



Friday 13th March 2026



Dear parents, carers and families,

It is so wonderful to see now that the days are getting longer, the evenings are drawing out, which makes everything seem so much brighter.

During the week we have been sharing our JIGSAW learning from last half term. Children have discussed, taken on and completed challenges to identify the best way to fulfil their dreams and goals.

Some of the Rotakids went along to Darlaston Town Hall to talk about what they have been up to in school. I hear that many cakes were consumed!!!

2D showed what amazing historians they are in their class assembly and we prepared to celebrate Mothering Sunday with our Mother's Day Bring and Buy. We had a few raffle winners announced in our assembly today. Well done to all of the winners.

If you are feeling creative over the next few weekends, Phunky Food Ambassadors have launched a poster competition to encourage people to eat more healthy snacks. Keep scrolling for full details.

Next week Year 2 are off to the Zoo, there will be cake sales to raise money for Year 6's leavers celebration, on Thursday children are invited to wear their Comic Relief outfits for the cost of £1 to raise money for the charity and on Friday, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be showcasing their musical talents.

Whatever you get up to during this Mother's Day weekend, I hope that you have a fabulous time. I think that I might be sampling some cakes of my own!

Mrs Macpherson



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:

Morning Nursery 100%

Afternoon Nursery 100%

4R 98.4%

Absolutely Fantastic!



Mother's Day Raffle

Winners!

1st—Darcy - Nursery

Nathan — 3A

2nd—Mrs Stone

Sienna R — 5H

3rd—Esmail — 2D

Holly M — 4N

4th—Maddison — 6P

Hamza — 2D

Runners Up

Logan S — 5D

Evie — 6P

Leo S — Reception

Danielle — 6P

Amiya S — 6P

Maddison — 6P

Jackson O'B — 4R

Well done!

Out of School Awards



Congratulations to:

Ava P was celebrated for gaining her 10 and 15 metre swimming certificates swimming on her front and back.

Ellanna B earned a player of the week trophy for football ,for her excellent kicking skills.

Jayden S has an award from Geokicks for completing his stage 2 certificate.



Congratulations to:

Annabelle who showed us her many medals for accomplishments in dance.

Nixon was congratulated for his fantastic Football skills.

Haiden was awarded for being Player of the Match.



Woodlands Choir in Full Voice!!

The Choir were out at Swan House sharing their love of song again last week. The residents loved their Christmas tunes so much that they were asked to visit with their new repertoire.

Excellent job choir, we are very proud of you all.



2D's Highly Historical Class Assembly!

2D treated us to an amazing assembly all about the Fabulous Florence Nightingale. There were facts and information about her life and work but my absolute favourite had to be the song! Well done 2D! Mrs Jackson x





Year 6 Visit the Rotary Club

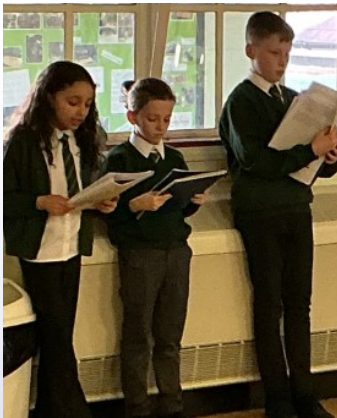
Six lucky Rotakids, visited Darlaston Townhall to present to the Rotary club. They were able to tell them about all the events the Rotakids have done and money raised along with plans for the future. They were then presented with a £250 cheque to support chosen charities and plans for improving our own school. Following the presentations, they were treated to an afternoon tea, which was delicious!!





JIGSAW

Dream Big!!!



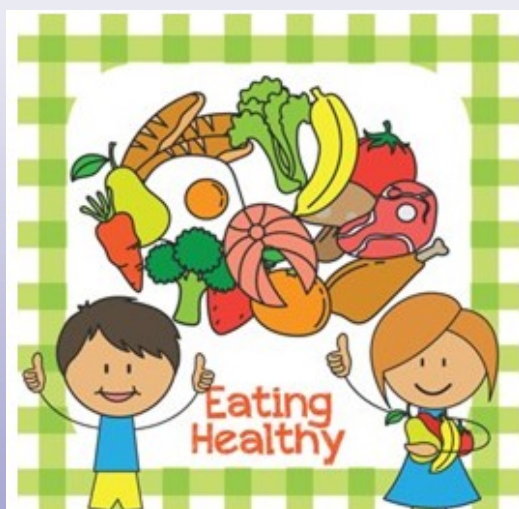
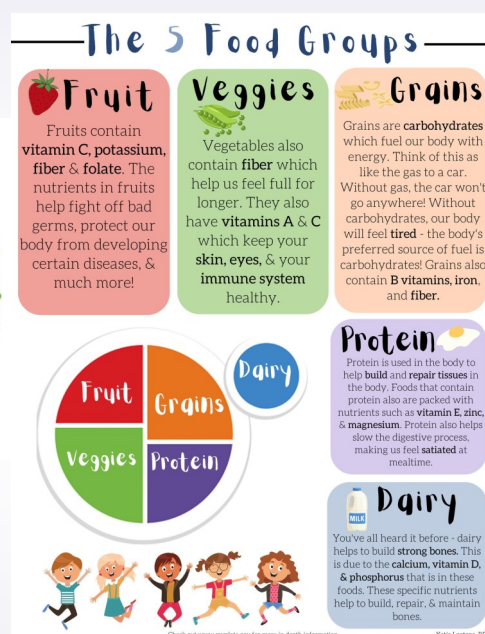
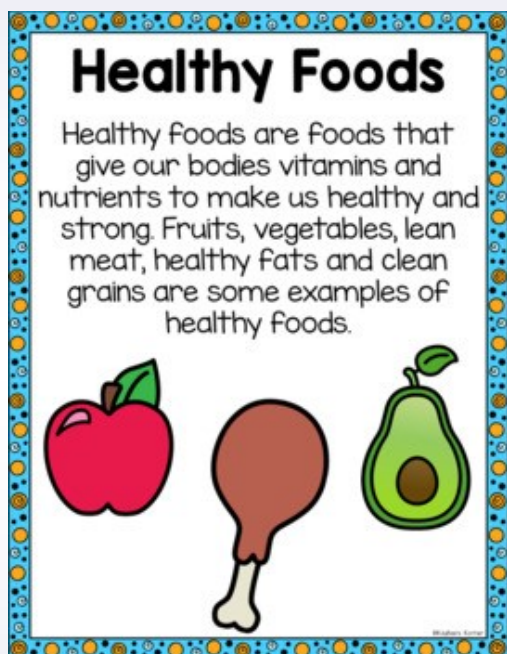
During assembly on Wednesday the children shared their JIGSAW learning from last half term. They proudly talked about their work on Dreams and Goals and how we can reach our targets and overcome challenges. Wonderful sharing Woodlands!

'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!



Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Mason	For always being so kind and caring towards his peers in the Treehouse. Well done Mason!
NAM	All of Nursery	For impressing your teachers during World Book day by recalling so many details from the story and producing some lovely pictures and writing about the story.
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RG	All of RG	For a fantastic class assembly all about dinosaurs.
RJ	Tommy P	Working hard to write his name with all of his letters formed correctly – even that tricky ‘y’ Well done!
1W	Ezekiel A	For a super retell of Tiddler. Ezekiel had super sentences and made sure to include lots of adjectives when describing each sea creature. Well done, Ezekiel!
1E	George	For his determination in our Writing lessons to ensure that all of his letters are correctly formed and sit on the line. Well done!
2CP	Ava-Maria	Working hard to recall her 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Ava is putting 100% effort into all of her learning.
2D	Alfie	For brilliant work in English writing a report about healthy eating. Fantastic ideas Alfie, well done!
3A	Isla S	For Isla’s fantastic work in Maths! Isla was able to identify whether a shape has equal or unequal parts. She was also able to identify the denominator of a fraction by counting the equal parts of a shape. Well done Isla!
3E	Ivy R	For a fantastic letter to the king. Ivy used super star words, paragraphs and adverbs of time and manner. Well done Ivy!
4R	Jaxon	For a fantastic retell of The Enormous Crocodile. Jaxon used all the features we have been working on and star words. It was a pleasure to read. Well done.
4N	Bradley	For trying hard to use TAD, MAD, ENP and speech in his retell of The Enormous Crocodile in English.
5D	Serina	For improving her concentration and effort in class and for producing more work. Your dedication and positive attitude towards learning are wonderful to see. Keep up the great work! 😊
5H	Brody	For working hard across all subjects. You have engaged in the tasks and tried hard to work more independently. Well done!
6P	Milana	She created a detailed story map based on <i>Dear Zoo</i> and then used it creatively to innovate and write her own version of the story. Milana also designed a wonderful front cover for her book, showing great imagination and pride in her work.
6H	Fateh	For his continued dedication to learning. Fateh consistently works hard to improve his understanding across all subjects and approaches every task with determination and focus. He gives 100% effort in all areas, demonstrating a strong attitude and commitment to doing his very best.

Dates on the horizon



Wednesday 18th March	Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo
Wednesday 18th March—Friday 20th March	Cake Sale for Y6 leavers celebration (outside school)
Thursday 19th March	Y4 Laches Wood Parent Meeting at 2:45pm
Thursday 19th March	Comic Relief Dress up day—please add your pound to ScoPay
Friday 20th March	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Musical Extravaganza (9:15am and repeated at 2:30pm)
Monday 23rd March	Treehouse Saplings Trip to the Farm
Monday 23rd March	Year 3 & 4 Netball competition (after school)
Monday 23rd March to Thursday 27th March	Book Fair in the hall after school
Tuesday 24th March	RJ Class assembly (2:45pm start) Parents welcome!
Wednesday 25th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 26th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 26th March	Easter Bonnet Parade on field (if dry) 11:20 (Nursery AM), 2:30 & Crazy Eggs Competition Children are invited to enter an Easter competition for 50p and bring into school today: Nursery to Y2: Create an imaginative Easter Bonnet Y3 to Y6: Use hard boiled eggs to create something amazing! 11:20 (Nursery AM) and 2:30 Easter Bonnet Parade if the field is dry!
Friday 27th March	School closes at the end of the day for Easter Break

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April—EASTER HOLIDAY

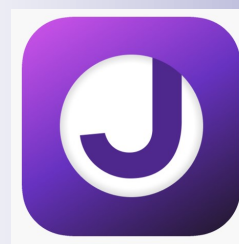
Monday 13th April	School open to children at 8:40 as normal
Tuesday 21st April	4R Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Wednesday 22nd April	Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May	Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood
Week Beg Monday 11th May	SATs Week
Wednesday 20th May	10:00am New Reception Parent meeting
Thursday 21st May	Y6 geographical visit to the Beach
Wednesday 3rd June	10:00am New Nursery Parent Meeting
Tuesday 9th June	3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)

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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An Important message to families about E-Scooters

We have been asked to share a message about the dangers associated with e-scooter use after a recent incident in the Walsall area.



Safety Concerns

Police and safety services report a growing number of collisions involving e-scooters, with some resulting in serious injury. West Midlands Police highlight that if a rider causes harm to others, incidents are investigated in the same way as collisions involving cars or motorcycles.

In addition, West Midlands Fire Service and national road safety bodies emphasise the following risks:

- Lack of protective equipment (many children ride without helmets or pads)
- Use on unsuitable surfaces and in busy pedestrian areas
- Rising reports of children riding without insurance and in unsafe conditions, contributing to increased enforcement concerns nationally

The Law

Legal restrictions and the dangers associated with e-scooter use confirmed by West Midlands Police guidance:

- ⇒ Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, parks, cycle lanes, and any other public spaces.
- ⇒ They are legally classified as *motor vehicles* meaning they require a
- ⇒ driving licence and insurance—neither of which is available for privately owned e-scooters.
- ⇒ Children riding private e-scooters in public are doing so unlawfully and the vehicles can be seized.



The only lawful use of e-scooters in public places is through approved rental trial schemes, which require riders to be at least 18 and hold a valid driving licence. These rentals are inappropriate and inaccessible for school-aged children.

For Further Information:

West Midlands Police guidance on e-scooters can be found here:

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

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Easter

2026

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:

Football, Mobile Youth Bus, Gaming & Coding, Snooker, Performing Arts, Music & DJ and much more!

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Sign up now!

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

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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/>

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Find your local Family Hub:

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• East: Silver Court, WS8 6HA

