

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope our mothers were thoroughly spoilt last weekend and enjoyed their gifts which your children had fun choosing. The monies raised went to the Y6 Prom Committee where parents are working hard to raise funds for the special celebration for Y6 at the end of the year. This week, our parents have been busy selling cakes after school and have also provided the prizes for the Easter competition which is described below. Thank you to everyone for supporting the fund raising for our children.

We also wish to say thank you to two fabulous Treehouse mums who went shopping for Treehouse resources for our children - our children (and staff) are going to gain so much from these brilliant resources. Thank you.

It has been another fun filled week at Woodlands... there really isn't a dull moment!

Year 2 explored Dudley Zoo on Wednesday in the sunshine. Our children were praised by the Dudley Zoo staff for their manners, scientific knowledge and for generally being absolutely lovely!

We have ended the week with Y3, Y4 and Y5 performing The Easter Extravaganza which was just brilliant. There isn't a better way to end the week than attending our children's performance of singing, rapping, signing Makaton and playing the ukulele. Wonderful!

We are hurtling towards the Easter break with only one week left and still so much to squeeze in...

Our Saplings will be visiting the farm on Monday; RJ will be leading assembly on Tuesday; the Book Fair will be open after school in the hall on Monday to Thursday which families are very welcome to visit. It is also Parent Consultation on Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 when we are looking forward to welcoming our families into school.

Thursday will be an 'eggcellent' day as we celebrate our children's creativity in our Easter competitions.

Nursery to Y2 are invited to design an Easter Bonnet and Y3 to Y6 are invited to utilise hard boiled eggs to create something amazing...

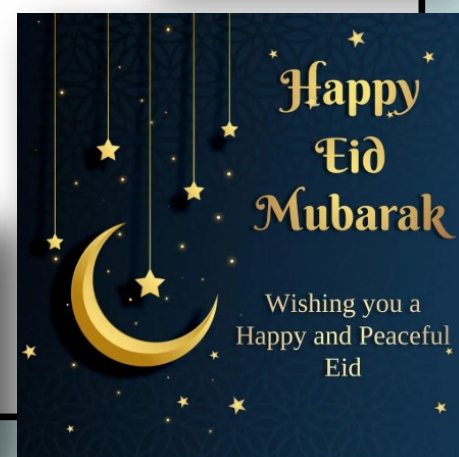
All entries will need to be brought into school on Thursday, along with 50p to enter the competition. There will be a prize provided by the Prom Committee for every year group. Judging the winners gets harder and harder every year!

If the weather is dry then parents are invited to an Easter parade when our children will proudly display their Easter Bonnets on the field. (This will be weather dependent so we shall text families by 1:00 to let you know if this is not going ahead)

On Friday, we break up at normal time for the two week break and we can keep everything crossed that the weather is kind to us for the holidays.

Have a great weekend Woodlands and we wish all our families who are celebrating Eid - a very **Happy Eid!**

Mrs Newton



Rotakids are busy fundraising...

Next week, the Rotakids children will be running an Easter game on the playground. The game will be like a coconut shy but with Easter eggs. If your child would like to have a go, then could parents please pay 50p for three throws through Scopay. There will also be a name the bunny game for 50p too, which will take place towards the end of the week and can also be paid on Scopay. Thank you



EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

KEY STAGE 1

Nursery - Yr 2



DECORATE AN EGG COMPETITION

KEY STAGE 2 Yr 3-6

Entries to be in on **THURSDAY 26TH March** and
will be judged on the same day.



50p to enter

A prize for the winner in each class

What is PSHE?

Personal, Social and Health Education which is mainly taught in our weekly Jigsaw lessons

Jigsaw's Units of Work (Puzzles) are:

1. Being Me in My World

Includes understanding my place in the class, school and global community as well as devising Learning Charters.



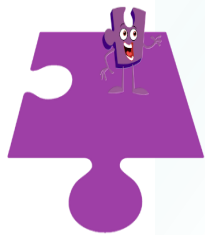
2. Celebrating Difference

Includes anti-bullying (cyber and homophobic bullying included) and diversity work.



3. Dreams and Goals

Includes goal-setting, aspirations for yourself and the world and working together.



4. Healthy Me

Includes drugs and alcohol education, self-esteem and confidence as well as healthy lifestyle choices.



5. Relationships

Includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills.



6. Changing Me

This puzzle includes relationships education in the context of coping positively with change.



Updated Statutory Relationships and Health Education Guidance

The Government first brought out statutory guidance regarding what schools should teach for personal development in 2021, alongside the National Curriculum. They have now updated this guidance which is to be implemented by schools from September 2026.

We have been busy at Woodlands getting ready for these changes and wanted to ensure that our families are aware of what will be taught and to ask any questions that they may have.

This guidance focuses primarily on the personal development of children during primary years which is something that we already place great importance on at Woodlands.

Many aspects of this guidance are taught through formal lessons and in different subjects. However, our school culture priorities the importance of developing positive values and developing character with an emphasis on emotional wellbeing. This is epitomised in our school values – The Woodlands Smile Tree.

The core of this guidance is taught through the published scheme Jigsaw, taught in weekly Personal, Social and Health Education lessons in every year group. Other aspects of the guidance are taught in strands of subjects across the curriculum, such as science, design and technology, computing and physical education.

The updated and draft Relationships and Health Education Policy is currently on our website in the policies section for our families. This policy details how we shall teach this guidance and what will be taught in each year group.

Also, we would like to share some of the Jigsaw lessons and resources with our families during the parent consultation evenings. Myself and Miss Pottle will be based next to the book fair (in the hall) and will be happy to talk to you about this guidance and how we teach personal development at Woodlands.

We would welcome any feedback from parents regarding this updated policy. This could be emailed to postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk with the email heading of RHE, or feedback could be placed in the suggestion box in the foyer.



Y2 had an
amazing day
at Dudley
Zoo!





The Easter Extravaganza performed by Y3, Y4 and Y5 was amazing!



So many out of school achievers...

Leo W in 2D scored two goals in his football match at the weekend.

Leo in RJ has achieved a medal for bicycle racing at the Speedway Club, Wednesfield Aces, with no stabilisers – very impressive!

Sienna R- so many cheerleading medals to share

Haider- Man of The Match in his football game

Jack— Parent's Player of the Match and Trainer's Award for football

Tommy- won the league medal for football

Reuben- Football coach award

Seraya- Gymnastics award

Callum— Two trophies at home for football

Tobias— Player of the Match

Ollie— Player of the Match for a great goal and playing out of position.

Nixon - football award for scoring a hat trick.

So many varied hobbies and sports!



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!

23rd - 29th March 2026

What makes someone a champion?

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympics Games in Italy?



Our linking Woodlands value is 'Aspirational'

'Snack Attack' - Poster competition

Our Phunky Food Ambassadors are inviting you to take part in a competition to design a bright and eye-catching poster encouraging children to eat more healthy snacks. You can use the heading 'Snack Attack' to make your poster stand out along with facts, creative drawings or both!

There will be a prize for the winner of each key stage.

Completed posters should be handed in to your class teacher by Friday 17th April 2026. Good luck!

WINNING CLASSES 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 100% and 4R 98.4%

Absolutely Fantastic!



A few important dates to share with parents

On Friday 22nd May, school will be closed to children for our final Teacher Training Day of the year.

It is also important to note that the last two days of the academic year, Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July, are days when school is open and children are expected to attend as normal.

Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holiday.

This means children do not need to wear a tie if they are wearing a polo shirt but if they chose to wear a normal shirt then a tie must be worn.

We have also noticed trainers creeping back in, children should be wearing school shoes to school. If children arrive in trainers they will have to change into black pumps during lesson times.

**Thank you to all our families for supporting our uniform policy
so our children always look smart!**

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Tree-house	Mehtab	Has been confident this week in asking us for things she needs, she's independently made great choices throughout her day and has been kind and loving towards her peers and teachers!
NAM	Willow	Using your Makaton signs during the day and quickly picking up the new spring and sea creature signs we have learnt this week.
NPM	Declan	Learning new facts about turtles, showing your knowledge, and understanding in your writing and turtle challenges.
RG	Harris	Working hard in RWI. Harris was trying to join in and remember his RWI sounds. He was using Fred talk to blend the sounds into words.
RJ	Elijah	Amazing progress during RWI. Elijah is now reading more fluently. By using Fred in your head you are reading short sentences much more quickly. Well done!
1W	Joel	Super handwriting! Joel always puts 100% effort into his handwriting. He ensures that his handwriting is sitting on the line and his tall letters touch the top line. Well done!
1E	Jessica	For an impressive story retell of 'Room on the Broom'. Each week you are giving your very best to sequence an interesting narrative. You are trying so hard to remember our spelling rules. Well done!
2CP	Freyja	For working really hard to improve her handwriting. Freyja has also improved her pace and how much work she produces each lesson.
2D	All 2D	For a brilliant performance for our class assembly about Florence Nightingale. Well done!
3A	Victorious	For her hard work during our rehearsals for our Musical Extravaganza! She has been working so hard to practice her singing and use the Makaton actions. Well done Victorious!
3E	Jayden-James	For a fantastic start to joining Woodlands. Jayden is showing fabulous learning behaviours and is already impressing with his neat handwriting and hard work. Well done Jayden. It's a lovely to have you join 3E.
4R	Skylar	For a super diary entry using all the relevant features. Well done Skylar.
4N	Sienna	Listening to feedback on how to improve her writing. You always try so hard.
5D	Kitty	For a wonderful non-chronological report. Kitty included key features, added lots of detail and used scientific vocabulary. Well done!
5H	Bonnie W	For showing resilience whilst working on finding fractions of an amount. Your end of topic assessment demonstrated how hard you worked to understand this.
6P	Alfie AC	For brilliant progress in Maths. His fantastic arithmetic scores show how hard he has been working, and his thoughtful contributions during class discussions help everyone learn. Keep up the excellent effort and enthusiasm!
6H	Annabella A	Annabella has been giving 100% effort to her maths work and revision. This dedication is clearly reflected in her improved arithmetic scores. It's great to see her positive attitude and determination.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 23rd March	Treehouse Saplings Trip to the Farm
Monday 23rd to Thursday 27th March	Book Fair after school in the hall
Tuesday 24th March	RJ Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March	Parent Consultation 4:00 - 6:00
Thursday 26th March	Please bring in all imaginative Easter Bonnets and Crazy Egg Designs into school today with 50p to enter the competition 2:30 Easter Bonnet Parade on the field, if dry. (11:20 for morning Nursery)
Friday 27th March	School closes at the end of the day for Easter Break



Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 13th April	School open to children at 8:40 as normal
Tuesday 21st April	4R Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Tuesday 21st April	2:15 Y6 Parents Prom Committee meeting
Wednesday 22nd April	Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May	Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood / Cake sale after school
Monday 4th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs all week
Wednesday 20th May	10:00am New Reception Parent meeting
Thursday 21st May	Y6 Geographical visit to the Beach
Thursday 21st May	School closes at the end of the day for May half term

Friday 22nd May **School closed to children Teacher Training Day**

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th April MAY HALF TERM

Wednesday 3rd June	10:00am New Nursery Parent Meeting
Tuesday 9th June	3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Week Beg Monday 15th June	Transition Begins
Week Beg Monday 29th June	Health & Fitness Week
Monday 29th June	Y5 and 6 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 30th June	Y1 and 2 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 1st July	Y3 and 4 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 2nd July	Nursery and Reception Sports
Thursday 9th July	Summer Sizzler
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July	Year 1 trips to the farm
Monday 13th July	Parent Drop in

Juniper has arrived at Woodlands!

After a few technical hitches, staff are beginning to send messages, awards and share positive news with parents carers through Juniper.

You can send us an emoji to let us know you have received them.

Be sure to sign up if you haven't already!



Parent App 1/2

Quick Reference Guide

Get started

1. Open your **email** invite
2. **Create** an account
3. Download the **Juniper Education** app from the **App Store** or **Google Play**
4. Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) and **login**
5. You're all set – stay informed and enjoy! 🥳

Homepage

- Messages sent to you by school
- View your children in **one** account
- Swipe through **Latest Updates**
- Tap **See all** to view all updates in that area
- Press and hold to **reorder** widgets
- Tap **Hub** to explore other areas in the app
- Allow **push notifications** to stay informed with school

Observations

- Change **order** newest to oldest
- Press and hold to **react**
- React with an **emoji** or post a **comment**
- View **full photo**
- Swipe up** to flick through each observation

Why is it important to interact with the updates?

By adding a short comment, you're showing your child (and their teacher) that **you care** and **you're excited** to see what they've been up to at school.

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Awards

- How many **points** they have achieved
- Press to view their **badges** and see what's left to receive
- Tap through to see the **badges** they have been awarded

Attendance

- Your child's overall attendance in the current school year
- An attendance summary and their **absence** and **late** records
- Swipe to view attendance for **each child**
- Summary and breakdowns with charts below
- Confetti celebration**
If your child is at **100% attendance**, at the end of each term you'll have a celebration with onscreen confetti! 🎉

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Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme



HAF Easter 2026

**FREE
Healthy
Meal**

What's on offer this Easter?

This Easter 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 **23/02/26**.

Free activities:

- Horse riding
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Pantomimes
- Football
- Sports
- Swimming
- & much more!


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• X (formerly twitter): Walsall Council

• NextDoor: Walsall Council



A Message from Family Hubs

Best Start in Life Family Hubs offer a welcoming space where all families can access advice and support from a range of services for all families in Walsall.

The Hubs support families from pregnancy to childcare right through to starting school, get advice and support for your child's development.

We offer lots of FREE activities such as; stay & plays, antenatal, feeding, birth registration, baby massage, baby sensory, developmental checks, volunteering midwife appointments, baby clinics, dads groups, parenting and so much more.....



More information about the Hubs, and what they offer, can be found on the Family Hubs website: <https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/>

Email: Familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk and follow us on Facebook: WalsallFamiliesintheknow or download the app!

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