

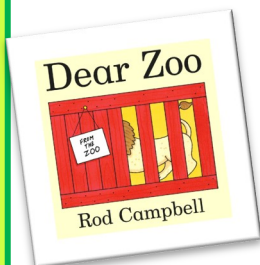


Friday 6th March 2026



Dear parents, carers and families,

Well Spring is certainly in the air this week with lighter mornings, evenings and a little less rain! The flowers are starting to bloom and there is a buzz of renewed energy in school!



We have had another fabulous week marked by another amazing World Book Day which we certainly celebrated in style! You may have noticed a few zoo animals on the playground on Thursday morning as staff threw themselves into our Big Bang to pave the way for our learning around the story Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. I did feel for our Zoo Keepers, Mrs Newton & Mrs Macpherson who had to keep all those unruly beasts under control!



As always our children (helped by their families) did us proud as well, coming into school with their character costumes and cosy PJs—you will see from the photos on the following pages all the wonderful learning that was undertaken and how much fun was had by all—it has certainly has been a week of 'Enjoyment and Laughter!'

Our amazing choir were out and about again this week, spreading their musical joy to the residents at Swan House and I hear they put a smile on everyone's faces as they sung their hearts out!

RG stomped back in time to the Land of Dinosaurs with their fantastic class assembly which 'swamped' (excuse the pun!) us with fabulous facts and had us tapping our toes along to their spectacular performance! Thank you to all our families that came along to watch!

As another busy week draws to a close I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope we get a little bit more of this sunshine that we have been treated to this week.

With love from Mrs Jackson xx

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!



WORLD BOOK DAY

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Talking of books, our Book Fair will be coming to Woodlands week beginning the 23rd March after school

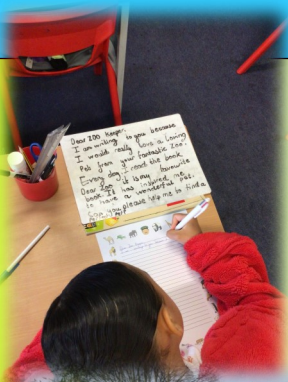
World Book Day was a truly fantastic celebration of reading across the whole school this year! It was wonderful to see so many children arrive in their fantastic costumes, proudly dressed as a wide range of favourite book characters. Their creativity and enthusiasm helped to create a real buzz of excitement around the school from the moment the day began.

Our focus text was the much-loved story *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell, which inspired a wide range of creative and engaging learning activities for every year group.

Throughout the day, pupils explored the story and used it as inspiration for their own writing. Each class wrote letters linked to the animals in the book, either persuading the zoo to let them keep their chosen animal or explaining why it might not be the most suitable pet. It was wonderful to see the children thinking carefully about their arguments and using persuasive language to justify their ideas.

The learning didn't stop there. Children also linked their work to maths by creating graphs based on animals from the story, while others used their creativity to design and plan their own animal enclosures. One particularly exciting highlight came from 4N, who were inspired by Mc Grammar and even created their own rap linked to the day's learning!

It was a joyful day full of creativity, imagination and enthusiasm for reading. The school was buzzing with excitement and smiles throughout the day, and it was wonderful to see children across all year groups celebrating books together.



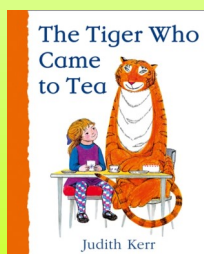
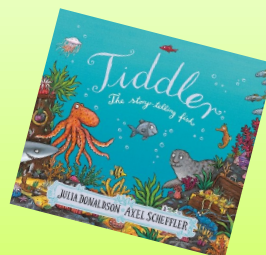
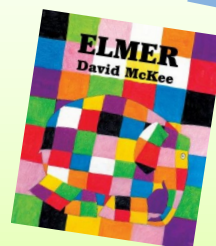
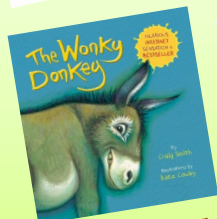
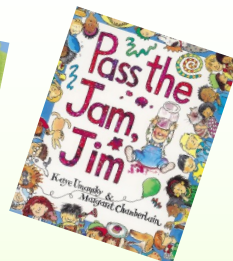
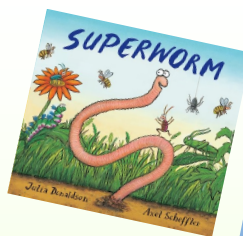
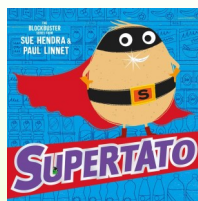
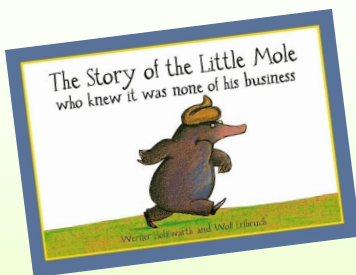
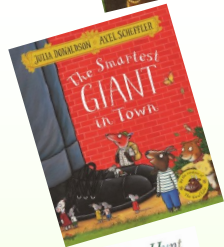
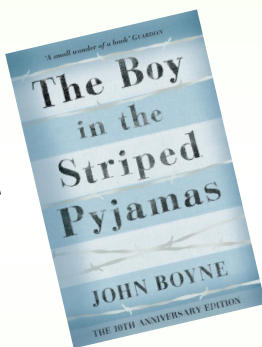
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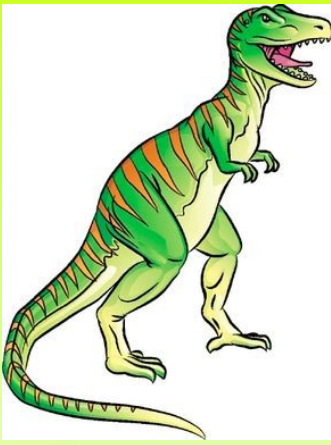
We LOVE reading at Woodlands!

Anyone who knows me knows how much I love reading, especially reading stories to others and I am always promoting the joy that it

brings! A few of my favourites recently have been Sue Hendra's I Need a Wee, Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell and Keith the Cat with the Magic Hat which we have been reading in Reception and I have also read with my boys at home!

Of course I am not the only one who loves a good book! Here are some of our staff favourites, do you recognise any?





RG's Terrifyingly Terrific Class Assembly!



Amazing Archaeologists

RG showcased everything that they have been learning about dinosaurs in their class assembly on Tuesday. They taught us all about Mary Anning and her discovery of fossils and the different types of dinosaurs. They did this with enthusiasm and confidence.

Even the technical issues didn't faze them, as they recited their words off by heart in wonderful clear, loud voices.

Fantastic work RG!
Mrs Macpherson

Out of School Awards

A huge WELL DONE to:



Congratulations to:

Ella Howell was star of the week at her dance club and got to bring a trophy home.

Rory Ledbury has achieved a certificate and a white and gold stripe belt for martial arts.

Millie Chilton attended a special swimming club and got her 50 m certificate and badge.

Brooklyn Rowledge has a certificate and medal for star of the month at his dance club.

Congratulations to:

Riley – for creating a brilliant Mother's Day invitation at Cubs.

Callum – was awarded Player of the Match for being a wonderful goalie and saving the Penalty!

Sophie and Olivia have recently undertaken their dance exams in ballet, acro and modern. They did really well achieving high scores and have definitely earned their certificates and Medals!

Nella – has achieved her green belt at Giokick, a super achievement!



Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Tommy	For settling into the Treehouse routines fantastically! Tommy has brought his wonderful Woodlands smile every morning!
NAM	Darcy	Amazing drawing and writing about the 'Little raindrop' and retelling the story in detail.
NPM	Jacob	Amazing drawing and writing about the 'Little raindrop' and retelling the story in detail
RG	Eliyana	For a BIG improvement in her handwriting in RWI and her writing.
RJ	Eshneet	For working so hard in RWI to read our ditty books! Eshneet can read with less Fred Talk! Well done!
1W	Joel P	For super writing. Joel has been working incredibly hard to create super sentences which include all our checklist items to be a clever writer. Well done Joel!
1E	Grayson	For a fantastic retell in English for our story Lost and Found. You took your time to form your letters accurately. Good effort!
2CP	Ava	Recognising living and non-living things in science and being able to sort them into the correct criteria.
2D	Lily-Belle	For brilliant work in English, taking her time to produce a fantastic retell of Monkey Puzzle. Well done!
3A	Ethan L	For Ethan's great work in maths last week. Ethan worked hard to convert different measurements when adding, subtracting and ordering lengths. Well done Ethan!
3E	Haaris H	For super converting of measurements in maths. Haaris confidently converted measurements of length to help him add, subtract and compare measurements. Well done Haaris.
4R	Haiden	For a super retelling of the story The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl. Haiden used adverbs of manner and time, inverted commas for speech and paragraphs. Well done.
4N	Lucas	For a wonderful collage of an apple in art.
5D	Skye	For a fantastic effort when calculating fractions of a quantity. Your hard work and focus paid off and I have seen a clear improvement in your skills. Well done Skye!
5H	Evie	for completing all 8 pieces of home learning on the Tudors, each one demonstrating a huge amount of effort. You went above and beyond to further your learning.
6P	Brooke	Brooke has truly impressed us with the fantastic progress she has made in her writing. Over the past few weeks, she has grown so much in confidence.. Her recent pieces have been brilliant—thoughtful, creative, and an absolute pleasure to read.
6H	Xander	For his continuous effort within his learning. Consciously noting down areas that he wants to revise in preparation for his SATs.

British Values at Woodlands Academy of Learning!

We actively promote British values in school to ensure our young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to it's law. We teach British Values through Picture News:



The question of the week that we will be discussing in school and that you can discuss at home too:

Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?



The Woodlands Value that we will be focusing on this week is:

Responsible



Mutual Respect

Brynteg School aims to show respect by making things equal for everyone with a single uniform.

Can your child tell you about the British Values?
We use this handy reminder in school!

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 10th March 2D Class Assembly change of date (2:45pm start)

Tuesday 10th March - Thursday 12th March Mother's Day Raffle

for Y6 leavers celebration (outside school)

Friday 13th March Mother's Day Bring and Buy sale

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

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) 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!

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

Thursday 21st May Y6 geographical visit to the Beach

Tuesday 9th June 3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)



Mother's Day Bring & Buy



All Items £1

During the afternoon of **Friday 13th March** we will be holding a Mother's Day Bring and Buy sale in the school hall, all gifts will be £1 each, if your child wishes to buy a gift please send their money in with them in a clearly labelled envelope.

Donations & money should be taken to the classroom...

We are asking for donations that would be suitable for a child to buy as a mother's day gift. Gift sets, chocolates, creams etc...

The children, who have brought in a donation, will be able to go into the room first to buy a Mother's day gift.

Donations can be brought in from
Monday 9th – Friday 13th March.

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

- Hi there Hello
- 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 an emoji or leaving 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
- View **Badge Overview**
- Press to view all **badges**
- View **Brilliance Badge**

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/>

HAF 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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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/>

Email: Familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk and follow us on Facebook: WalsallFamiliesintheknow or download the app!

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• South & Central: Birchills Street, WS2 8NF

• East: Silver Court, WS8 6HA

