

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been 'Christmas Dinner Week!' which has kept Mrs Mason and the kitchen team very busy! 495 Christmas dinners in one day is no easy task but they were delicious. We hope our Year 3 parents and adults enjoyed their lunch as much as we all did in school. The prize for Christmas singing and creating a party atmosphere in the dining hall goes to Year 4 – who had great fun!

Year 2 visited Short Heath Methodist Church on Tuesday to explore why we celebrate Christmas and shone with their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. They had a special treat too as Miss Edmunds and her bundle of joy joined them at the church, see if you can spot her in the photos. Year 4 also visited Black Country Living Museum to deepen their knowledge of the Victorians on Thursday, they had a wonderful day exploring the Victorian buildings and resources.

Next week is the final week of the term and it is looking busy!

We look forward to welcoming family members to our nativity performances on Tuesday and Wednesday. Rehearsals are in full swing but with seasonal illness striking many children it is proving tricky to rehearse with a full cast. Please remember to bring your tickets with you for entry – two per child. Also, when you enter the hall please take a photograph of your child before you sit down, the children will be ready and waiting!

Tuesday 9:15 Nursery and Reception

2:00 - 3:00 Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 9:15 Year 1 and Year 2

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Also next week, Year 6 will be visiting the theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast; there will be parties in school and lots of Christmas fun including the legendary Christmas Karaoke and who knows – maybe a special visitor too?

We break up at the end of the day on Thursday for the festivities of the two week Christmas holiday.

Maybe just a few more Christmas jobs to tick off your list this weekend?

Mrs Newton



**The Wonderful World of Water Assembly
for Y4 and Y5 last Friday**



**Y2 visiting
Short Heath
Methodist
Church**



Y2 Learning about Christmas

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting the Methodist church and learning about the story of Christmas. Pupils worked at different stations finding out about the message, the announcement, the promise, the journey and the gift of Jesus. They found out about the Angel Gabriel who announced to Mary that she had been chosen to have a special baby, the Son of God followed by the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. Pupils then listened to the message that the shepherds received to follow the star and tell the good news of Jesus being born in a stable. Pupils were given an angel and were asked to give them to someone who is sad or lonely. The three Kings visited Jesus who made promises to do something worthy by taking gifts to him. Children then used quill pens to draw a gift they would send to Jesus. Finally we discussed the gift of Jesus and why we celebrate the special day through the giving of gifts on Christmas Day.

Y2 Team



What's happening in the news this week?



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

16th - 22nd December 2024

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

How can we show others we care?

**Thinking about the
importance of
Christmas cards.**

**Our linking
Woodlands value
is 'Caring'**



The Raffle Winners are:

First Prize - Freddie W in Y5

Second Prize - Ethan H in Y2

Third Prize - Ava B in Y5

The winners of the meat raffle are:

Turkey Crown & Sausages - Rosie M in Y6

Pork Joint & Sausages - Mrs Hill

Thank you to the Woodlands team for donating the raffle prizes and thank you to Nathan Hanson of Nationwide Meats for his very generous donation too.



Well done Sienna who won 'Best Newcomer' at her cheerleading club.

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

1W achieved 98.7% and 6E 96.9% achieved 97%

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.



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Toby	For amazing pencil skills during PWAP and working hard on the formation of the letters of your name.
NPM	John	For concentrating while cutting and using scissors safely and correctly.
RG	Jaida	For excellent maths work, Jaida was able to match the correct Numberblock to the correct amount of objects. Well done J
RJ	S'Ryah M	For playing her part as Angel Gabriel so well in our rehearsals for the school Christmas play. You have so much to remember and to say and you have taken it all in your stride – what a super star!
1W	Rgean F	For excellent improvement in his writing. Regan has been taking his time to ensure he has all the ingredients to create super sentences and has created a wonderful innovation of Elmer. Well done Regan!
1S	Autumn B	For fantastic home learning! Autumn has been putting in 110% effort to all of her home learning! Well done Autumn!
2CP	Hunter R	Using a selection of resources to create a wind and waterproof shelter fit for humans to live in.
2D	Seraya S	For a wonderful recount of 'The Man on the moon'. Seraya remembered key points from the story and added suitable adjectives of her own to expand her sentences. Well done Seraya!
3A	Lottie R	For Lottie's attitude and effort in her geography lessons. Lottie has been putting 100% effort into her learning and has even been researching and sharing her own facts about the Polar Regions too!
3G	Isobelle H	Consistently achieving 10/10 on her spelling tests. Isobelle is also applying her spelling knowledge in her learning across the curriculum.
4R	Oliver J	A good understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division and explaining it to help his peers.
4N	Kaiya E	A wonderful final piece of printing in Art. You based your design on William Morris and it turned out lovely.
5HO	Milana S	For working hard on her reading throughout the Autumn term. Milana has moved up two book bands! Well done Milana – keep reading!
5HA	Mia R	For being a conscientious learner. Always listening and putting in 100% effort with everything that she does. Well done!
6P	Amelia P	Showing fantastic understanding of ratio in Maths. Although Amelia finds some aspects of Maths challenging, she always gives 110% and is making wonderful progress.
6E	Harry E	For making such progress in his pace of working and all aspects of his learning, particularly maths. Harry has worked really hard, taking detailed notes of all teaching which he then uses to support him. Harry truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 16th December	Choir visiting Swan House
Tuesday 17th December	Y6 visit to the Theatre
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Performances: 9:15 Nursery & Reception. 2:00 Y1 & Y2
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Performances: 9:15 Y1 & Y2. 2:00 Nursery & Reception
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper and uniform day. School closes at the end of the day for children
Friday 20th December	Teacher Training Day

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Monday 6th January	School opens for everyone
Wednesday 8th January	Y5 visit to Selly Manor
Wednesday 8th January	Vets workshop for Y1 and Y2 - How to look after animals
Thursday 9 th January.	Y1 Parent Phonic Meetings 2:20-3:20 and repeated at 4:30-5:30
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
Wednesday 26th February	Visit to QMHS for invited children

Rotakids Update

Thank you to our Rotakid Leaders from last year who did a wonderful job and led the f successful fun run, raising funds for the RSPCA.

President – Ruby C

Vice President – Amber H

Secretary and Treasurer – Annie F

Our new Leaders are now in post and have already been busy planning how to raise money. Our new leaders are:

President – Isabelle MJ

Vice President – Paige C

Secretary and Treasurer – Zack D

You may have spotted the Rotakids table at the Christmas Fayre when they managed to raise £74.00. **What a great start!**

**Information from parents or external local groups that have asked
Woodlands to share with the school community**



Whats on at our Family Hubs.....

Did you know we have lots of exciting and FREE activities to take part in and at our four Family Hubs across Walsall;

- 0-5 Stay and play sessions
- Dad's stay and play and Dads for Dads peer support groups.
- Christmas fun days
- Grandparents' coffee and chat
- Walsall Works drop-ins for careers advice and help
- Sensory Room
- Parent Carer panels
- Healthy eating and nutrition workshops
- Parenting workshops including first aid, online, antenatal
- Free professional therapy service for families what are expecting or with a child 0 - 5
- Breastfeeding support groups / Introducing solid food workshops
-And lots more!

Scan here to visit our Family Hubs website



or visit www.walsallfamilyhubs.com



Follow us on Facebook [Walsallfamiliesintheknow](https://www.facebook.com/Walsallfamiliesintheknow)



Come and join our festival of fun to celebrate Christmas at our Family Hubs.

Each hub will be full of seasonal music and Christmas crafts for your family to enjoy

11 December at 15:30- 17:00 @ South & Central Family Hub, Hub Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF

12 December at 15:30- 17:00 @ West Family Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE

17 December at 15:00 - 17:30 @ North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane, WS3 1HJ

19 December at 12:00- 14:30 @ East Family Hub, Silver Court, Brownhills WS8 6HA

You can simply join us on the day.





Christmas 2024 SHOPPING LIST

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PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

✱ TINNED MEAT (CHICKEN/HAM)	✱ TINNED CUSTARD
✱ TINNED VEGETABLES	✱ MINCE PIES
✱ TINNED POTATOES/MASH	✱ CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
✱ GRAVY / PACKETS OF STUFFING	✱ SELECTION BOXES
• CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE	• TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE)
• CARTONS OF UHT MILK	• TINNED FRUIT
• CORDIAL/SQUASH	• SAVOURY RICE
• SMALL JARS OF COFFEE	• INSTANT NOODLES
• TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S	• ROLL ON DEODORANT
• TINNED FISH	• SHAMPOO
• PASTA SAUCE	• SHOWER GEL
• TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES	• TOILET ROLL
• BREAKFAST CEREAL	• BARS OF SOAP

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FREE EVENT

Family Festive Workshop Event at Walsall College!

At Pleck Library Campus

Visit our Pleck Library Campus on Saturday 14th December for our *free festive arts & crafts event for all the family!

Come down any time between 10am - 2pm to take part in our fun activities, including:

- Festive arts and crafts!
- Seasonal card and decoration making!
- Creating messages to Santa and festive poems for the season!
- Free winter refreshments!
- Mini disco and elf dance exercise!

There will even be a visit from Santa so remember to bring your Christmas lists with you!

Our Pleck Library Campus 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+

Please bring ID with you on the day

Tel: 01922 657000

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CommunityDevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk

**DEVELOP
YOUR POTENTIAL**

Merry Christmas

Walsall College



ST.GILES PRIMARY CHRISTMAS HAF 2024

FREE SPORT ACTIVITIES DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

**Mon 23rd December & Tue 24th December
Thu 2nd January & Fri 3rd January
9:00am to 3:00pm each day**

Children **aged 5 to 11** eligible for free school meals can join us during the Christmas holidays for full days of exciting activities with a hot meal to be provided every lunch time.

Register online through the HAF Portal:
go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf

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