

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week as the sun has shone, and it did shine on Y2 at Dudley Zoo. They had a fabulous day extending their learning about habitats and the animals that live in these places.

The NSPCC have visited Y2, Y5 and Y6 this week to undertake workshops following the Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies. Children were presented with scenarios to discuss and reflected on what makes them feel happy and feel safe.

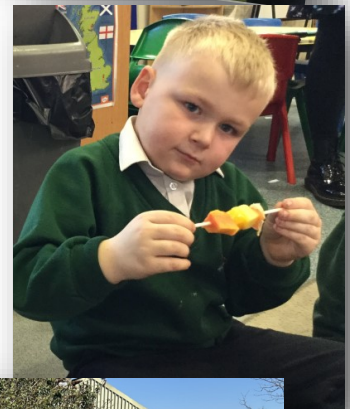
Our Phunky Food Ambassadors visited Reception as We Strive for 5! The children enjoyed tasting a variety of fruits that were in the story Handa's Surprise. Papaya wasn't quite a success but lots of the children enjoyed the mango, pineapple and oranges. They found passion fruit quite interesting too.

Next week is our book fair after school each evening and also parent consultation. We look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate your children's success and discuss their next steps.

The Prom Committee want to say thank you to everyone for supporting their cake sale. They are now selling raffle tickets after school until next Friday, with hampers of luxuries for Mother's Day. This will then be followed by a raffle for Easter.

We have our usual Mother's Day Bring and Buy Sale next Friday in school. Children will need to bring in a potential 'present' and then they can visit the sale to choose something lovely in return for a £1.00.

Thursday was World Happiness Day, so let's keep spreading the happiness over the weekend, Mrs Newton.



4N Geographers Inform and Perform

Even before beginning their assembly on Tuesday, 4N were wowing us with their knowledge of multiplication facts, with a special song featuring the 6 times table.

They continued to explain how the water cycle works, the different parts of a river and how rivers are formed. They also gave some interesting facts on a local river, the River Tame that now flows (in some areas) underneath our feet!!

What a super assembly, well done 4N!
Mrs Macpherson





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Mother's Day Bring & Buy



Friday 28th March

Children can buy a gift for their Mom, Nan or anyone else they
would like to get a present for only
£1

(Children will need to bring in a gift and a £1 to
participate)

Donations Needed!

We are asking for donations that would be suitable for a child to buy as a
Mother's day present. Gift sets, chocolates, etc... (No alcohol please!!)

I love you
mom



Year 2 have been learning about world habitats, polar, desert, ocean and rainforest which they had learnt about in class and they shared their knowledge on the trip.

Four children were given passports and chose suitable clothing to survive in the different habitats. They held the skin of a python, turtle shell and even touched a spiky puffer fish.

Then they got to feed meerkats and then see other animals at the zoo like flamingos, tigers, an arctic fox and the reptile house. (Mrs Purcell)

What an exciting day!





Achieving Out of school Super Stars

Brooklyn has achieved his 5m in swimming and Lottie shared her many swimming certificates. Emmi is star of the week in gymnastics, she can move from a bridge position to standing up which is very impressive. Football stars: Oliver has been scoring goals, Lincoln's team have been winning games and Ryley's team won a tournament. Callum and Eden were awarded Coaches Player of the week whereas Roshan, Reuben and Jacob were awarded Parent Player of the Week award. Alessa shared with us so many Rainbow badges that she has worked hard to achieve and Mille is star of the month at her dance school.



Keep up the great work everyone!



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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.



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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 2:



Strive for 5

PhunkyFoods Top Tip 2: Know your Portions!



80g of fresh, canned or frozen fruit and vegetables

30g of dried fruit

150ml of juice or a smoothie

80g of beans and pulses



FREE Healthy Meal

Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme

HAF 2025

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



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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.

Dear Parents / Carers,



Please support our book fair - Every pound you spend benefits our children.



Due to your overwhelming support at our book fair last year, we earned over £887.96 worth of books. These books went straight into our children's learning rooms.

This year's book fair will start on **Monday 24th March**. The entrance to the book fair will be through the main school office and based in the main hall and will be open as follows:

- o 3:30 – 4:15 Monday 24th March
- o 3:30 – 4:15 Tuesday 25th March
- o 3:30 – 5:15 Wednesday 26th March
- o 3:30 – 5:15 Thursday 27th March



Children will also have the opportunity to visit the book fair within their learning groups during the school day.

As always, there will be an array of books on many subjects, both fiction and non-fiction, that will appeal to children of all ages, siblings and parents.

If you would like to pay for your books on card at the fair or would like to order from home, you can use this link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>.

With every book sold, everyone wins!



We therefore hope that you will support us as generously as you have in the past. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Harvey

Reading and Library lead



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

1S, 3A and 4N all achieved the highest attendance of 98.7%

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!

24th – 30th March 2025

Do world leaders have a duty to help other countries?

World leaders from around twenty countries have agreed to join a 'coalition of the willing', where they will work together to support Ukraine

Our linking Woodlands value is 'Team work'



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Tommy L	Enjoying learning about the sea creatures and writing some facts about the sea turtle.
NPM	Elsie	Enjoying learning about different sea creatures and remembering lots of facts.
RG	Bani	An excellent Forest School session. Bani worked well as a part of a team and followed instructions well too.
RJ	Ava-Rose	Super Science work talking about the different parts of plants and what plants need to grow – well done!
1W	Albie G	Fantastic letter writing. Albie used his creativity and all his writing skills to create a wonderful letter to Jacks mum for our book 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Well done Albie!
1S	Lily-Belle S	For fantastic independent writing! Lily-Belle produced a fantastic letter from the perspective of Jack in Jack and the Beanstalk and remembered to use all of the features of a super sentence. Well done!
2CP	Arthur A C	Always listening intently to instructions and showing perseverance and resilience in his independent tasks. Keep it up Arthur J
2D	Seraya S	For writing a super character description and bringing Scar alive through her choice of powerful vocabulary.
2D	Ivy R	For trying extremely hard during our after school writing sessions. Ivy offers her ideas and creates wonderful sentences containing appropriate adjectives. Well done Ivy! Keep it up!
3A	Elyza G	For Elyza's wonderful attitude during 3A's road safety walk last week. Elyza was sensible and showed good listening skills. She was eager to answer questions and we were all very impressed with her knowledge. Well done Elyza!
3G	Bradley B	Working hard with support to embed his mathematical skills. Bradley listened well to feedback to be able to use the column method to add and subtract.
4R	Tali LB	For a wonderful start to her Woodlands journey. It's lovely to have you in our class.
4N	Jordan V	Showing determination when understanding mixed number fractions. You made progress from one lesson to the next.
5HO	Brooke D	Fully committing herself to achieve throughout all areas of the curriculum. Brooke consistently tries her best to produce her best pieces of work during every lesson. Well done Brooke :J
5HA	Zyaan A	For a great effort with his character description of Eve. He has used different types of sentences and began to edit his work more independently.
6P	Cadence H	Showing incredible dedication in lessons, consistently striving to improve her Maths and Grammar skills in preparation for the SATs – she is always eager to improve and do her best.
6E	Isaac J	For his hard work and effort in making progress in all aspects of his learning, especially maths which he has sometimes previously found challenging, including using his own time to secure objectives. Isaac truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Friday 21st March	Parent Consultation booking via Scopay closes at 4PM
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
	Children can wear non-uniform for £1.00 to be paid through Scopay
Monday 24th to Thursday 27th	Book Fair after school
Tuesday 25th March	2:45, RJ Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 25th March	Parent Consultation Y4N
Wednesday 26th March	Parent Consultation everyone
Thursday 27th March	Parent consultation everyone (except 4N)
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 March	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

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+

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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