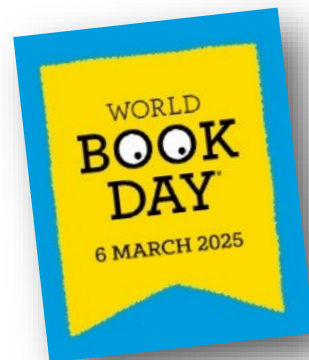




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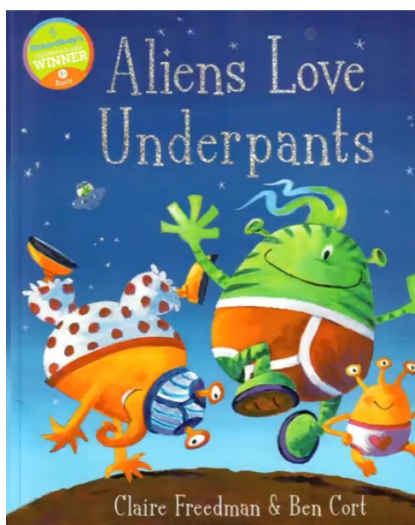
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Breaking News...

Aliens land at Woodlands Academy!

Children arrived on Thursday morning for a normal assembly to have it interrupted by a panicked Miss Harvey telling us all to listen to the breaking news - 'visitors' have landed at Woodlands. Teachers hiding in coats and sheds caused much laughter, followed by even more laughter as all our alien adults entered the hall having adopted 'pants' on the outside of their clothes and other alien attire.



It was a great start to the day with an emphasis on promoting a love of reading. Miss Harvey led us all as we dived into the book 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. Our very excited children looked wonderful in their World Book Day outfits and enthusiastically entered the learning of the day which resulted in some excellent learning and writing across the school. Nursery wrote letters to the aliens asking for them to return the underpants that were sent by 'Alien Express'. Y3 innovated the story so aliens loved many different things from sloths to football. Y5 wrote a newspaper report and Y6 undertook a book review. Whereas Y1 wrote a story about what could happen if friendly aliens visited. Our Treehouse Saplings investigated the size of craters and made rocket fruit kebabs.



The very professional news report is on the website along with further images of our exciting day. Scan the QR code or click the link <https://www.woodlands.walsall.sch.uk/special-events/>

Woodlands loves World Book Day!

It has been a great week overall, RG led a wonderful assembly, sharing their learning about all the artists they have been studying. This is their first class assembly but you couldn't tell as children delivered their lines confidently and even sang colours of the rainbow using their Makaton signing. Brilliant job RG!

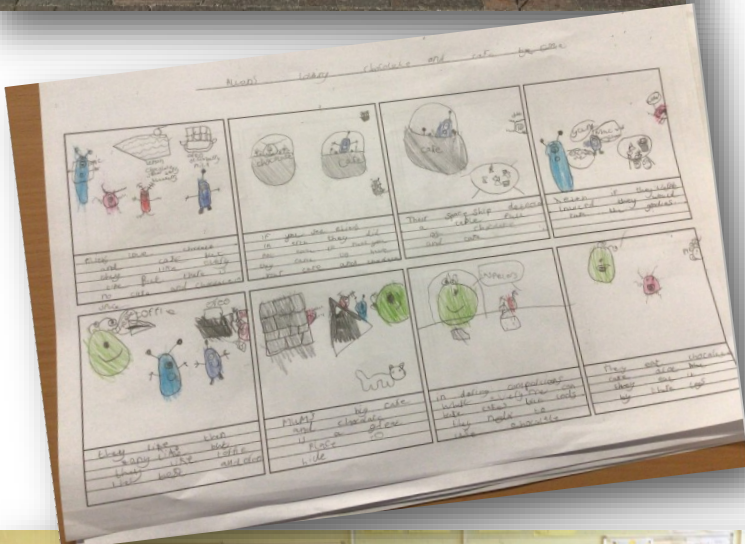
On Wednesday, the sun shone on our young cyclists learning to balance without stabilisers, they did brilliantly. These children have their second session next Wednesday.

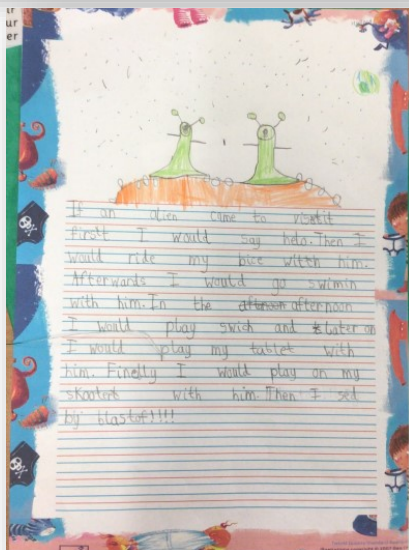


Don't forget to book your parent consultation appointment on Scopay and enjoy the sunny weather!

Mrs Newton







Achieving Out of school Super Stars

Callum, Ethan, Lincoln, Ollie, Haiden and Jenson achieved for their football teams last weekend Riley also excelled as goalie with two trophies.

Poppy and Amelia shared all their achievements over the past few years in their chosen sports. Poppy in gymnastics, Amelia in dancing – both have passed their grading and exams, sharing trophies, rosettes and certificates that has taken a lot of hard work.

Elsie Cox scored high scores in her dance tournament, achieving two medals and Lillian has accomplished Stage 6 in swimming which is brilliant.

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!



Strive for 5!



As well as looking and tasting great, fruits and vegetables are packed with essential vitamins and minerals, phytochemicals (biologically active plant compounds) and fibre that are vital for good health.

Many of these nutrients also act as powerful antioxidants, protecting the body from harmful pollutants that can cause disease.

Getting children into the habit of eating a wide variety of fruit and vegetables could help maintain this healthy behaviour into early adulthood and beyond.

Eat a rainbow!

Different colours of fruits and vegetables contain different types of nutrients. By eating lots of different colours of fruits and vegetables we give ourselves the best variety of nutrients for good health.

Fruit juice and smoothies

Fresh, unsweetened fruit juices provide the body with vitamins and minerals, and water. Smoothies can also add fibre. However, the sugar naturally present in fruit juices/smoothies also adds energy to the diet and increases the risk of tooth decay.

- Stick to **ONE 150ml glass** per day
- Drink only at mealtimes
- Use a straw to avoid direct contact with children's teeth
- Brush teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste



Dried Fruit

Dried fruit can be high in sugar and bad for your teeth. To reduce the risk of tooth decay, dried fruit is best enjoyed as part of a meal - with a dessert, for example, not as a between meal snack.

Further information:

- www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/five-a-day
- www.bda.uk.com/foodfacts/fruit_vegetables_how_get_five-a-day



Strive for



5-a-day ways

- Healthy snacks. Spread your 5-a-day across the day
- Keep costs low: use seasonal produce, or tinned/frozen
- Colour and variety is key - Eat A Rainbow!



What is a portion?

An adults portion is 80g. 80g may be too big for your child, so use their cupped hand as a guide! One handful = one portion

- One whole fruit eg. apple, pear
- Two small fruit eg. plums
- A handful of strawberries
- A handful of vegetable sticks
- 3 heaped tbsp. of vegetables or beans eg. 16 okra

...at Breakfast

Choose from:

- 1 large slice of melon
- 1 glass = 150ml 100% fruit juice
- 1 medium sized tomato
- 3 tbsp mushrooms
- 1 banana
- 1 tbsp (30g) of dried fruit



• Top your cereal with fruit



...at Lunch

Choose from:

- 1 handful of vegetable sticks
- 3 tbsp lentil/bean salad*
- 2 satsumas
- 1 bowl of vegetable & lentil dahl*



*For quick and easy recipe ideas visit: www.phunkyfoods.com



...at Dinner

Choose from:

- 3 tbsp broccoli
- 3 tbsp peas/corn
- 3 tbsp vegetable stew/ratatouille
- 16 medium okra
- 1 glass = 150ml 100% fruit juice



Your easy 5-a-day

GLASS OF ORANGE JUICE + BANANA WITH BREAKFAST + SALAD IN YOUR SANDWICH + APPLE AT SNACKTIME + PEAS WITH DINNER

1

2

3

4

5

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



The Easter Holiday Activity Programme for our Free School Meal children opens next week

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.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

1W 99.3%, 6E 98.6% 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:

What's happening in the news this week?



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

10th – 16th March 2025

How can we make connections with others?

The Princess of Wales has recently shared portraits drawn by her and her children, to help raise awareness of how we can connect with each other.

Our linking Woodland value is 'Team Player'



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Harris	Working hard in recognizing your name and independently carrying out self-registration at the beginning of the day.
NPM	Frankie	Your confidence is growing as you join in with whole class discussions and asking questions about the topic.
RG	Huey-Hunter	For sharing some excellent facts about plants and why we need them.
RJ	Ronnie S	For amazing work in Maths finding ways to make 7 and even having a go at recording his number sentences – well done!
1W	Elsie C	For trying hard with her presentation and handwriting. Elsie takes her time to form her letters correctly and ensures her writing is neatly sitting on the line in all of her subjects. Well done Elsie!
1S	Daphne L	For working extremely hard to neaten her handwriting! Daphne is also working very hard in every lesson with a brilliant attitude towards her learning. Well done!
2CP	Ella S	For giving 100% in all of her learning particularly with her writing using expanded noun phrases correctly.
2D	Lovelle T	For working hard during our after school intervention group. Lovelle used simile's and suitable adjectives to describe the setting of the 'Clock tower'. Well done Lovelle! Keep it up!
3A	Poppy-Rae L	Poppy-Rae has shown wonderful creativity and enthusiasm in her art lessons! She created an amazing abstract painting as her final piece. She used the painting skills and techniques previously taught. Well done Poppy-Rae!
3G	Sienna C	Demonstrating excellent effort in her geographical report about The Arctic Circle. Sienna listened carefully and then independently wrote the facts. I enjoyed reading it.
4R	Phoebe S	For excellent work in Maths using the bus stop method for division. Well done Phoebe.
4N	Oluwadarasimi S	Settling in so well to 4N. You are a fabulous new class member with lots of knowledge to share.
5HO	Evie J	Working hard throughout all areas of the curriculum – in particular core subjects. Evie puts in 100% effort and asks for feedback to improve her work which is aiding her progress. Well done Evie
5HA	Harrison L	For his fantastic effort in English. He is always putting in 100 % effort and is really starting to think about the vocabulary that he is using within his sentences. Well done!
6P	Athena N	Her outstanding perseverance and dedication in improving her arithmetic skills. Despite facing challenges and moments of self-doubt, she has worked hard and begun to show wonderful progress.
6E	Erin S	For experimenting with language and punctuation, as well as her wider reading, to improve the quality of her writing. Erin truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 3rd March	Parent Consultation booking via Scopay goes live at 8AM
Tuesday 11th March	2:45, 1W Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 12th March	Second Session - Learning to cycle for the same group
Wednesday 12th March	TOGO NOGO Y3 Road Safety
Wednesday 12th March - Friday 14th March	Cake Sale after school on the playground for our Y6 Prom
Thursday 13th March	TOGO NOGO Y3 Road Safety
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

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MUMS FOOTBALL
TOURNAMENT**

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8 TEAMS
7 A SIDE
WINNER TAKES THE KIDNER CUP

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MATTER**

**SUNDAY 20TH
APRIL 2025**

**FIRST MATCH KO
AT 10.30AM**

Come and support us at Lane Head Football
Club Somerfield Road, Bloxwich, WS3 2EJ.
Tickets £2 per adults and £1 for children
pay on the day






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!

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