

Newsletter Friday 20th September 2024

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Information for Parents



The school year is really gathering momentum, and the pupils are learning lots whilst having fun. Please remember **school is closed Friday 27th September** and last week you had all the key dates sent out on the newsletter - one of the first main ones being **Parents Evening 2nd October**. You will be able to book a slot using the MyChildAtSchool App. Any queries please phone school.

We have lots of lovely photos on our newsletter, but please do not reproduce them on Facebook if there are other children or staff in the picture. We give permission for the photos to be on our newsletter but no other social media.

The new children to WFS have settled so well and it's amazing that we have only been back 3 weeks. Molly the dog heard her first readers of the new school year on Wednesday, and they were fabulous. Well done if you read to Molly the dog.

If you are interested in being a casual Teaching Assistant at WFS or a permanent Teaching Assistant, please contact Tracey Birch tlb44@wfs.worcs.sch.uk who will happily give you more information. We pride ourselves in getting parents back into work and into permanent positions and the wealth of knowledge you as parents can bring to the role is huge.

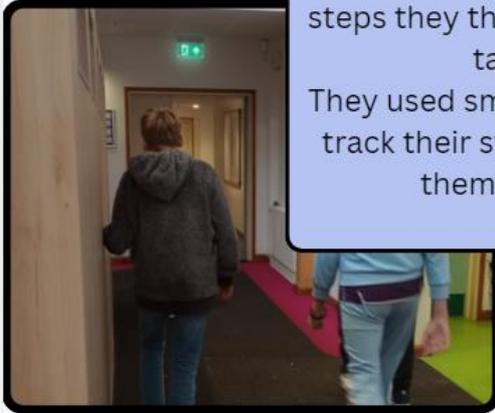
Remember to sign up to the MyChildAtSchool App.

Have a lovely weekend

13K News



This week 13K as part of their health lessons walked a mile around school. Before setting off they each guessed how long it would take them and how many steps they thought it would take. They used smart watches to track their steps and time themselves.



SPRUCE Class



Spruce Class are continuing their fabulous digital art project. We have been combining photos and colours to create a piece of pop art. We are very excited to extend our digital skills to copy and paste photos into a digital montage. Watch this space!

PARENT POP IN



PARENT POP-IN
WFS PARENTS & CARERS

EVERY MONDAY
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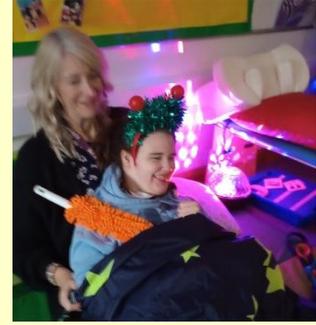
13B News



CEDAR Class

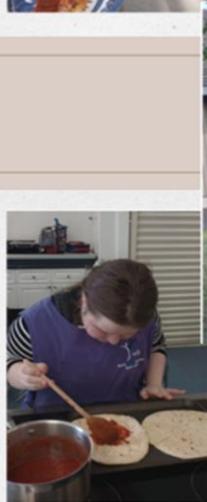


Cedar class have been enjoying our Space story 'Aliens Love Underpants!' We have particularly enjoyed the lights and parachute (especially when we were bouncing the underpants on it). Our story gives us the opportunity to communicate our likes and dislikes, ask for 'more', remember responses, and use our hands to explore and lift.



We have also been working on hand function and fine motor skills - using tools to crunch and squash cornflakes.

Hot Toppings



Here is the new Hot Toppings team! They have been practicing making pizzas this week and are ready to get going with staff orders!

OLIVE Class



Olive class have had a great week practising their controlled movements in Gymnastics, we have also been focusing on how to take a photograph in world about us, practising our photography skills by taking photos of each other and even had a go at taking selfies. The pupils produced some great results, and lots had some fab poses ready to go!



POPLAR Class

In Poplar class this week we have been doing some yoga and got to use the yoga mats. We went on a journey around space and tried lots of different yoga positions. We had so much fun!



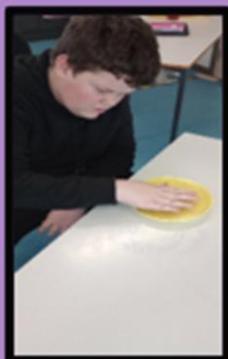
We have also been working on hard on the bike track practising riding bikes!



11P News

11P – The importance of washing our hands!

11P talked about the importance of thoroughly washing our hands. We completed an experiment to show how bacteria can stay on our hands. We talked about the best ways to minimise spreading germs and all agreed to wash our hands regularly using soap and water.



Work Experience



In 10SD this week we have been gaining confidence in performing our class jobs. Cai has been taking the orders at toast time, Finn collected the bread, Ruby has made sure that surfaces are clean, William dried the dishes, Fiona has made the toast and Lucy has been our waitress. Good job everybody!

4C News



MAPLE Class



Maple class have had a lovely week, we have been enjoying our up, up and away topic, here you can see our wonderful designs. We are also enjoying exploring out of class learning, at the bike track, swimming pool and in the hall for PE.



Lime Class

This week in Lime Class we have been exploring how we keep our hands clean. We have explored using a wet wipe and experienced how they feel. We have also practiced our hand washing routine. We have been rolling up our sleeves up to make sure they don't get wet, rubbing the soap in our hand and using a fluffy towel to dry them!



12H News



This week 12H have been working on our independence skills and going out into the community. We have been doing little jobs round school like washing our school buses and went on our first trip to the Wyre Forest.



OAK CLASS



In the world about us lessons we have been looking at toys from the past. The pupils had great fun looking and playing with old toys, including comics and books. They really enjoyed looking through a view master and said it was like an VR.



The pupils also followed picture instructions to make paper aeroplanes and had a competition in the playground to see who could fly it the furthest.



HOLLY Class

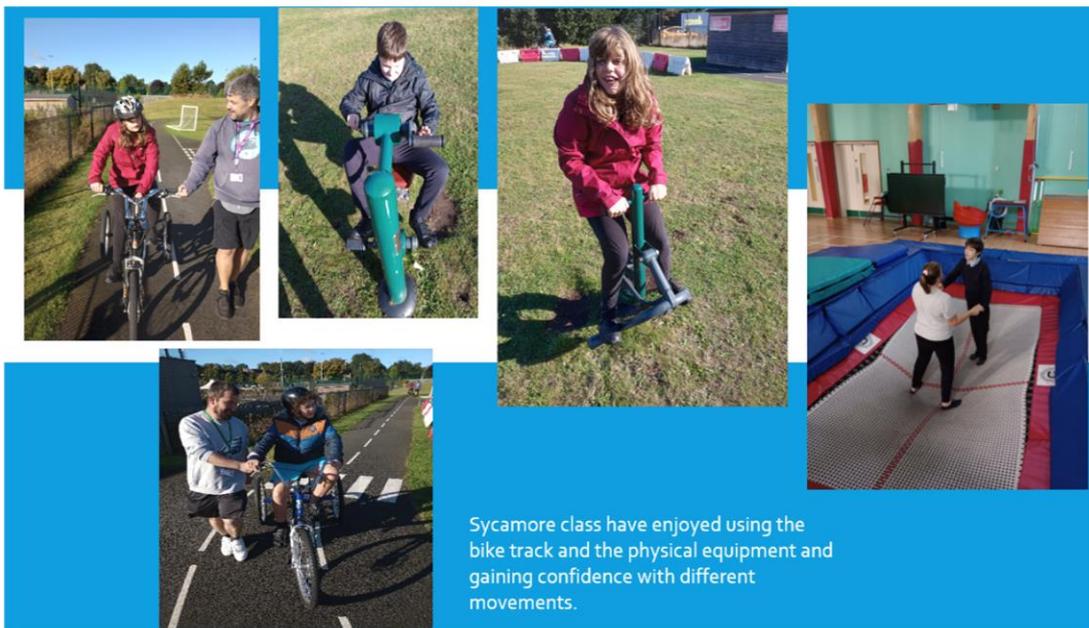
Super work this week Holly class!

We have had lots of fun painting with water colours, making a hot air balloon for our display! We have added our names and pictures to our balloons, and they look brilliant



Have a good weekend!

SYCAMORE Class



Sycamore class have enjoyed using the bike track and the physical equipment and gaining confidence with different movements.

ROWAN Class



This week Rowan Class have really engaged with our topic the land of the dinosaurs. We have enjoyed reading stories about them, creating our own-coloured dinosaurs and creating dinosaur nests with sensory resources.



HAWTHORN Class

This week in Hawthorn class, we have been doing lots of regulating activities and read our story 'A Friend for Henry'. We have done lots of tasks about friendship and what it means to be a good friend, including making friendship potions and friends in playdough. We have accessed lots of different types of play in our continuous provision.



YEW Class



The children in Yew class had a great first session of the year in forest school, we were very lucky with our weather. We explored all of the areas including the hammock, sand pit, tractor tyre and visually explored the breezy trees.



LEMON Class

The children in Lemon Class are settling so well into the routine of visiting the Forest School Area on Wednesday afternoons and love their time spent there.

They have been exploring the space and the equipment such as spades and wheelbarrows and are enjoying going into the hut and the wooded area. We have been practicing dressing and undressing for Outdoor Learning this week and have had made great progress in this area. 😊



FIG Class

Fig class have been exploring the topic "All about me" by looking in mirrors, gluing and sticking faces and choosing different activities that we like. We have also been making marks with painting and with pens attached to cars. We have been enjoying getting to know each other better and building relationships!



11H News



In Independent Living Skills this week, 11H have been showing their cooking skills by making some DELICIOUS toasties. They used their knowledge of food safety from previous weeks to safely use a toastie maker.

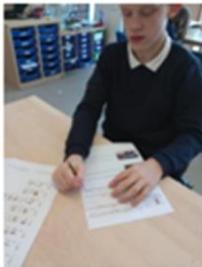


WALNUT Class



Walnut class had a great time on the bikes this week, and the weather was very kind to us.

Walnut Class



describing words when talking about people and places.

In Literacy the children have started using



brownies in cooking.

Walnut class had great fun making chocolate

4GH

4GH have started learning about Animals and living things in Science.

We have been learning to classify animals into groups based on their characteristics.

We have learned about mammals, amphibians, birds, reptiles and fish.

Here we are playing a game to help us remember them.



Hazel Class

Hazel class have really enjoyed getting out at Forest School. We love being outside and really enjoyed playing in the hammock, lots of digging and fun with our friends. We practice our communication skills in different environments and learn to problem solve too.





Communication and Interaction

This term's focus is **Early Communication Skills**

This week's focus: **Attention**



Some children have a longer attention span than others. This is because attention is developmental. This will mean some children develop attention at different levels. Attention skills are needed for communication and learning.



How can you help?

- Play with items that your child really likes
- Follow your child's lead in play, comment on what is happening
- Add an element of surprise to the play

Here are some fun ideas to help with improving attention skills.
You can use:

- Feely bags or boxes- have items of interest in the bag or box. Let your child put their hand in and feel what is in there. Make it exciting.
- Build a tower- take it in turns. See how high you can go before it falls.
- Coloured beads and cotton reels- make necklaces/bracelets. count and sort them into shapes/colours
- Books and songs-e.g. pop-up books, nursery rhymes
- Posting boxes-use items your child likes



Free Resources on
Freebie Friday!



Visit here throughout the month
to see if it's 'Freebie Friday'!

Free
Music Signalong signs,
scan the QR code or visit
www.signalong.org.uk



Kind regards
Communication team



Beech Class

Beech Class have had an amazing week! They have enjoyed the sun in the park, and have been to their first class swimming session. Students are adapting really well to the routine and lessons and are showing excellent engagement in communication such as PECS and using visual supports. Some photos are from last week also!



Signing Buds



Signing buds lunch time choir had fun on Tuesday, we had some more super signers join us, welcome!

We learnt new signs to songs from Whitney Houston, BTS, S club 7 and the Cha Cha slide song. It was lovely to see students stand up, dance and sign at the same time!

We had lots of fun and next time we will learn some rock song signs.

Here are some action shots of some of our super signers.



14W NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK

14W returned to the allotment this week. Students worked together to remove weeds and have begun planting in the garden area. In ILS, students are continuing to work on their budgeting. The cooking group prepared sandwiches and salad this week.



BUDGETING



ALLOTMENT



ILS



Birch Class



This week in Birch class we have been continuing with our topic 'All About Me'. This week we have been looking at our reflection and exploring how different things make us feel.

ELM Class

Elm class have been busy making an autumnal inspired piece of artwork this week. We used different paints that reminded us of the seasonal changes such as browns, oranges and yellows. We painted our hands and made handprints which were turned into leaves. We then decorated hedgehogs. We used brown paint and forks to create the hedgehog spikes and hunted for brown leaves at the Orchard to add to the hedgehogs for texture. We had lots of fun and hope you like the finished piece. Well done Elm class!

Our artwork is going to be displayed at Westley Court care home.



ALDER Class



Alder class have been using our senses to explore Forest school, observing the Autumnal changes and collecting fallen conkers, while being careful of the spikes! Also exploring the newly built pond area, where we spotted dragonflies and the bug hotel. We also used autumn colours to create our pictures.

CHESTNUT Class

This week Chestnut class enjoyed our first music session together. We explored the story 'Giraffes can't dance'. The children explored a range of sounds and movements linked to emotions. We used slow movements and scarves to explore feeling sad and moved together using a stretchy band, moved our bodies freely with tambourines and maracas and showed joy and happiness as we used our ribbons to dance and twirl!



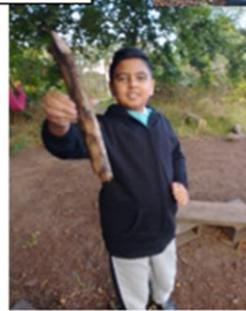
PEAR Class



Pear Class

This week Pear Class have enjoyed making animal houses using natural resources in forest school.

We have also been learning to egg roll and log roll in PE.



Larch Class



Larch class have been having lots of fun while exploring the outdoors at Forest School. We have been using gross motor skills to dig, climb and push wheelbarrows. And using all our senses to see, smell, listen and touch within our natural environment.

JUNIPER Class



In Maths, Juniper class have been looking in different ways in which we can sort objects. We have completed some amazing work and found lots of different ways we could sort, such as size and colour. We have also enjoyed using I-moves and having regular brain breaks to get us prepared to complete our best learning. Another fantastic week in Juniper class. Well done to everyone.



Russell House

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK AT RUSSELL HOUSE

Group 1 Group 2

Monday Youth Club PODS Disco

Tuesday Walk to the park

Wednesday Shopping Bike track

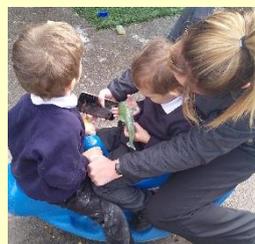
Thursday Cricket Playground

Ofsted Outstanding



ORANGE Class

The children have enjoyed exploring different areas this week which is helping us get to know each child's likes and dislikes. A lot of the children have enjoyed exploring different outdoor areas and have really enjoyed dough disco as well as our mark making tuff tray.



APPLE Class

Apple Class pupils are starting to settle and already showing amazing understanding of our school day. They are beginning to transition; we have been to PE in the hall, forest school and playground. They are communicating wants/needs and understanding objects of reference as well as photos to help them knowing what is happening now/next. Communication is such a key role in our children's development. Well done Apple Class.





SEPTEMBER 2024

27	CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – Professional Development Day
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OCTOBER 2024

1	Parent Pathway Curriculum Meeting - 1.30pm – 5.00pm Black History Month
2	Parents Evening
9	Post 14 - Coffee Morning
10	World Mental Health Day
11	EYFS Support Group 1- 1.30pm
15	Worcestershire Life Beyond School
16	Pathway 2 - Stay & Play
22	Pathway 2 - Stay & Play
23	School Photo Day
24	EYFS - Halloween Stay & Play
28 Oct – 1st November – Half Term	

NOVEMBER 2024

11	Anti Bullying Week & Armistice/Remembrance Day
14	6 th Form Coffee Morning World Diabetes Day
15	Children in Need
18	Road Safety Week
19	Parent RE & RSE Meeting – 1.30pm
22	Christmas Fayre Dress Down/Donation Day
29	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – Professional Development Day

DECEMBER 2024	
5	Pathway 4 – Parent Pop In
6	EYFS Parent Support Group 2 – 1.30pm
7	Christmas Fayre
10	Pathway 1 – Christmas Stay & Play
11	Pathway 2 – Christmas Stay & Play
12	EYFS Nativity – 1.30pm
13	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
18	Pathway 3 Christmas Concert – 1.30pm
20	Last Day of Term

JANUARY 2025	
6	Term starts
21	Parents Puberty & SEND Meeting - 1.30pm
31	EYFS Parent Support Group 3 – 1.30pm

FEBRUARY 2025	
3	Children’s Mental Health Week
6	EYFS Stay & Play – 1.30pm
11	Safer Internet Day
12	Parents Evening and Life Beyond School
	17th – 21st February – Half Term

MARCH 2025	
7	World Book Day
21	World Down Syndrome Day
28	EYFS Parent Support Group 4 – 1.30pm

APRIL 2025	
1	Pathway 1 Stay & Play – TBC – Parents Welcome
2	Pathway 2 Easter Stay & Play TBC Autism Awareness Day
3	Year 9 DTP Vaccinations Pathway 4 – Parent Pop In
9	Pathway 3 Picnic in the Park
10	EYFS Easter Event – 1.30pm
11	WFS new building 10-year-old party
11	Last Day of Term
	EASTER HOLIDAY
28	Term starts

MAY 2025	
1	Post 16 – Coffee Morning
5	School Closed - May Bank Holiday
8	Post 14 – Afternoon Tea
14	Pathway 4 – World of Work Event
22	EYFS Stay & Play – 1.30pm
23	EYFS Parent Support Group 5– 1.30pm
	26th – 30th May – Half Term

JUNE 2025	
2	Term starts
5	World Environment Day
10	Pathway 1 – Summer Picnic – Parents Welcome
13	Father's Day Carer Gift Shop
19	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
20	6 th Form Pride Summer Fayre Dress Down Donation Day
27	Leavers Party Make Music Day

JULY 2025	
1	Pathway 2 – Sports
2	Pathway 2 – Sports
3	Parents new to 6 th Form – 9.30am EYFS Sports Day – 1.30pm
4	EYFS Parent Support Group 6 – 1.30pm
7	Post 14 & Post 16 - Sports
8	New to Reception Parents Meeting
9	Pathway 2 Celebration Stay & Play
10	Pathway 3 Sports – 9.30am Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon
12	Summer Fayre
14	Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon
15	Post 14 Class Celebration
16	EYFS Celebration – Morning – TBC Pathway 3 - Awards
17	Pathway 4 – End of Year Awards
18	TERM ENDS

Please note: all the above dates / times are subject to change.

Please can we remind all Parents & Carers to keep the school office updated with any change of details, i.e., telephone numbers, addresses, list of contacts. Thank you.