

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a strange weather week that has taken everyone by surprise.

A big thank you to all of our families for adapting to changes to our normal procedures in order to keep everyone safe. A later register time enables parents to not rush in busy traffic that occurs when weather is extreme. There were also changes to entry and exit points due to falling snow from the roof. It has been an interesting week but as we always do, Woodlands' families, children and staff have risen to the challenge.

When the snow does come again, if it is clean and fluffy then we shall take children out for a short time with appropriate outdoor clothing to have some fun. So please do send your children in with appropriate 'snow' clothing if we have more snow this academic year.

Despite the wintry weather, the Y5 Queen Mary Schools meeting went ahead, as did 2CP assembly and the Y1 trip which was wonderful.

The week has ended with another non-uniform day for Christmas fair donations, thank you to all our families for their contributions. We will still be welcoming any contributions for the Christmas fair over the next week. The date is getting closer, don't forget to book time with Santa through Scopay!

Next week, Y2 are out and about at Black Country Living Museum, the choir will be performing at Walsall Arena and we invite Y3 families in for a Phunky food workshop.

Wrap up warm over the weekend! Mrs Newton

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

**RJ achieved 96.6% and
4N achieved 98.7%**

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.**

Be Bright Be Seen Competition Winners!

EYFS - S'ryah
Y1 - Octavia
Y2 - Seraya
Y3 - Aeron
Y4 - Layla S
Y5 - Milana

Well done to our winners for their fabulous posters that remind us all to keep safe when out and about at this time of year.



2CP Have Green Fingers!

2CP's super Science knowledge was demonstrated superbly in their class assembly this week. It was clear how much they had learned within their Science lessons, with explanations on how plants grow and should be cared for. They even knew the word 'photosynthesis'! I particularly loved their song and the actions that came with it.

Fantastic presenting 2CP! Mrs Macpherson



Woodlands Academy of Learning

Christmas Fayre



Come along to our festive Christmas Fayre as the Christmas countdown begins!

We are inviting you to join us as we get into the Christmas spirit. Visit our wonderful winter wonderland, take part in our many festive games and activities and visit Santa in his grotto to receive a special gift – Only £3 per child.



3.40pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 4th December 2024

Entrance Fee - 50p Adults, Children Free

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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](https://www.walsall.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place)

Information from the council

Walsall parents and carers are reminded to apply online and are encouraged to attend the council's drop-in sessions to receive any help or support.

If your child is starting reception in September 2025, you must apply online between 4 November 2024 and 15 January 2025. Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are due to start reception in September 2025.

Parents/carers can visit the following drop-in sessions to meet a member of the team, who will be able to assist with their application:

Location: Willenhall Library

Date: Tuesday, 3 December 2024

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Address: 1 Walsall St, Willenhall, WV13 2EX

Location: Darlaston Library

Date: Tuesday, 3 December 2024

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Address: 1 King Street, Darlaston WS10 8DE

Location: Lichfield Street Hub

Date: Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Time: 9am - 5pm

Address: Lichfield St, Walsall, WS1 1TR

Location: Blakenall Village Centre

Date: Thursday, 5 December 2024

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Address: 79 Thames Rd, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 1LZ

More information about school admissions can be found on the council's website: <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place>

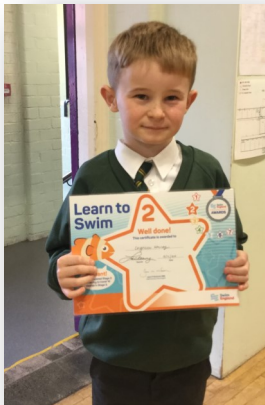
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25th November – 1st December 2024

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There is lots to celebrate!



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Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Effy D	Working hard on trying to write your name and working on correct formation for each letter.
NPM	Jaxson P	Working hard on your fine motor skills, with good concentration to carry out task.
RG	Mason	Being able to identify some of the under water sea creatures in our science topic all about different habitats.
RJ	Finley C	For showing us your creative skills when you are drawing! You always think carefully about how your drawing will look and add extra detail to your pictures which make them so unique! You are a real Artist in the making! Well done!
1W	Phoebe-Rose E	For fantastic art work. Phoebe-rose did some excellent collages based on the artist Eric Carle and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Well done Phoebe- Rose!
1S	Ava P	For being extremely helpful and kind. Well done! Reader of the Week is Storm F for super effort in her reading. Well done!
2CP	Ted R	Adding across 10 using concrete apparatus and pictorial methods with confidence. Ted has excellent recall of number bonds to 10.
2D	Nixon Y	For using a variety of methods to add across a 10. Nixon used counters, dienes, number lines and his number bond knowledge to help him work out the answers. Well done Nixon!
3A	Emilia J	For being a wonderful role model to others and doing everything with a smile! Emilia is always ready to learn and puts 100% effort into anything she does. Well done Emilia!
3G	Ettie B	Demonstrating appropriate learning behaviours. Ettie has been focused on her own learning and even offered some of her own time to help others with their learning.
4R	Sienna R	Great use of expanded noun phrases in a setting description. Well done Sienna.
4N	Frances H	Really thinking about her subject, verb and adjectives in her setting description. Super impressed!
5HO	Ella-Sofia W	For always being ready to learn and putting 100% effort into all areas of the curriculum to produce her best pieces of work. Ella you are a delight to teach and a role model for others.
5HA	Fateh S	For his enthusiasm within his Maths learning. Fateh is always willing to share answers and strategies to work out mathematical problems. Well done Fateh keep it up.
6P	Krish S	Showing a fantastic understanding of all the learning we have done so far about fractions. Krish always contributes to whole class discussions and applies his learning to independent tasks. Well done Krish!
6E	Tallulah W	For having such a conscientious attitude towards all aspects of her learning. Tallulah takes detailed notes in every lesson which she uses to support herself and her peers in her learning. Tallulah truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 26th November	1S Class Assembly, parents invited (postponed, new date to follow soon)
Wednesday 27th November	11:00 Christmas Dinner for Y4 and a parent / carer
Wednesday 27th November	Y2 visit to Black Country Living Museum
Wednesday 27th November	Evening Walsall Arena Performance by the choir
Friday 29th November	Y2 workshops in school by the BCLM
Friday 29th November	1:45 Y3 Parents invited to a Bag a Breakfast Workshop (Booked places only)
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	9:00 Assembly 'The Wonderful World of Water' for Y4 and Y5
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 (change in date)
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
Monday 6th January	School opens for everyone
Wednesday 8th January	Y5 visit to Selly Manor
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	6E Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 28th January	Y6 SATs Workshop for parents



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

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PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY



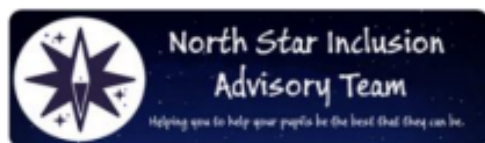
Do you have any extra Advent Calendars?

Staff are collecting Advent Calendars in School for the Food Bank.

The Food Bank will collect them from Woodlands by 22nd November, so if you have any spare ones please drop them into the food bank box in the foyer and they can join our staff donations too.



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



AET North Star Federation-Walsall LA Hub 2024-2025

FREE Family Support Sessions

Please note, Families can attend who might be awaiting/suspect a diagnosis, seeking the 'right support at the right time'.

Family Sessions Early Years (0-5 +/-2years)

Making Sense of Autism

16th September 2024 09:30 – 11:00
11th November 2024 13:00 – 14:30
14th January 2025 09:30 – 11:00
06th March 2025 09:30 – 11:00
01st May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
02nd July 2025 13:00 – 14:30



**Developed by
leading autism
specialists**

Family Sessions Schools (5-16+-4 years)

Making Sense of Autism

16th September 2024 13:00 – 14:30
12th November 2024 09:30 – 11:00
13th January 2025 13:00 – 14:30
07th March 2025 09:30 – 11:00
02nd May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
02nd July 2025 09:30 – 11:00



**Up to date
with the latest
research**

Family Sessions Post 16(14 and beyond +/- 2 years)

Making Sense of Autism

17th September 2024 09:30 – 11:00
14th November 2024 13:00 – 14:30
15th January 2025 09:30 – 11:00
06th March 2025 13:00 – 14:30
20th May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
03rd July 2025 09:30 – 11:00

Venue: Rushall Primary School, Pelsall Lane, Walsall, WS4 1NG

Booking: Please book via www.bookwhen.com/niat

Enquiries: Contact Samantha Harrison at North Star Inclusion Advisory Team on 01922 682300 Opt 3 or email Samantha.harrison@northstarfederation.org.uk

Parking: Please be aware if your session starts at 09:15 do not arrive on site before 09:00am. The carparks will not be available to you before 09:00am.

Due to construction work please use the first carpark on THE left of the drive (opposite the fields)

FREE sessions suitable for all to attend.

Training suitable for Families, settings and professionals to attend.

Autism and Anxiety

13th November 2024 09:15 – 12:15
07th March 2025 13:00 – 16:00
20th May 2025 09:15 – 12:15

Autism and Inclusion

13th November 2024 13:00 – 16:00



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Are you an undergraduate looking to find out if a career in teaching maths, physics, chemistry, computing or a foreign language* is for you?

*we offer foreign language places for those wishing to teach Spanish, French or German

Undergraduates looking to teach maths, physics, chemistry, computing or a foreign language* at any stage within their undergraduate or masters degree may participate in the Teaching Internships Programme.

The 3 week programme will commence on Monday 16th June 2025

The internship will give you a real insight into what it is like to be a teacher. You will shadow some of our most accomplished teachers, work with pupils to support their learning and even get a chance to try your hand at some teaching as well!

Application Form



Participating placement schools can be found on our website.

You can find out more here:

 www.careerinteaching.co.uk

Further information



Email Michael (SCITT Director)
meszrenyi@matrixacademytrust.co.uk



Dear Parents from the Early Help Team,

[Book Onto Our Upcoming SEND Workshops!](#)

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming SEND: How to Help Your Child Manage their Emotions Workshops

Our next workshop is taking place 23rd November 2024 @ 10am – 2pm

This workshop will take place at The East Family Hub - Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA

There is a link at the bottom of this email for you to book onto the workshop most convenient for you.

This workshop includes:

- Understanding sensory needs & support strategies.
- Strategies to support your child to regulate their emotions.
- Opportunity to meet other parents over a cup of tea or coffee.
- We will provide drinks but not food, so we encourage you to bring along some snacks or lunch.

There is also available on-site parking

Our Workshop Dates & Locations below:

Saturday 23rd November 10am – 2pm at East Family Hub, Silver Court, Brownhills, WS8 6HA

Monday 25th November 10am – 2pm at via Microsoft Teams

(If you would like to take part in the virtual session, please select this when on the booking form. We will then send the link directly to you closer to the date)

Wednesday 4th December 10am – 2pm at Willenhall Chart, 19 Gomer Street, Willenhall WV13 2NS

Please see the SEND booking link below:

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The poster features a blue background with a large image of a child swimming. On the left, there is a circular inset showing a group of children standing together. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with various colors for emphasis.

WATER SAFETY
BLACK COUNTRY PROGRAMME

FREE water safety sessions for Years 5/6 children
(ideal for weak and non-swimmers)

Darlaston Swimming and Fitness Centre
Spaces available ages 8-11 years
Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm
Thursdays 5:00pm-6:00pm

Sessions starting from **20th November 2024**

For further information and to book a **FREE** space
please email:
Michelle.Rollinson@activeblackcountry.co.uk

Active Black Country



FREE water safety sessions for families

Ideal for weak and non swimmers to introduce self rescue and water safety skills

Oak Park Active Living Centre

Saturday 14th December 5:00pm-6:00pm

Bloxwich Active Living Centre

Sunday 8th December 4:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday 22nd December 4:00pm-5:00pm

For more information and to book a free space please contact:

Michelle.rollinson@activeblackcountry.co.uk



Walsall College

OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER
4PM - 8PM

Pre-register for an Open Day now!
www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/planmyvisit



01922 657000

www.walsallcollege.ac.uk

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YOUR POTENTIAL

SHOE BOX APPEAL

SUPPORT SOMEONE IN NEED TODAY

MLSS is requesting you to prepare a shoebox of gifts for someone who is facing homelessness or hardships. Items such as:

Please do not wrap the shoe boxes as they will be gifted with other things and may need to be opened.

Toiletries	Treats	Other
Shampoo	Chocolates	Small towels
Conditioner	Sweets	Hats
Shower gel	Crisps	Gloves
Wet wipes	Biscuits	Underwear
Toothbrush	Soup	Socks
Comb	Drinks	Thermals
Hair brush	Biscuits	Torches
Toilet paper	Crisps	
Disposable gloves	Vegetarian tinned food	
Gloves	Tea	
Deodorant	Coffee	
Roll on		
Moisturiser		
Hand cream		

Contact Sharon - 01922 657000
Hub Caroline - 01922 657000
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UK charity number: 1054955