



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed some of our first sunny days of the year, once Storm Dave had passed!

This week, we have enjoyed welcoming all of our families and staff back to school and getting started with the new term.



To start our summer term off with a bang, each class teacher has had the difficult task of choosing one 'Star Writer' from their class and their work is displayed in the foyer for all to see. Please pop by and have a look. It was an impossible task as all of our children are working hard on their writing and are all showing many 'Star Writer' ingredients.

In Year 2, the caterpillars have arrived and the children are keeping a close eye on them to see metamorphosis in action and watch them transform into beautiful butterflies.



This half term is yet another action packed one! Next week, Year 3 are off to the art gallery to see lots of different styles of artwork and create their own sculptures. Our children in year 4 have the opportunity to experience their first residential visit to Laches Wood. Reception are off to Tamworth Castle and after all of their hard work during SATs week our year 6 children are off on a geographical visit to the beach.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and hopefully the sun will shine for us!

Miss Edmunds



Out of school achievers

Congratulations to:

Bani—whilst on holiday in Spain, Bani received a certificate for bravery on a submarine dive under the Atlantic Ocean.

Biffy, Kristian and Noah all received trophies for completing their season in football. Noah also won a best player trophy.

Ava joined her new swimming group and has already completed her 25 and 50 metre certificates.

Rylee received the clubs fox mascot for bringing in a good game at the end of the term.



Nixon played futsal with his team recently against a team for which Emi Martinez is the coach. For those who don't know (like me) this is the current Aston Villa goal keeper and World Cup winner who



★ ★ We are clever writers! ★ ★

At Woodlands, we have embarked on an exciting new writing approach – 'I Am A Clever Writer'. Each week, children learn a new skill that they practise implementing into their writing through three embedding sessions. During each session, the children write a section of a particular piece of writing linked to a text and a carefully crafted WAGOLL. This could be a retell, diary entry, persuasive letter or a piece of non-fiction writing. Every Friday, children have the opportunity to really show what they have learnt when they produce their best possible writing, making sure that they have included the focus skill from the week, along with other writing objectives from the 'I Am A Clever Writer' checklist generated with their teacher.

This new writing approach has created such a buzz around school, as pupils are all keen to be the best writers. To enhance this ethos further, every Friday, teachers will be selecting one child from each class to be 'Star Writer' for the week. That child will wear a special badge whilst at school so that he or she can be celebrated by everyone. In addition to this, we are pleased to announce that the child's writing will be displayed in the school foyer during the week so that parents and carers can admire the fabulous work and join in the celebrations too!

Our children really are amazing and we are excited to share their wonderful written pieces with you.

Mrs Corbett and Miss Adams

A special well done to all of our 'Star Writers'
for this week!

If your child was chosen as a Star Writer this week, please come and read their wonderful work which will be displayed in the school foyer.



WINNING CLASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE!

Well done to our children who arrive on time, before 8:50, and so are ready for the important first lesson of the day.

Best classes during the last week who earn extra play time are:



1W 98.6% and 4R 99%

Absolutely Fantastic!



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

What makes a great place to live?

A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area.

Our linking Woodlands value is 'Identify next steps'



Summer uniform can now be worn.

This means children do not need to wear a tie if they are wearing a polo shirt but if they chose to wear a normal shirt then a tie must be worn.

We have also noticed trainers creeping back in, children should be wearing school shoes to school. If children arrive in trainers they will have to change into black pumps during lesson times.

**Thank you to all our families for supporting our uniform policy
so our children always look smart!**

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Rory	For creating a fantastic piece of collage. Rory took his time to carefully stick the materials onto his collage. Well done Rory!
NAM	Everyone	Having a wonderful RE day learning all about Noah's Ark, building arks and some beautiful pictures and writing
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RG	Jayden	For working hard to improve his reading in RWI. He has worked so hard and progressed to pink groups!! 😊
RJ	<u>Sehbaaj</u> S	For working hard to learn his lines for our class assembly and putting his heart and soul into saying it so nicely!
1W	Sienna D	For fantastic comparison skills during Science. Sienna was able to choose two animals and compare their features to show similarities and differences. Well done Sienna!
1E	Oliver C	For showing great focus while weaving a paper pattern carefully in Art. He carefully remembered to alternate under and over to create his design. His perseverance paid off to make a super Easter egg card!
2CP	Hannah	For always using all of her skills taught in I am a clever writer as in every piece of writing that she completes in all subjects.
2D	Autumn	For brilliant maths knowledge when finding a half, quarter and a third. For being able to easily identify similarities and differences between fractions. Well done.
3A	Nancy S	For being kind, caring and helpful! Nancy supports her peers and teachers, always offering a helping hand. She takes pride in keeping our learning room and school areas tidy by offering to do jobs. Well done Nancy!
3E	Nixon	Being a marvellous human! He is an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom. He knows how to have fun and follow school rules at the same time – Mrs Dickson
4R	Mason	For a super retell of The Forgotten Forest. Mason used adverbials, expanded noun phrases, speech and conjunctions in his writing. Well done.
4N	Poppy	For a wonderful attitude to learning. You have made me proud this week.
5D	Kane M	For working hard on his handwriting in every subject and receiving his pen license before the holiday! Well done Kane! 😊
5H	Ellie-Mai	For working hard on improving your handwriting during the Spring term. You are also beginning to show improvement in the content of your independent writes. Well done!

Dates on the horizon



Tuesday 21st April	4R Class assembly (2:45pm start))
Tuesday 21st April	2:15 Y6 Parents Prom Committee meeting
Wednesday 22nd April	Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery
Wednesday 22nd April	Y5 Learning First Aid at Woodlands
Thursday 23rd April	The Fire Service visiting Y4 at Woodlands
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May	Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood / Cake sale after school
Monday 4th May	School closed for Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 8th May	Online Safety Session for Y5 at Woodlands with PC Holownia
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs all week
Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th April	Reception trips to Tamworth Castle
Wednesday 20th May	10:00am New Reception Parent meeting
Thursday 21st May	Y6 Geographical visit to the Beach
Thursday 21st May	School closes at the end of the day for May half term

Friday 22nd May **School closed to children Teacher Training Day**

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th April MAY HALF TERM

Monday 1st June	Swimming starts for Y6, continues for three weeks
Wednesday 3rd June	10:00am New Nursery Parent Meeting
Tuesday 9th June	3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Week Beg Monday 15th June	Transition Begins for two weeks - children working with their new teachers in their new classes for the mornings.
Thursday 18th June	Uniform stall
Monday 22nd June	Swimming starts for Y5, continues for three weeks Uniform stall
Week Beg Monday 29th June	Health & Fitness Week
Monday 29th June	Y5 and 6 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 30th June	Y1 and 2 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 1st July	Y3 and 4 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 2nd July	Nursery and Reception Sports
Thursday 9th July	Summer Sizzler Uniform stall
Saturday 11th July	Y6 Prom celebrations
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July	Year 1 trips to the farm
Monday 13th July	Parent Drop In
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Production
Tuesday 21st July	Last Day of term - Break up at normal time

CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on MS Teams for 1 hours). Groups held 12pm - 1pm.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

22.04.2026 - Anxiety

27.05.2026 - Understanding Autism

17.06.2026 – Low mood in Children

15.07.2026 - Anger Conduct

23.09.2026 – Trauma with attachment

21.10.2026 – Self Harm with DBT skills

18.11.2026 – Anxiety and OCD



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