

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have led the NSPCC assemblies called 'Speak Out. Keep Safe' for all our children from Reception to Year 6. These age appropriate assemblies help children understand that they have a right to be safe and to not be hurt. Towards the end of the assemblies we spent time talking about which trusted adults they could talk to if something was going wrong for them, or one of their friends – Grandads were a very popular person to talk to! Next week we have members of the NSPCC coming out to lead workshops for Y2, Y5 and Y6 to build on the learning from the assemblies.

Learning to cycle is proving a tricky challenge but our children are giving it their best shot. Our A Star cycling teachers were very impressed by how the children didn't give up and listened brilliantly during their cycling sessions.

Continuing with the theme of Road Safety, Year 3 have been out and about learning how to cross roads safely. Well done Y3, you can now share this learning with your families.

Mrs Dickson and some of our leading Rotakids had a very exciting Thursday because they got taken out for lunch to Darlaston Town Hall with the Mayor! Mrs Dickson and Miss Schofield were so proud of our children for their manners and confidence. The children had to give a presentation about how they had been raising money and the activities they had organised, in return we received £250.00 to go in the Rotakids saving money pot. Thank you to Mrs Sims, our governor and Rotarian, and the Rotary Club for this incredible opportunity.

1W shared their science learning all about the senses on Tuesday as they led assembly. They did a brilliant job in helping their audience understand how our senses help us make sense of the world that we live in. The children were fabulous and showed such enthusiasm, especially when they sang the senses song. Very well done 1W.

To finish a busy day of learning it was lovely to have the opportunity to enjoy a cake! Thank you to our Prom Committee for bringing a little sparkle to the end of the day.

Y2 are excited for next Tuesday because they are off to Dudley Zoo linked to their learning about Africa. We also have two parent meetings; Y6 Prom Committee and Y4 Laches Wood. Finally, Friday is Comic Relief Day and so children can wear non-uniform in return for £1.00 on Scoday.

Enjoy some family time this weekend, Mrs Newton

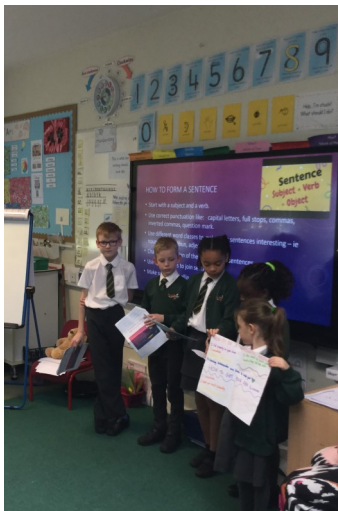




**Our Rotakids
making
a difference in
Walsall
(and enjoying an
afternoon tea!)**



Learning Ambassadors on Writing.....



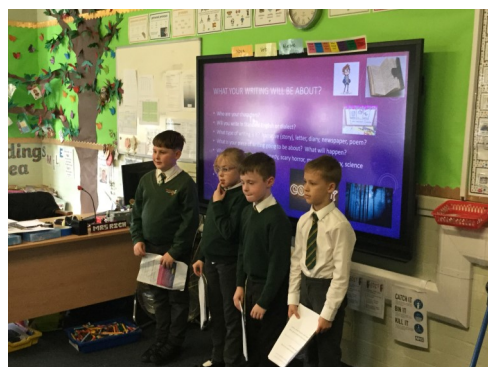
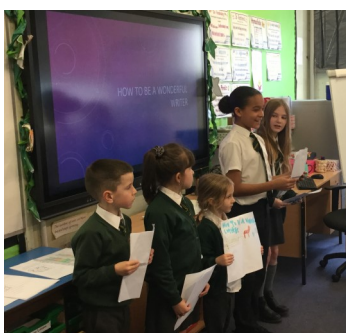
Woodlands' Learning Ambassadors have been extremely busy during the start of the year. They have been working hard to create an assembly giving advice on how learners can improve their Writing.

After working over a number of weeks, in mixed year group teams to practise their presentations, the children performed their assemblies on Friday afternoon.

The children were extremely confident and clear in their presentations, ensuring that all learners were able to take their advice on board.

Well done Learning Ambassadors, you did an amazing job!!!

Mrs Macpherson



Achieving Out of school Super Stars

Lincoln has been awarded Parent's Player of the Match. He scored 5 goals in his match at the weekend.
Tobias has also been excelling in his football skills

Evie is brilliant at flips in gymnastics and Sienna has made a great start in her new gymnastics and dancing class. Whereas Sophie has achieved a number of grades in Acro

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!

TOP TIP - Week 1:



Strive for 5

PhunkyFoods Top Tip 1: It all Counts!



Fresh, frozen, tinned, dried and juiced varieties of fruit and vegetables all count towards your 5 a day.

Make them part of a meal or a dish, or eat them alone as a snack.

To get the health benefits of tinned fruit, buy them in water or juice, not syrup. This prevents adding unnecessary sugars to your diet.

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

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.

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!

2D 99.3%, 4N 99.7% achieved the highest 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: *Is it important to have a morning routine?*

What's happening in the news this week?



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

17th – 23rd March 2025

We are thinking about how important breakfast is to start the day. 750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools.

Our linking Woodland value is 'Healthy Lifestyle'



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Macaire-Andre	For joining in the days of the week song with great enthusiasm and volume
NPM	Prabhjo	For working hard on tracing over the letters of your name and drawing a beautiful octopus.
RG	Carter Craddock	Sharing some excellent facts about plants and what they need to grow and why.
RJ	Oliver C	For working hard to improve his writing! He is remembering to use his Fred Fingers when he is spelling words and this is making a huge difference!
1W	Carter W	Fantastic creative writing during World Book Day. Carter created an excellent story describing what he would do if he met an alien. He also created a wonderful comic strip recreating Aliens love Underpants. Well done Carter!
1S	Alfie P	For fantastic creativity when writing his own ideas for "If an alien came to visit I would..." Alfie also remembered to use all of the features of a super sentence! Well done Alfie!
2CP	Sophia Pro	For engaging with her learning and creating independent sentences with adverbs to add detail to the verb, linked to the Lion King J
2D	Angel A	For superb effort in all of her learning this week, especially maths.
3A	Hazel B	For Hazel's fantastic comic strip that she created on World Book Day. Hazel worked hard independently to innovate the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' and created 'Aliens Love Money!' You worked so hard Hazel – well done!
3G	Rogan M	Listening carefully to feedback and applying it independently. Rogan has made a determined effort to improve the presentation and spelling within his learning.
4R	Nelly L	For a fabulous story based on Aliens Love Underpants. Nelly wrote and illustrated her own book. Well done.
4N	Thea	A wonderful adaptation of Aliens loves underpants. She created her own version called Aliens Love Teddies.
5HO	Luco B	For working hard to produce a newspaper report based on aliens landing in school. Luco has completed his work taking a conscientious approach ensuring his newspaper report is informative and his handwriting is joined.
5HA	Ellie D	For a great effort down in the forest identifying the different life cycles. Well Done!
5HA	Freddie W	For being a fantastic role model and supporting one of our younger children through a tricky time. Mrs T Newton
6P	Eloise W	Researching and creating a thoughtful presentation on the Holocaust at home. She showed great curiosity and effort in learning and sharing her findings all on her own.
6E	Harry E	For his hard work and effort in all aspects of his learning, especially maths which he has sometimes previously found challenging, including using his own time to secure objectives. Harry truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 18th March	Y2 Visit to Dudley Zoo
Tuesday 18th March	2:45, 4N Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 18th March	2:15 Y6 Prom Committee meeting - all Y6 parents welcome
Wednesday 19th March	NSPCC Workshops Y2CP and Y5
Thursday 20th March	NSPCC Workshops Y2D and Y6
Thursday 20th March	Y4 Parent meeting for Laches Wood, 2:45
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
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