

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm not sure we had a summer but I think we can safely say that Autumn is here and we are in the full swing of normal timetables.

Full timetables started on Monday this week, including our RWI (phonics / sound) lessons, that enable children to read and write. Children in Reception and up to Y2, including some children in Year 3, undertake daily lessons that begin at 9:00 Monday to Thursday.

The children are taught in small groups, pitched at where they are on the reading journey. This teaching strategy really works as over 90% of last years Y1 (now Y2) passed their phonic screening check and launched the children into the wonderful world of reading.

When you are reading with your child at home and you are looking at a word together it would help to use the same language that we do in school, so here are some 'Top Reading Tips':

Are there any special friends? (two or three letters that make one sound such as ay, ee or igh)

Now 'Fred Talk' (children sound out the sounds in the word, for example b-l-a-ck)

Blend the sounds to read the word

Children learn a brand new sound every day so it is really important that children arrive on time to school or they will miss this essential teaching! We love our RWI lessons at Woodlands!



We had a special visitor in school on Wednesday afternoon from 'Create Music' who came to teach everyone about acoustic and electric guitars. Our children's knowledge of the different parts of this instrument was impressive. This assembly was the launch of ukulele weekly class lessons for children in Y5 and Y6.

The company we are working with are also able to offer guitar and ukulele lessons in school for children in Y3 to Y6, on a Tuesday afternoon for a cost, which is explained in the leaflet sent home with your child this week. If you would like your child to experience a free taster session with the intention of signing up to weekly lessons then please complete the slip and send into school.

Next week is photograph week for individuals and siblings. 8-8:40AM photographs before school on both days for siblings who do not attend Woodlands

Tuesday - Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 and Thursday - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Will the sun be out or will it rain? Whatever the weather, have a great weekend everyone. Mrs Newton



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

1S 5Ho and 6P all had 100%! What a start to the year!

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.



IMPORTANT: CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

This week families with a child in Year 6 who live in Walsall should have received a letter about the application process for Secondary Schools.

Families need to apply online, through the below link, to select the choices for their child.

[Apply for a secondary school place | Walsall Council](#)

The portal is already open so if you know which schools you would like to apply for then you can complete and submit the form now. The portal will close on 31st October so it is important that every family applies before this date because otherwise a school will be selected for your child which might not be your preference.

Parents can list up to 5 school preferences, they recommend that parents use all 5 preferences.

If you are still unsure then please do go and visit the Secondary Schools that you are interested in. Many Secondary Schools are currently holding Open Evenings when you can go and visit and meet the staff. The dates of these events will be on the Secondary School's website.

Parents will be notified of the school that has been allocated for your child on the 3rd March 2025.

If you live in a different authority then please access your council website to find the relevant information. You can apply for Walsall schools through their application form.

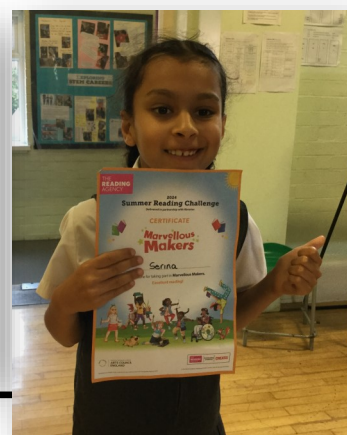
There is also a powerpoint presentation on our website from Walsall Admissions Team that contains more information to help parents undergoing this process.

A few reminders to help us keep everything running smoothly

Dismissal Could parents and carers please stand further back so there is more room for the children on the playground, particularly Y5 and Y6 at the lower door, some of our children are waiting in the corridor because of lack of space on the playground. This also helps teachers see parents so they can release children. It would also help at Drop Off for children in Y1 and Y2 if parents could stand a little further back to make room for the children to enter the school too. Could parents also ensure that younger siblings who have been dismissed stand with their parents and are not running around, this is to keep them safe. Thank you.

Smart watches can't be worn in school by children. If children forget they will be asked to take it off and given to the parent at the end of the day.

Children achieving out of school: Well done to those children who undertook the library summer reading challenge, including Serina, Jeevan and Nella. We also had a first this week - dog show awards for Amber's family dog! Well done super stars!



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	All of NAM	For settling in to your new class and meeting new friends.
NPM	All of NPM	For settling in to your new class and meeting new friends.
RG	Jessica L	For coming into reception with a BIG lovely smile on her face!
RJ	Isla S	Isla you have settled into life at Woodlands so well – it is like you have always been here! You have shown great kindness and helpfulness to your friends.
1W	All of 1W	For settling wonderfully into Year 1. The children had an incredible first week and have brought joy and smiles all around. Well done, everyone!
1S	All of 1S	For a fantastic start to Year 1! Everyone has had a huge smile on their faces and has tried really hard with all of our learning! Well done 1S!
2CP	Theo B	For trying his best with Year 2 learning, following the school values and wearing his Woodlands SMILE! J
2D	All of 2D	For a wonderful start to Year 2! All children have come in with smiles on their faces, ready to learn! It has been a fun and enjoyable start to the term! Well done 2D!
3A	Olivia S	For Olivia's fantastic work in our maths lessons! Olivia worked so hard to represent two-digit numbers by using dienes and drawing the tens and ones.
3G	Mehtab D	For a fantastic first week in Year 3. Mehtab has settled well in a new learning room with new people. She has demonstrated calmness and kindness. Well done Mehtab!
4R	Billy G	For super observational drawings showing a lot of detail. Well done Billy.
4N	Skye P	For persevering with her Maths work this week. She was unsure at the start of the lesson on representing numbers to 100 but by the end of the lesson she shone with confidence.
5HO	Oliver M	For a fantastic first week in Year 5. Oliver has excellent learning behaviours and is ready to achieve in all lessons with enthusiasm. Well done Oliver!
5HA	All of 5Ha	For a great start to the new academic year. They have all started back with great effort and enthusiasm. Well done!
6P	Mia P	A lovely first week in Year 6. Mia has shown such maturity, both in her approach to learning, and in her helpfulness around the classroom. Keep it up Mia.
6E	Nathan B	For excellent recall of his history learning about how the end of WWI led to the start of WWII, particularly the content of the Treaty of Versailles. I am so proud of you, an amazing start to Year 6.

National changes regarding the management of school attendance are implemented from September 2024

From September 2024, the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices will apply.

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span over different terms and school years.

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First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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Second Offence

(within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

(Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution)

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Third Offence and any further Offences

(within 3 years of the First Offence)

The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or Irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may be proceeded straight to prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure.

If found guilty of the offence of 'failure to secure their child's regular attendance at a school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1,000.



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PROUD OF OUR PAST OUR PRESENT AND FOR OUR FUTURE

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 17th September and Thursday 19th September Pupil individual and sibling photographs 8-8:40AM photographs before school on both days for siblings who do not attend Woodlands	
	Tuesday - Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2
	Thursday - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Wednesday 25th September	Y1 - Y6 focus on Carbon Monoxide - external visitors leading
Week of 30th September	Whole school Harvest theme
Tuesday 1st October	2:45, 6P Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 8th October	2:45, 2D Class Assembly, parents invited
Monday 14th October	Explore and Discovery Week
Monday 14th to Thursday 17th October	3:30 Book Fair Week for all children
Wednesday 16 th and Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultation evenings
Friday 18th October	First Aid Workshops for Y5 and Y6
Monday 21st October	Y6 to Bryntysilio for the week
Tuesday 22nd October	4:30 Reception Pumpkin Party (Child and parent together)
Tuesday 22nd October	Y3 visiting Think Tank
Friday 25th October	Nasal Flu vaccination for YR to Y5 (Y6 in December)
Friday 25th October	School closes for half term
Monday 4th November	School opens
Tuesday and Wednesday	Reception Road Safety Walk with a parent
Monday 11th November	Anti Bullying week starts and Odd Socks Day
Friday 15th November	Children In Need
Tuesday 19th November	2:45, 2CP Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 20th November	Y1 visit to the Toy Museum
Tuesday 26th November	2:45, 1S Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 27th November	Evening Walsall Arena Performance by the choir
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 6th December	Y6 Flu nasal vaccination
Tuesday 17th December	Y6 visit to the Theatre
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2
Wednesday 18th December	Y4 visit to The Black Country Museum
Thursday 19th December	School closes at the end of the day for children
Friday 20th December	Teacher Training Day
Monday 6th January	School opens for everyone



Autumn Term 2024 / 2025

Monday 2 nd September 2024	Term Starts
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Staff Training Days – School Closed
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November 2024	Half Term Holidays
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Last School Day of Term
Friday 20 th December 2024	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	End of Term Holidays

Spring Term 2024 / 2025

Monday 6 th January 2025	Term Starts
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term Holidays
Friday 11 th April 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April 2025	End of Term Holidays

Summer Term 2024 / 2025

Monday 28 th April 2025	Term Starts
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last School Day of Term
Monday 21 st July 2025	Staff Training Day – School Closed

Bank Holidays 2024 / 2025

Summer Bank Holiday:

Christmas Day

Boxing Day

New Years Day

Monday 26th August 2024

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Thursday 26th December 2024

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Good Friday:

Easter Monday:

May Bank Holiday:

Spring Bank Holiday:

Friday 18th April 2025

Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

Monday 26th May 2025



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- **CORDIAL/SQUASH**
- **SMALL JARS OF COFFEE**
- **TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S**
- **TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES**
- **TINNED POTATOES/MASH**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING**
- **TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)**
- **TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNE BEEF)**
- **TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES**
- **TINNED FISH**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
- **BREAKFAST CEREAL**
- **PASTA SAUCE**
- **SAVOURY RICE**
- **INSTANT NOODLES**
- **ROLL ON DEODORANT**
- **SHAMPOO**
- **SHOWER GEL**
- **TOILET ROLL**
- **BARS OF SOAP**



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- 4** Shopping online?
Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5** We'll do the rest!
We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required.
0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833.
Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24

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

CALLING ALL NEW STARTERS!!

FREE TRIAL CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

All you need to do is copy the link and use the discount code when signing your child up to a trial

LINK- WWW.FUNKY-FUSION.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK

CODE- MHM917

APPLIES TO TRIALS BOOKED IN SEPT ONLY



Wednesbury Hockey Club

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

START DATE
11th September 2024

PLAY HOCKEY

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm to 8pm during the winter season

Training takes place on the Astro Turf Pitch at Willenhall E Act Academy, Furzebank Way, Willenhall, WV12 4BD

£3 Session

The Club has a Junior Section for both Boys and Girls from 6 years of age upwards.

Indoor Hockey for Juniors

9am to 10am on a Saturday starts 14th September 2024

www.pitchero.com/clubs/wednesburyhc

Contact

Mike or Paul
07813 871 004 or 07941 854 771

acorns children's hospice

GLOW WALK is back and brighter than ever!

Saturday 26 October
Walsall Arboretum

Shine bright and 'glow the distance' in support of your local children's hospice.

acorns.org.uk/glow



Shine bright this October and 'glow the distance' in support of your local children's hospice.

Grab your glow sticks, fairy lights and UV face paint and join the fun with family, friends or colleagues exploring our 2.5km or 4km routes around the Walsall Arboretum.

New for this year

Alongside the usual music, food, and entertainment in our event village, this year's route will also feature a **laser projection show over the Arboretum's lake** and a fun-filled 'Spooky Street' section, to help get you in the mood for Halloween.

Sign up today

Ticket prices include your exclusive Glow Walk t-shirt, fundraising pack, fun glow accessories, and medal (on completion).

Early Bird Admission*	Price
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children)	£25 (standard price £40)
Adults (16 +)	£10 (standard price £15)
Children (3-15)	£5 (standard price £10)
Under 3	£3



By taking part in this incredible challenge and joining #TeamAcorns, you will be raising money for families like Cara's.

"I know the nurses at Acorns can care for Cara properly. I'm included in everything, every decision, every conversation and I'm never judged. I feel heard."

- Vicky, Cara's mum



*Early Bird Admission to end on 30 September

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