

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 29th November 24

There is now no avoiding Christmas – it is well and truly here.

There is as much fun in the preparation for Christmas as there is in the day itself; I know you may disagree at this point in time with your long lists... but the children have really enjoyed helping get ready for the Christmas Fair – there has been a lot of fun and creativity in school!

Thank you to all our families who came and supported the Fayre, there was such a lovely atmosphere inside and outside, especially when the choir sang, which I hope left you feeling Christmassy. All the money raised will be used by school for resources for the children so your spending will make a positive difference to Woodland's children.

It is so difficult to name staff who helped create and run the Christmas Fair because it was really a whole school effort, we couldn't have run the Fayre without all the Woodlands Family contributing. Although, I will mention Mrs Day – who coordinated us all and brought the sparkle and I must mention Santa and his elves who flew in specially – you added the magic!

Could I add - we didn't realise how many parents were waiting for such a long time to get in – thank you for your patience whilst waiting. Next year we shall try a new system to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Some of our Year 3 children and parents had fun last Friday afternoon in a Phunky Food 'Bag a Breakfast Workshop'. Helen and the Phunky Food Ambassadors taught everyone how to make a 'grab and go' style breakfast of carrot cake overnight oats.

Nativity rehearsals are well underway and we are all looking forward to Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday next week and Year 4 are visiting The Black Country Living Museum on Thursday. Please be aware the children will be outside for the majority of the day so please ensure they are weather appropriate! Lots and lots of layers if it is cold.

Then we shall be into the final week of the term, complete with a trip to the theatre for Y6, Christmas performances, parties, karaoke and Christmas jumper day with uniform on Thursday 19th December, the final day of the term.

Happy Christmas shopping this weekend! Mrs Newton





Christmas Fayre Competition Winners!

Lottie R in Y3 guessed the name of the snowman in Y1

Jolly The Snowman

Freddie W in Y5 guessed the name of the dog in the hall

Cooper

Raffle winners will be drawn next week



Year 3 Phunky Food Workshop; learning how to make a 'grab and go' style of breakfast of carrot cake overnight oats.



IMPORTANT: CALLING ALL NURSERY PARENTS

Nursery parents please remember to complete the application form for your families choice for your child for their Reception Year. Your child **ISN'T** automatically given a place at Woodlands, you have to apply for a school place and this process is managed by Walsall Admissions.

This is really important because if you do not complete the form then the Local Authority will select a school for your child and it could be anywhere in Walsall or at a school that you may not want your child to go to.

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](#)



**What's happening
in the news this week?**



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

9th - 15th December 2024

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

**Should everyone have the
opportunity to be a
star?**

**Our linking
Woodland value is
'Confident'**



So many children achieving out of school:

Mia has achieved a white belt with black stripe for Karate.

**Thea has achieved most improved singing and a four year achievement
award from Stage Coach.**

Haiden and Oli are shining in their football skills.

**Alara has mastered the
next swimming award.**

**Lilian has worked hard
for so many Rainbow
badges that she shared
with us, including her
Bronze and Silver Award.**

BRILLIANT!



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

1W achieved 97.7% and 4R 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	Henry	For good listening, and working hard on learning the songs and actions for the Christmas play.
NPM	Madison	For concentrating on creating a spiral Christmas decoration using scissors safely and correctly.
RG	Tommy-Jax	For improving his concentration and effort in RWI. Tommy has really been working hard to improve his RWI learning. Well done Tommy J
RJ	Charlie G	For great work in Maths, subitising numbers up to 5 and matching numerals to the correct quantity! Well done!
1W	Nancy B	Trying her hardest to use all of the ingredients for a super sentence when writing independently. Nancy's innovation of Elmer shows great use of capital letters and full stops! Well done Nancy!
1S	Esmail M	Working really hard to use her set 2 sound knowledge when writing independently! Super use of your Fred Fingers esmai – well done!
2CP	Dylan B	Independently choosing to use methods that he is comfortable with to help him answer questions. Well done Dylan
2D	Alex Jones	For a wonderful character description about 'Bob', from our story 'Man on the Moon.' Alex used some wonderful adjectives to describe 'Bob's appearance and his personality. Well done Alex!
3A	Mariah-Armelle G	For Mariah-Armelle's fantastic work in Forest School on Friday afternoon. She observed different trees and plants and used an identification tool to identify what they were called. She also worked well with her learning partner. Well done Mariah-Armelle!
3G	Aubrey	Being a ray of sunshine. Aubrey is a positive role model for others. She has a lovely personality and works hard too.
4R	Layla-Rae	A good conclusion to a Science experiment to demonstrate her understanding. Well done.
4N	Olamide D	Using her time at home to come up with a trick to help her learn the 8 times table
5HO	Sienna M	For having a growth mindset and self belief when completing challenging fraction questions. Sienna was able to convert fractions in order to compare them accurately.
5HA	Sophie P	For her growing confidence with fractions. Sophie has started to demonstrate her understanding of convert fractions to then be able to compare them. Well done Sophie, keep persevering.
6P	Amritjot S	Showing a fantastic understanding of punctuating direct speech, and ensuring dialogue is balanced with description and action. Well done Amritjot.
6E	Chante R	For always showing such enthusiasm towards all aspects of her learning. Chante even gives up her own time to ensure that she has secured objectives and to carry out extra research at home. You taught me more about poetry! Chante truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Fayre after school
Thursday 5th December	NHS Eye Tests for Y1 in school
Friday 6th December	Y3, Y5, Y6 Flu nasal vaccination (and for children that missed the first vaccination) This date has changed to Tuesday 10th December.
Friday 6th December	Visitor from Severn Trent Water in school for children, 9:00 Assembly 'The Wonderful World of Water' for Y4 and Y5
Tuesday 10th December	Y2 visiting the Short Methodist Church to learn more about Christmas
Wednesday 11th December	11:00 Christmas Dinner for Y3 and a parent / carer. Christmas dinner for all the school. Parents need to book their child's dinner through Scopay by Friday 15th November.
Thursday 12th December	Y4 visit to The Black Country Museum
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 2-3 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
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

**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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BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

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	• BAR'S OF SOAP

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TINY RANGERS CHRISTMAS

Woodland Walk

Join us at Rough Wood Chase

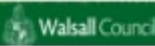
Linden Lane car park WV12 5NX

For a Christmas inspired woodland walk, with scavenger hunt and craft activity

10th December 2024 at 11am

- 🎅 Toddlers to 4 year olds
- 🎅 Limited spaces available
- 🎅 Not suitable for pushchairs
- 🎅 Present from Santa

Contact us at Luke.Anderson@walsall.gov.uk
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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

 **FREE**



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