fantastic start to the new academic year!**



## Sensory Strategies

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?

**Come and join us at Manor Farm Community Association for the first meeting of the Supported Waiting Network.**

We have guest speakers to advise on a variety of monthly topics and many services who support with access to additional support for you and your child. Come and chat to other parents, find out what additional support is available across the partnership with our monthly themed support group.

For further advice or information, telephone **01922 656463** or email [pals.officer@nhs.net](mailto:pals.officer@nhs.net)



🕒 9.30am-11.30am

📅 24 September 2025

📍 Manor Farm Community Association  
King George Cres, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

## Supported Waiting Parent Network

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?  
Come and join us for support while you wait to be seen.

Forthcoming dates for 2025

June 25th

July 30th

August 27th

September 24th

October 29th

November 26th

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**Saturday Mornings 11.00 to 12.00 @ King Georges Park Bloxwich**

Contact us to get the ball rolling 🏈🏈🏈

**Nick**

**07460 090529**





### Player Development





**New to football? Never kicked a ball before? NO PROBLEM!**  
We're here to help you take your *first steps on the pitch* in a fun, supportive environment.

- ✅ Open to **boys and girls aged 7-9 - School Years 3,4 & 5**
- ✅ Perfect for **beginners**
- ✅ Led by an **FA-licensed coach**
- ✅ Full **DBS checked and safeguarding compliant**

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**PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST**

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- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS  
(MEATBALLS/MACARONI  
CHEESE/CHILLI)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE  
PUDDING
- BARS OF SOAP
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO



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OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON  
YOUR SHOPPING DAY



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LOOK AT OUR FREE AND  
EXCITING ACTIVITIES**



## Contact Us;

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 [walsallfamiliesintheknow](https://www.facebook.com/walsallfamiliesintheknow)

 [www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk](http://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk)



**Walsall  
Family Hubs**

Supporting families to live happier lives

## JUST 4 DADS

This booklet is created for dads in Walsall to  
access support, activities and so much  
more....

"Stay and play gave me  
confidence to be  
myself without fear of feeling  
judged"  
Quote from a Dad



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## We know Dads play a vital role in their children's lives.

We have lots on offer for you at Walsall  
Family Hubs;

Dads Stay & Plays (*weekdays and  
weekends*)

- PEEP 4 DADS learn & play
- Dads 4 Dads Peer Support Groups
- One to One support
- Parenting Workshops - Henry
- DadsPad App

and much more .....

### DADS STAY AND PLAY

A chance for fathers to connect with their  
children through fun playful, developmental  
activities.

Available during the week and on  
Saturdays.

### ONE TO ONE SUPPORT

Up to 6 weeks of personalised, one-  
to-one support for fathers seeking  
guidance and emotional well-being in  
their parenting journey.

## DADS SUPPORT GROUPS

Meet with other fathers twice a month  
in a relaxed, child-free environment to  
explore emotions, challenges, and  
experiences.

## HENRY PROGRAMME

It's a free, 8-week parenting course  
helping you build healthy habits  
through practical tips on food,  
routines, and parenting.

\*Free gift provided



**For Further Information, please  
contact Ed**

Phone Number:

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## MELLOW 4 DADS

This flexible programme helps you  
build stronger bonds with your child  
through relaxed sessions.

It's designed to support fathers  
during times of stress or isolation,  
especially in the early years, with  
space to connect, reflect, and grow  
together.

## BABY MASSAGE

Focused on enhancing early bonding  
and interaction through guided  
activities. Babies attend with dads.  
5 week programme.

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YEARS

# Dads Supporting Dads



Join us in a relaxed and welcoming space where you can connect with other dads, share experiences, and ask questions about parenting.

Whether you're a new dad or have years of experience, these sessions are all about building friendships and creating a supportive community

14TH, 21ST OCTOBER  
11TH, 18TH NOVEMBER  
9TH, 16TH DECEMBER  
2025  
11:00- 1:00PM

NORTH FAMILY HUB,  
275 BLAKENALL LANE,  
BLAKENALL, WS3 1HJ.



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## DAD'S STAY & PLAY

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2025



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YEARS

A CHANCE FOR TO CONNECT WITH THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH FUN PLAYFUL,  
DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES.  
AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK AND ON SATURDAYS.

South and Central Family  
Hub

Birchills Street  
WS2 8NF

West Family Hub

Ilmington House, Crescent  
Road, Darlaston  
WS10 8AE

North Family Hub

275 Blakenall Lane,  
Blakenall,  
WS3 1HJ

Wednesday 22nd October  
5th November  
12:00 - 13:30

Saturday 18th October  
15th November  
10:30 - 12:30

Saturday 11th October  
10:30 - 12:30

Wednesday 15th October  
12th November  
12:00 - 13:00

Saturday 1st November  
10:30 - 12:30

FREE

No booking. just  
turn up



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