

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our assembly theme this week has been 'Spring has Sprung'. The official start of Spring was last Thursday and we have certainly seen the changes which we hope will continue. I have encouraged our children to 'notice' the world around them as life and colour emerge with the advent of this special season. A walk in nature would be a lovely way to spend some time together this weekend and notice the signs of spring.

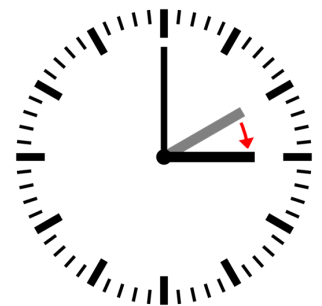


It was really great that so many parents came to consultation evening to meet their child's class teacher. We hope you feel more informed about how your child is doing in school in their learning and personal development. We always enjoy these opportunities to meet and work in partnership with you. Also, thank you to our families for supporting our book fair, we really hope children enjoy their new books.

Next week is an opportunity for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 to shine in their Easter Extravaganza. I hope our families have their ticket for either the morning or afternoon performance, please do remember to bring the ticket with you for entry. Also on this day, Year 2 will be visiting Short Heath Methodist Church to learn more about the important festival of Easter, this is always a special morning for our children and we are grateful to the Short Heath team for inviting us.

After next week, we will arrive at the final week of the term and it is Easter themed as the Prom Committee invite our children to get creative. In return for 50p, children in lower school (Nursery to Year 2) can decorate an Easter Bonnet whilst children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) can use their imagination to create something with hard boiled eggs. I don't mean to put the pressure on but the standard gets higher every year! Which makes it incredibly difficult to identify a winner for every class. However, there will be a winner for every class and an Easter Bonnet Parade on the field at 2:45 if the weather is dry.

'Adolescence' is currently being talked about by many adults as the latest series to watch. It highlights many concerning themes for our teenagers and one of them is Social Media. Emojis are used a great deal in text messages but do we know what they mean? Emojis carry their own teenage language which is both interesting and worrying. Even if your children are not at that stage of life you may want to have a read - we have saved the article onto the website under parents and carers / online safety.



Don't forget to move the clocks forward on Saturday evening / Sunday morning – I have warned all our children that they need to go to bed an hour earlier...I have tried for you! This then leads us into a very special day on Sunday. I hope all our hard working mothers have a truly relaxing weekend and enjoy being spoilt.

Mrs Newton

RJ have been scientists this week as they shared their learning about plants. They taught us the names of the different parts of a plant and described the jobs that each part does. They also sang a song about this learning and even managed to tell us a story about the impact of deforestation.

They packed a great deal into their assembly and did an absolutely fantastic job!



Achieving Out of school Super Stars

Mariah has been working hard in preparation for her grading and achieved her red and white belt in her martial arts skills. Holly shared her many brownie badges that she has achieved, it is going to take a long time to sew them onto her sash!

Jude achieved Man of The Match for his football team this weekend whilst Callum was also named Player of The Week for not letting any goals in. Albie is a rugby player and achieved the best Listening Ears award this week.

Keep up the great work everyone!



Woodlands
Academy of Learning

EASTER DISCO YEAR 1 & 2

Thursday 10th April
3:30pm – 4:30pm

**£3.00 per
Child**



Pupils must be collected by an adult at 4:30pm.

REFRESHMENTS

A drink and pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

Parent Note: If your child wishes to attend the Easter disco, please pay the admission charge of £3.00 through your Scopay account by **Monday 31st March 2025**

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD'S DISCO CLOTHES INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM ON THE DAY OF THE DISCO.

An entrance ticket will be sent to your child's class once payment has been received on Scopay.

Woodlands
Academy of Learning

EASTER DISCO YEARS 3-6

Thursday 10th April
4:45pm – 5:45pm

**£3.00 per
Child**



Pupils must be collected by an adult at 5:45pm.

REFRESHMENTS

A drink and pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

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We are striving for 5!

Week 3:



Strive for 5

PhunkyFoods Top Tip 3: Limit to 150 ml a day!



Crushing fruit into juice releases the sugars they contain, which can damage teeth. Even unsweetened fruit juice and smoothies contain lots of sugar.

Try Diluting 150ml of fruit juice with water (still or sparkling) to make it go further.

Keep fruit juice and smoothies to mealtimes to reduce the impact on teeth.

Recipe Links: [Strawberry Smoothie](#)



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

2D 96.9 and 4R 97.7% both achieved great attendance

Very well done to these children and their families.

These children deserve an extra playtime.

The first lesson begins at 9:00 which is a core lesson, including RWI. If your child is late they will miss the teacher input - the direct teaching and modelling.

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!

31st March - 6th April 2025

Should stadiums be used for more than just football?

English football club, Manchester United, has announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK.

Our linking Woodlands value is 'Adventurous'



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Hudson R	For becoming, a scientist experimenting with objects that float or sink.
NPM	Aizah H	Working hard on using correct formation to write your name.
RG	Devon-Lee	For growing in confidence when answering questions in class.
RJ	Alarna-Ocean	For making tremendous progress in her reading over this term – you have worked so hard and knocked our socks off! Well done!
1W	Ava-Maria S	For fantastic improvement in English. Ava-Maria is beginning to independently create and sequence her own sentences using all the ingredients for super sentences. Well done Ava-Maria!
1S	Cooper-Andrew W	For being resilient towards any learning challenges he faces! Cooper-Andrew has shown great determination and self-belief in all of his learning inside and outside of the classroom. Well done Cooper-Andrew!
2CP	Olivia P	Showing her knowledge and understanding of different word habitats. Olivia selected the correct items needed for survival in an ocean environment.
2D	Sophie L	For working independently to build sentences about Scar. Sophie used scrambled sentences, re-ordered them and wrote them down. She then created two sentences all by herself. Well done Sophie!
3A	Molly-Anne T	For Molly-Anne's wonderful character description of Lila from The Firework Maker's Daughter. Molly-Anne used expanded noun phrases and prepositions in her writing. You are making great progress with your writing. Well done Molly-Anne!
3G	Jaxson G	Making improvements to the presentation of his learning. Jaxson is trying to ensure that his writing fits neatly within the lines or boxes in his books.
4R	Henry W	For confidently converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. Well done Henry.
4N	Ella-Rose B	Super maths work on converting mixed number fractions to improper fractions. Super Ella!
5HO	Emily B	Consistently producing excellent pieces of writing throughout Year 5 so far. I love reading your writing. You have the talent to be an outstanding author! Well done Emily J
5HA	Jacob S	For his continuous effort to improve within lessons. Well done keep up the hard work.
6P	Riley J	His dedication and hard work in improving his arithmetic skills. His willingness to learn and contribute is lovely to see.
6E	Chante R	For her hard work and effort in making progress in all aspects of her learning, especially maths which she has sometimes previously found challenging, including using her own time to secure objectives. Chante truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Friday 28th March	Mother's Day Bring and Buy Sale
Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April	Easter Raffle after school on the playground
Tuesday 1st April	Y2 visiting the Methodist Church to explore Easter
Tuesday 1st April	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Musical Extravaganza (9:15 and repeated at 2:30)
Tuesday 1st April	CHANGE in date to 13th May for 3G Class Assembly
Monday 7th April	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! 2:45 Easter Bonnet Parade if the field is dry!
Tuesday 8th April	Y3 visit Walsall Art Gallery
Thursday 10th April	Easter Disco fun
Friday 11th April	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Easter break
Monday 28th April	Back to school for everyone
Tuesday 6th May	2:45, 4R Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 6th May	2:15 Y6 Prom Committee meeting
Thursday 8th May	A Stars will be teaching Y4 about bike maintenance
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs throughout this week
Tuesday 13th May	2:45, 3G Class Assembly, parents invited
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th May	Learning to cycle for some children in lower school
Wednesday 14th May to 16th May	Y4 visit Laches Wood Residential
Wednesday 21st May	10:00 September new Reception parent meeting
Thursday 22nd May	School breaks up at the end of the day for the half term break
Friday 23rd May	Teacher Training Day. School closed for children
Monday 2nd June	Back to school for everyone



Y6 Prom Mother's Day Raffle Winners

First Prize: Lily-May T in N

Second Prize: Bonnie W in Y4

Third Prize: Nancy B in 1W

Fourth Prize: Hamza in 1S

Fifth Prize: Pippa B in 5Ho

Thank you to the Prom Committee!

The winners of Jennings Funeral Service colouring competition are:

Brooklyn 1W

Harper 1W

Tobias 2CP

Isla 2CP

Thank you to Jennings for running the competition and for the prizes

Information from external groups that our families may find useful

***FREE EVENT**

Family Easter Activities Event!

At Walsall College

Hop down to our Pleck Library Campus on Monday 14th April for our Easter event for all the family from 10am - 2pm!

Take part in our *free event and get involved in Easter crafts and family activities!

We will be open on the hour as we take intakes at 10am, 11am, 12pm and then 1pm

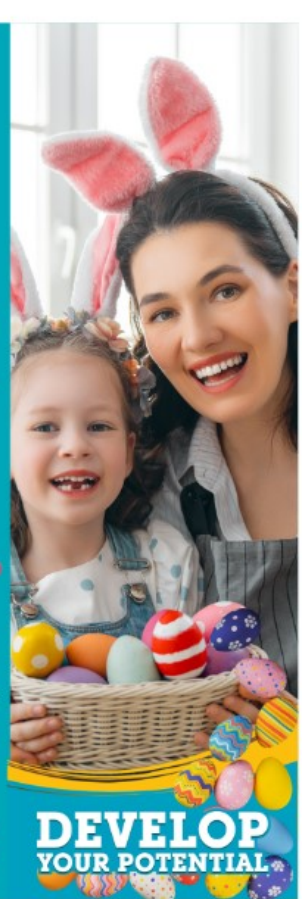
Each child will receive a chocolate gift!

Pleck Library is located at:
Darlaston Road, Walsall, WS2 9RE

*Free for anyone aged 19+, living in the West Midlands area and with household income below £33,000 per year, otherwise it will be £6.60 per hour. Children must be accompanied by an adult aged 19+

Tel: 01922 657000

Email:
CommunityDevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk



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EASTER BIG BOUNCE

Giant Indoor Inflatable Play Event

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BOOK YOUR SPACE HERE

Unlimited Play on a Huge Indoor Arena Full of Supervised Inflatables & Interactive Games

Ideal for 4 - 13 year olds

- Bouncy Castles - Slides - Free Fall Jump
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- Under 5's Zone - Speed Game - Disco Dome
- Total Wipeout Sweeper Game - nerf guns
- Helter Skelter - Wrecking Ball - Bungee

**EasterEggHunt
& Charity Raffle**

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EASTER BIG BOUNCE 2025

EASTER DATES

ALL EVENTS ONLINE AVAILABLE TO BOOK

SUN 23rd MARCH - CHEADLE
South Moorlands Leisure Centre - ST10 1HJ

MON 7th APRIL - KETTERING
Kettering Buccleuch Academy - NN16 9NS

WED 9th APRIL - CORBY
Lodge Park Sports Centre - NN17 2SG

SUN 13th APRIL - SWADLINCOTE
The Pingle Academy - DE11 0QA

TUES 15th APRIL - DAVENTRY
Daventry Leisure Centre - NN11 4FP

WEDNESDAY 16th - STOURBRIDGE
Crystal Leisure Centre - DY8 1AE

THURS 17th APRIL - CANNOCK
Chase Leisure Centre - WS11 4AL

GOOD FRIDAY 18th - WALSALL WOOD
Oak Park Active Living Centre - WS9 9BH

EASTER MON 21st - SOLIHULL
North Solihull Sports Centre - B37 5LA

TUES 22nd - COALVILLE
Castle Rock High School - LE67 4BR

WED 23rd - STAFFORD
Stafford Leisure Centre - ST16 3TA

THURS 24th - BURTON
Shobnall Leisure Complex - DE14 2BB

FRIDAY 25th - BLOXWICH
Bloxwich Active Living Centre - WS3 2DA

SUNDAY 27th - BIDDULPH
Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre - ST8 7HL



0-5 ACTIVITIES

APRIL - JUNE 2025



**No booking
just turn up**

FREE

Little Einsteins Fun way's to super charge your babies brain power!



West Family Hub - 8,15,22nd May & 5,12th June - 10 am - 11 am.
East Family Hub - 18/06/25 - 16/07/25 - 10 am - 11 am.

**Magical Moments:
Fresh and Fabulous Ways to Chat with Your Little One!**



North Family Hub- 7,14,21st May & 4,11th June- 10 am - 11 am.
South & Central Family Hub - 12/06/25 - 03/07/25 - 10 am - 11 am.

Chill & Chat
Come along to chill, chat & play!
Walsall connected will also be attending



North Family Hub - 08/05/25, 12/06/25 - 9:30 - 11:00am

Look out for our fun half term and weekend activities for families with children 0 - 5 years

Easter Stay and play

Saturday Stay and Plays

National smile month

Spring Event

North Family Hub.
275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall,
Walsall, WS3 1HJ.
Telephone Number: 01922 654589

West Family Hub.
Ilmington House, Crescent
Road,
Darlston, WS10 8AE.
Telephone Number: 01922 652959

South & Central Family Hub.
Birchills Street,
Walsall, WS2 8NF.
Telephone: 01922 654545

East Family Hub.
Silver Court, Brownhills
Walsall, WS8 6HA.
Telephone: 01922 658300

SCAN HERE TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR FREE AND EXCITING ACTIVITIES!!







Walsall Healthcare
NHS Trust

Walsall Breastfeeding Peer Support Group

Would you like to meet other breastfeeding mothers and share your feeding journey?
Please come and join us at our face-to-face peer support group every Friday morning.
No appointment required.





11am-12:30pm
Every Friday
North Family Hub
275 Blakenall Lane
Blakenall, WS3 1HJ

If you require advice and support from the Health Visiting Service, School Nurse Service or any of our teams, please contact our Single Point of Access on 01922 603074 or send a text explaining your concerns with your child's name, date of birth and NHS number to 07520 634909.





Baby feeding support groups

Come along with your baby to get support throughout your feeding journey

- Receive information, support and access to wider support services
- Hear from other parents about their experiences
- Free refreshments provided
- No need to book just turn up
- Delivered by whg's children's champions

Tuesdays 10.30am-12.30pm
South and Central Family Hub, Birchills St, Walsall WS2 8NF

Wednesdays 10am-12.30pm
Pelsall Community Association, Station Rd, Walsall WS3 4BQ

Thursdays 12.30-2pm
West Family Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Rd, Wednesbury WS10 8AE



For more information, email Childrens.champions@whgrp.co.uk

www.whg.uk.com
0300 555 6666
Childrens.champions@whgrp.co.uk





OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

4PM - 7PM

Pre-register for an Open Day now!
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DISCOVER
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BABY / PRESCHOOL ROADSHOW



**Walsall
Family Hubs**
Supporting families to live happier lives

FREE

Are you expecting or have a child aged 0 - 5 years
Come along and join us, find out all you need for your
parenting journey and what services are available in
Walsall.

Saturday 12th April 2025

12.30- 3.00 pm

**Brownhills Community Centre
Chester Road North
Brownhills
Walsall
WS8 7JS**

**STAY AND
PLAY**

**FREE BABY
PHOTOSHOOT**

**No booking, just
turn up**

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NHS
Walsall Healthcare
NHS Trust

Introduction to solid foods

Would you like more information on how to
introduce solid foods to your baby?
Then join us at one of the **Local Family
Hubs**. A member of the Infant Feeding
Team will be available to answer your
questions and support you through this
exciting stage in your baby's feeding journey.



**Tuesday 8 October
1-3pm**

Brownhills Community Association,
Chester Road North, Brownhills, WS8 7JS

**Tuesday 12 November
1-3pm**

North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane,
Blakenall, Walsall, WS3 1HJ

**Tuesday 10 December
9.30-11.30am**

West Family Hub, Ilmington House,
Crescent Road, Darlaston, WS10 8AE

**Tuesday 14 January
1-3pm**

Frank F Harrison, Beechdale Centre,
Stephenson Square, Bloxwich, Walsall
WS2 7DY

**Tuesday 11 February
9.30-11.30am**

Brownhills Community Centre,
Chester Road North, Brownhills, WS8 7JS

**Tuesday 11th March
1-3pm**

Nash Dom CIC, Sun Street,
Walsall, WS1 4AL



To book your place, please email:
familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk

If you require advice and support from the Health
Visiting Service, School Nurse Service or any of our
teams, please contact our **Single Point of Access**
on 01922 603074 or send a text explaining
your concerns with your child's name, date of
birth and NHS number to 07520 634909.

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Bump to Baby

AT SOUTH & CENTRAL FAMILY HUB
BIRCHILLS STREET, WS2 8NF

9.30 - 11.30AM

MEET OTHER PARENTS AND JOIN IN
WITH ACTIVITIES FOCUSING ON A
POSITIVE START TO PARENTHOOD

**0-12
MONTHS**

WHEN?

- THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025
- THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2025
- THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025
- THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025
- THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025

JUST COME ALONG
OR BOOK YOUR SPACE
USING THE EMAIL BELOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK
YOUR SPACE EMAIL:
FAMILYHUBSWELLBEING@WALSALL.GOV.UK



EASTER STAY & PLAY

FREE

Come and join us for some Easter Crafts!

**Monday 14 April - 10.30-12.00 &
Thursday 24th April - 10.00-11.30**

East Family Hub, Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA

Wednesday 16 & 23 April - 10.00-11.30

**North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall,
Walsall WS3 1HJ**

Wednesday 16 & 23 April - 10.00-11.30

**South & Central Family Hub, Birchills Street,
Walsall, WS2 8NF**

Thursday 17 & 24 April - 10.00-11.30

**West Family Hub,
Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE**

**ALL
FAMILIES
WELCOME**

**No booking,
just turn up**



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WALSALLFAMILIESINTHEKNOW



Spring Event

FREE

Come along to our North Family Hub to join in with fun and free activities!

You can make a bird feeder to put in your garden/ window sill and also start your planting journey to grow your own food.

0 - 5 YEARS

SIGN UP TO YOUR LOCAL SCOUTS

FREEBIES

Saturday 5th April
10:00- 12:00

North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ

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FOOD FOR LIFE
Soil Association



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WHERE CAN I GET MY BABY WEIGHED?

NHS
Walsall Healthcare
NHS Trust

These clinics will be run by experienced Health visitors, who can offer support, advice and signposting. You can discuss any health issues and have your baby weighed and measured.



Time: 09:15-12:00

Who will weigh my baby?

Walsall Health Visiting Service at Walsall Family Hubs.

South and Central Family Hub Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF	West Family Hub Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Darlaston WS10 8AE	North Family Hub 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, WS3 1HJ	East Family Hub Silver Court, Brownhills WS8 6HA
Monday 03 March 31 March 28 April 26 May 23 June 21 July 18 August 15 September	Tuesday 25 March 20 May 17 June 15 July 12 August 09 September	Monday 17 March 14 April 12 May 09 June 07 July 04 August 01 September	Tuesday 11 March 08 April 06 May 03 June 01 July 29 July 26 August

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Call to book your appointment
01922 605246

Phone lines will be open 10am - 12pm
booking is essential

HAF 2025

Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme

FREE Healthy Meal

What's on offer?
A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5-16 who are eligible for income based free school meals. The programme is running over Easter, Summer and Christmas.

Free activities:

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

To sign up scan here



For more info email
WR4C@walsall.gov.uk
or call 01922 653899

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The Easter Holiday Activity Programme for our Free School Meal children is now open

THE PORTAL WILL BE LIVE ON TUESDAY FOR YOU TO BOOK ACTIVITIES!! 11.03.25 @10.00am

The best activities always go fast so early booking is advised.

Please remember that you need to have registered before you can book.

The pastoral team at Woodlands can help with registering.