

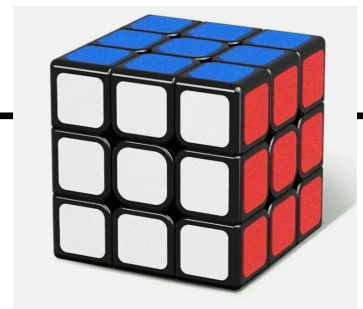
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all well and truly back in the swing of school routines and already, at the end of week 2, I have a suspicion this year will fly by... We have been getting organised in school with dates of events for this term which you can see later in the newsletter.

Next week brings school photographs and so extra time will be required before school for extra hair care!! Siblings can have their photographs taken together between 8:00 and 8:40 on Tuesday and Thursday. Lower school (N, R, Y1 and Y2) individual photographs will be during the school day on Tuesday and upper school (Y3 - Y6) on Thursday.

If your child has been referred to paediatrics and is waiting for an appointment then please see the NHS poster in the newsletter. The Supported Waiting Parent Network might be able to help reduce the waiting time or at least provide support. The SENDIASS newsletter is also on the website in the newsletter area.

Happy weekend Woodlands. Mrs Newton



Achieving Out of School!

Can you solve the Rubik's Cube? This week, we are celebrating Sahib for his skills in solving the Rubik's Cube Puzzle. He has amazed his class with his demonstrations and his speed – 24 seconds on one occasion. He also attended a Rubik's Cube Championship with 1000 people competing and came 333rd. Very impressive!

Our footballers have started their new season and Nixon, Veer and Reuben have already been awarded a weekly club trophy for demonstrating great skills and a great attitude.

Miyah G has excelled in her dancing and was awarded silver for her Street Dancing skills.



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

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



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

15th - 21st September 2025

The voting age for UK general elections is set to be lowered to 16. This would bring England in line with Wales and Scotland, where 16-year-olds can already vote in some elections. Schools will soon be giving more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run.

**Our linking
Woodlands value is
'Democracy'**



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:

Nursery PM 100%, RJ 100% and 6H 96.6%

What a fantastic start to the new academic year!



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Tree-house	Everyone	We have had a fantastic start to the year with lots of smiles and great learning behaviours! Well done!
NAM	Everyone	An amazing start to your nursery adventure. Settled in very well and ready to learn.
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RG	Prabhjot	For having excellent movements in our funky feet movement time.
RJ	Finley T	For an SUPER start to Reception! You were brand new to our class and have settled in so well!
1W	All of 1W	For fantastic settling into Year 1. Everyone has tried their very best and are adjusting well to their new routines. Well done everyone!
1E	Devon-Lee	What a super start to Year 1! I have been impressed by your determination to try your best in our learning this week. Well done!
2CP	All of 2CP	Settling into Year 2 with their Woodlands SMILE and ready to learn ethos. Keep it up 2CP!
2D	Noah G	Amazing effort in all he does! Noah has always got his hand up, is ready to learn and helps his peers throughout the day! What a fantastic start to Year 2!
3A	Roseline K	For always being ready to learn. Roseline shows fantastic listening skills and I can rely on Roseline to have her equipment to begin tasks promptly. She is an excellent role model to others. Well done for a super start to year 3 Roseline!
3E	Ella S	A fantastic summary of, 'The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig' in RAID. I was really impressed. Well done Ella.
4R	All of 4R	For a fabulous start to year 4. Well done.
4N	Elyza	Super attitude towards your learning in Year 4! You have completed all learning tasks this week which has been fabulous.
5D	All of 5D	For a fantastic first week back! J Everyone has settled in well and has shown wonderful learning behaviours. Well done 5D! J
5H	All of 5H	For a brilliant first week back! Everyone has settled well into Year 5 and I look forward to the year ahead! Well done 5H!
6P	Dannielle	Embracing the step up from Year 5 with confidence, tackling new challenges with a smile. Even with the added difficulty of an injured wrist, she hasn't let anything hold her back.
6H	Wyatt	For coming back with a positive attitude towards his learning. He has been fully engaged with the lessons and sharing his knowledge in particularly in history. Well Done, keep it up.

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 16th September and Thursday 18th September Pupil individual and sibling photographs
8-8:40AM photographs before school on both days for siblings who do not attend Woodlands

Tuesday - Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2

Thursday - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

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 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

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 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

Autumn Term 2025 / 2026

Monday 1 st September 2025	Term Starts
Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Staff Training Days – School Closed
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term Holidays
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Last Day of Term
Friday 19 th December 2025	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026	End of Term Holidays

Spring Term 2025 / 2026

Monday 5 th January 2026	Term Starts
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Holidays
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	End of Term Holidays

Summer Term 2025 / 2026

Monday 13 th April 2026	Term Starts
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Last Day of Term
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Last Day of Term

Bank Holidays 2025 / 2026

Summer Bank Holiday:

Monday 25th August 2025

Good Friday:

Friday 3rd April 2026

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

Easter Monday:

Monday 6th April 2026

Boxing Day

Friday 26th December 2025

May Bank Holiday:

Monday 4th May 2026

New Year's Day

Thursday 1st January 2026

Spring Bank Holiday:

Monday 25th May 2026

Please Note: There is an additional 1 staff training days to be confirmed!

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



🕒 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 🏈🏈🏈🏈

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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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- 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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