

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone!

Snow and ice made for an interesting start to the term as did an impromptu fire alarm on Thursday at dismissal and this morning we could not open the main gate due to a vehicle driving into it!

The end of the school day when we are dismissing really isn't a time when you want the fire alarm going off. Our fire evacuation plan during the school day works wonderfully, our children are fantastic at evacuating quickly and calmly in only a matter of minutes. However, the alarm going off when half the children are being dismissed and half the children are still inside school is a different matter. We are now creating a plan in case this happens again so children and staff know exactly what to do. Thank you to all our families for their patience whilst we dealt with this unusual event.

We also must say a big thank you to Mrs Bakewell who was helping us open the main gate by locating an angle grinder for us at 7:30 this morning.

So it has been a very exciting start to 2025!

It has also been a busy start to the year in school with normal events... We held a very special assembly on Monday as every classteacher celebrated a Star Reader from the Autumn term. You can see who our Star Readers are on the next page. Congratulations to these children and I hope they enjoy sharing their class book with their families.

Y5 enjoyed a visit to Selly Manor and were brilliant representing Woodlands. White Cross vets visited Y1 and Y2 to teach them about how to care for their pets. Thank you to Sienna W's mum, White Cross Vets and Mrs Gill for arranging these workshops.

We hope Year 1 families enjoyed and gained from their Phonics session on Thursday. Your children loved the fact that you were able to participate and they were able to teach you their learning. This was an important session and we are very glad you could come.

We have some very excited children and staff who will be going to the Young Voices event next week at the Genting Arena. This event is unlike any other and is sure to create special memories for our children (and parents). We hope everyone has a great time.

It is great to be back with excited children, ready for lots of new learning!

Mrs Newton



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE FOR THE LAST WEEK!

RG, 2D and 5Ha achieved the highest attendance.

Very well done to these children and their families.

These children deserve an extra playtime.

Please remember 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.





Super Star Readers of the Autumn Term

These children were awarded the Star Reader Award in the first assembly of the new year for making substantial progress in an aspect of their reading during the autumn term.

These children were awarded the text that the class have been studying, so they can enjoy it again and again.

Very well done to all these children!

Nursery Star Readers will be announced next week!

RG	Zackary D
RJ	Patrick D
1S	Arla-Mae D
1W	Freyja H
2D	Poppy K
2CP	Haaris H

3G	Jaiden B
3A	Emeilia J
4R	Layla-Rae G
4N	Frances H
5Ho	Luco B
5Ha	William W
6E	Nathan B
6P	Isabelle S



**Picture
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13th - 19th January 2025

**Our linking
Woodland value is
'Resourceful'**



Tuesday 14th January	Young Voices at The Genting Arena
Tuesday 21st January	2:45, 6E Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 22nd January	Visit to QMGs for invited children
Tuesday 28th January	Y6 SATs Workshop for parents (2:40 and repeated at 4:30)
Thursday 30th January	2:45, 1S Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 4th February	2:45, 5Ho Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 4th February	2:15, Y6 Parents meeting for planning end of year celebrations
Monday 10th February	Online Safety Workshops for Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 11th February	Online Safety Day
Wednesday 26th February	Visit to QMHS for invited children
Friday 14th February	School breaks up at the end of the day for half term break
Monday 24th February	Back to school for everyone

**Admissions
now open**

for 2024 reception and
junior school places

 Walsall Council

The closing date is 15th January 2025. In order to apply, families must submit an on-line application through the Admissions web page of Walsall Council website: [Apply for a primary school place | Walsall Council](#)



Kerry and Kelly from Whitecross Vets visited year 1 and year 2 to talk to the children about looking after their pets. They discussed different types of pets and the different jobs that vets and nurses undertake to help keep our pets happy and healthy. The children learnt and practised how to apply bandages and about the importance and reasons of using a stethoscope. The children listened to a heart beat through the stethoscope and looked at a example of an x-ray. Mrs Gilbody



