

Newsletter Thursday 26th September 2024

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Information for Parents



Despite the rain WFS has had an action-packed week! Everywhere I look children are busy working on their targets and having fun whilst doing it. We try and ensure children are working as fast as possible but as slow as necessary and each child journey is unique.

Next **Wednesday 2nd October is parents evening**, and we look forward to seeing you. You have received communication on how to book a meeting. They are 10 minutes long so if you feel that a further meeting is needed, the class teacher will arrange a further meeting for you, so we do not overrun.

School is closed tomorrow but we will see you back on Monday.

We are proposing to run holiday club again this half term (staffing dependent) on Tuesday 29th October and Thursday 31st October. If you would like to express an interest in you child attending one or both days, please email office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk with your name, your child's name and preferred days. Please remember how many children we can take is dependent upon staff that are willing to work in their holidays.

13B News



PARENT POP IN

PARENT POP-IN
WFS PARENTS & CARERS

EVERY MONDAY
FROM 2PM IN OUR
FAMILY HUB

COME ALONG TO ACCESS
SUPPORT AROUND SEND,
FINANCES, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP,
HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND
MUCH MORE!

THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES TEAM CAN NOW BE
CONTACTED VIA EMAIL AT
SUPPORTINGFAMILIES@WFS.WORCS.SCH.UK

13H news

This week 13H have been busy in and out of school. In ILS pupils have been learning to open tin cans safely so that they can make their lunch for their peers.

Pupils have been getting active and started their new health topic starting by playing Boccia, and have been supporting each other with their physio.

Pupils have been looking at collecting data by asking staff and pupils questions to complete their research.

Blossom Tree café is back open and pupils were happy to be back welcoming customers.



HOT TOPPINGS NEWS



Fantastic job HOT TOPPINGS this week. The team prepared 10 pizzas, 16 jacket potatoes and delivered them all on time with great feedback from staff!



Cedar Class



Cedar class have been enjoying music sessions. In this we practice our hand function, and explore how we can make things happen!



ASH Class

Hi Ash class we were COOKING!

The children were learning how to make toast. The children were also tasting different jams, and yummy marmalade.

Ash class loved making toast and loved eating it after.



Pupil News

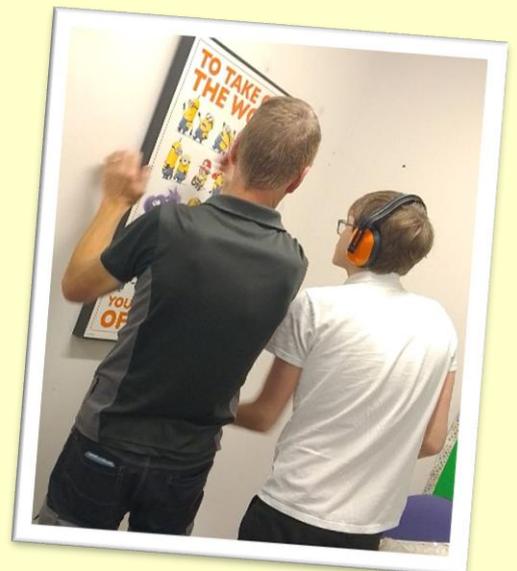


"I found the Minions Poster! And it was amazing!"

Typed by Quin, in his own words.

He was thrilled to find this poster, and asked if he could have it-and went to see Ken, to ask to put it up in his room. We are very proud of how Quin is communicating so positively.

Laura said, 'One man's junk is another man's treasure!' Well done Quin



Olive Class

Olive Class have created some amazing art work collaging their own faces and putting them back together on chosen backgrounds. We have also had fun in Forest School on our seasonal leaf hunt identifying the different shapes and trees they came from.



SPRUCE Class

This week in Spruce class we have been thinking about everything that we have learned about staying safe in our lessons in the classroom and we took our knowledge out into school to carry out our very own safety inspection. We were looking for hot things, sharp things, slippery floors and a variety of other potential hazards, we even visited the school kitchen where our lunches are prepared. We talked about what we can do to keep safe around these hazards. Why not have a chat about how you can keep safe at home?



11H News



WILLOW Class

Willow class have had lots of fun engaging in science this week. They have been looking at how baking soda reacts with vinegar and lemon. Children were given frozen dinosaur eggs. The eggs contained dinosaurs that needed releasing through the process of substances reacting with each other. Willow class worked hard as a team to release the dinosaurs whilst observing how the frozen egg reacted to the different substances.



HOLLY Class



Fantastic first swim Holly class! All pupils explored the pool both with adult support and independently, showing preferences to a variety of pool activities such as floats, sinking toys and lots of splashing!



Hazel Class

This week Hazel Class shared an assembly with Pathway 2 talking all about friendships and working together. We looked at how we can spend time together and ways of looking after each other whilst we have fun!

     
We have practiced playing alongside each other.



 
Sharing spaces.



  
And being kind to each other.



Pathway 4

Pathway 4 have had a focus on building and maintaining relationships and exploring this through play. We have taken opportunities to engage with our peers through play both inside and outside the classroom. We have focused on turn taking, team building, and being supportive towards our peers.



Vacancy for Personal Care Assistant

If you know anyone who is interested, please visit the school website.

CHERRY Class



Cherry Class have explored yoga, swimming, and the light room this week. It was great fun and we have enjoyed exploring new areas of the school!



PEAR Class



This week in Pear Class we have looking at old and new. We have talked about differences between old and new toys and enjoyed exploring some old-fashioned games. In art we became foragers and found natural resources to create paint to use for our cave paintings.



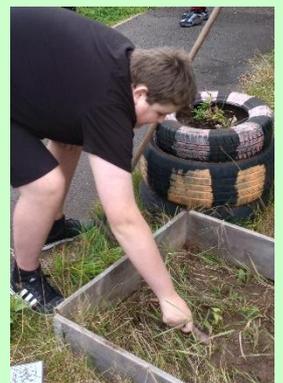
11P – Road Safety

This week 11P talked about road safety and what it means to them. We spoke about how to cross the road safely and then used these skills on our school crossing. Great work 11P.



12H News

This week we have been looking after our school allotment by weeding and watering the plants.



SYCAMORE Class



This week sycamore have enjoyed going to the cooking room and making stuffing. We also enjoyed soft play and PE..



BIRCH Class



In Birch Class this week, we have been continuing to explore our topic, of 'All about me'. We have been discussing our likes and dislikes, how it's ok to like different things to our friends.



JUNIPER Class



In Juniper class we have been exploring our book this month 'You See A Circus'. We have been using our imagination and pretending to be different characters!



Limitless



Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling

The cycling hub is back this Sunday
At Stourport Sports Club 11am to 1pm
The hub is free of charge till 2025
A carer can also ride too !

To see our bikes go to Inclusive cycling @ (wfcrc.org.uk)

www.facebook.com/groups/limitlesscycling

Or call Paul 07843020406





Communication and Interaction News and Information

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

This week's focus:

Early Copying



Copying is an important skill to learn as children learn about the world around them by copying others. By copying others, they learn about back-and-forth rhythm of a conversation.



How can you help?



- Join in with your child's play. This might mean playing alongside them
- Get down to their level
- Copy their sounds, gestures and facial expressions
- Support them to copy what you do
- Provide opportunities to copy in everyday activities such as washing up or putting clothes in the washing machine

Here are some fun ideas to help with improving copying skills.

You can:

- Make faces in a mirror and support your child to copy you
- Use dolls and teddys, anything your child is interested in. Make them jump, eat, drink etc. Encourage your child to copy you
- Copycat games such as playing ball, blowing balloons
- Play a shopping game. You can use items around the house.



For more information on copying :
Click on the link below or scan the QR code

[Copying little one - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)



Kind regards
Communication team



OAK CLASS



The children in Oak class have been having great fun in forest school. They have worked together as a team practising tying knots in preparation for building a shelter! Although it was very tricky, the children tried hard and had great fun.

A big congratulations to one of our pupils who took part in his first basketball tournament for the Special Olympics!



WORCESTERSHIRE LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL INCLUSIVE SHOW 2024

Tuesday 15th October
9:30am - 3:30pm
Sixways Stadium, Warriors Way,
Worcester, WR3 8ZE

This event will provide students across Worcestershire who have a learning need or disability or hold an EHCP an opportunity to speak to colleges, employers, training providers and more about their next steps.

The event will see over 50 different providers from within education, employment and community services all under one roof.

The event is aimed at students in years 9 to 13 and young people up to the age of 25 and is open to parents/carers throughout the day, who have a pre-booked timeslot.

It is essential that parents/carers book tickets through Eventbrite before Friday 11th October and register each individual adult attending the event, tickets are not required for students.

**SCAN HERE TO BOOK
YOUR FREE
PARENT/CARER
TICKET**



HAWTHORN Class

Hawthorn class this week have been learning all about families. We read our story of the week and spoke about who lives in our house. We have made a family tree! We have been playing games, taking turns with the marble run, built a numicon city and started to make bird feeders for our garden area.



LEMON Class



This week in Lemon Class

This week in Lemon class the rain didn't stop us having lots of fun outside putting on our puddle suits and wellies so we could enjoy exploring the outdoor area jumping in the puddles and best of all enjoying lots of bubbles.

Pathway 3 News

Next Friday, 4th October, pupils in Pathway 3 will be completing a series of Kindness challenges in order to spread joy and happiness throughout The Orchard building and to support the NSPCC Childline charity. If you would like to support this charity pupils are able to bring a small donation of 50p, to take part in the challenges to raise funds. A letter with more information will be sent out at the beginning of next week. Thank you.

Join us for
the
KINDNESS
challenge

PLAY
more

SHARE
more

TALK
more

childline
NSPCC

FR
REGULATOR

What:	Pathway 3 Kindness Challenge
When:	Friday 4 th October
Where:	The Orchard Building at Wyre Forest School

Join the Kindness Challenge, a week to create a little more kindness in your school community while raising money for Childline.

MAPLE Class

In our physical wellbeing and development session, Maple class are enjoying trying different ways to travel and roll. We enjoyed warming our bodies up dancing to our favourite Disney songs.



Lime Class

This week in Lime Class we have been having lots of fun with our Physical Development! We had the best time exploring all of the equipment in the sensory circuits. We then had even more fun when we got to work with Harry and Ben from Worcester Warriors who are helping us become super confident with our climbing and we cannot wait to see them again!



ROWAN Class

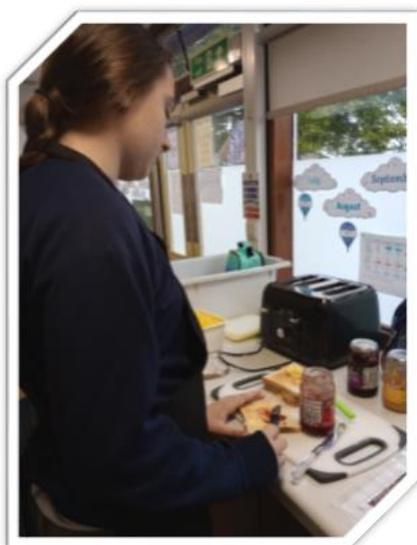


In Rowan Class this week we have really enjoyed exploring and requesting different items in the classroom.



10SD

Teamwork makes the dream work!



This week in 10SD Finn, Lucy and Rhys have had to really work together to take and fulfil our orders of toast as they are now offering a variety of toppings too. Lemon curd is proving very popular!

APPLE Class



Our theme this week has been based around the book Owl Babies; we have had a variety of activities to explore this story. We had playdough to make owls, used paint and feathers to make our own owls, and a sensory tray with cuddly owls and natural resources. Well done Apple Class!

Dancing Leaves



This week pupils have been learning about health and safety. They have spent the day using the machines, wearing their protective clothing and learning how to keep safe in the workshop.



WALNUT Class



In cooking this week walnut class had great fun making ginger bread men, they also enjoyed decorating them once they had cooled down.



The children in music this week used instruments to try and create the sounds of pond water, and animals that live in the pond.

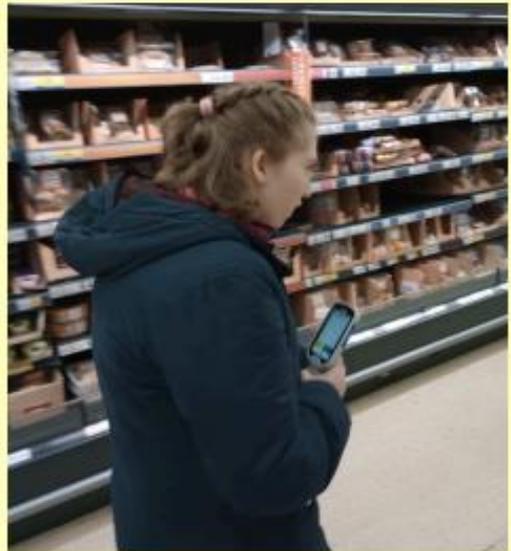


Walnut class enjoy taking part in our yoga lesson every afternoon.

14W NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK

In ILS group 1 made sandwiches and cooked garlic bread. In Life beyond school students presented their vision boards. They were confident and shared their likes and hopes for the future.



SCANNING



COOKING



**LIFE BEYOND
SCHOOL**

ALDER Class



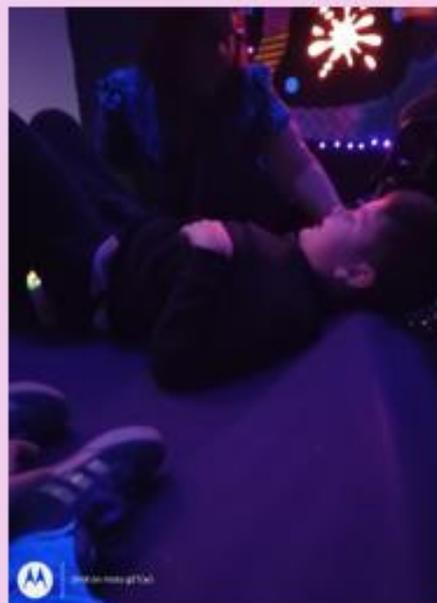
Alder Class have been really enjoying our swimming sessions, we have been stretching our limbs and engaging with different swimming equipment and communicating our want for more of activities and movements within the water. Great work Alder class.

ORANGE Class

As our topic this half term is "All about Me" this week the children have been looking at themselves in the mirror, some of the children were able to recognise themselves. We have also been doing some gluing and sticking of facial features and listening to the song "head, shoulders, knees and toes".



YEW Class



The children in Yew Class have loved experiencing and joining in with our focus nursery rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock', making mice, clocks and story massage. They also enjoyed revisiting familiar nursery rhymes like 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' in the dark room.



POPLAR Class



This week in Poplar class we have been looking at different emotions, we looked at happy, sad, surprised, angry and excited. We enjoyed pulling the different faces to each other.



In cooking we have been working on our independent skills and made crumpets. We chose our own toppings from butter, jam or chocolate spread! Some of us even washed up after ourselves.



Some of the boys have also been working together to build a Wolverine Lego set, they have taken it turns to find the Lego pieces for each other and build Wolverine, they have really enjoyed this!

CHESTNUT Class

Chestnut class have been developing their fine motor skills with a range of activities such as painting, mark making, scooping, building, cutting and using tweezers.



Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Tuesday 24th Sept (7pm to 9pm) £24

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facefamilyadvice.co.uk





SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	
Supporting Kids with School Anxiety	26 SEP
Introduction to Facing Defiance	24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

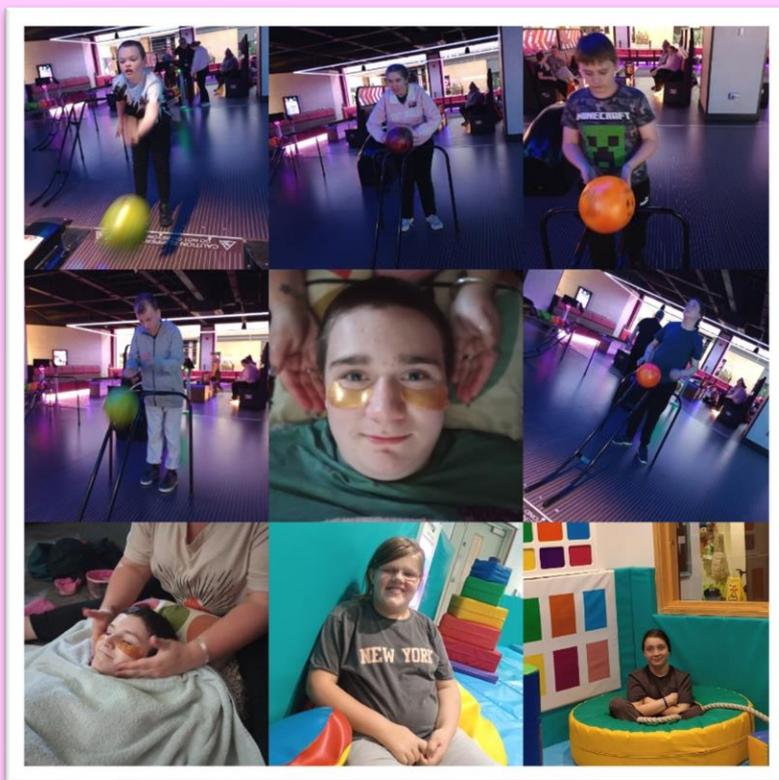
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Russell House

Although we work on our independent living skills every day at Russell House, this week we have concentrated on key areas such as cooking, washing, shopping and personal hygiene. Our students have done a great job at all the jobs they have been doing.

We have also been bowling, soft play, youth club and enjoyed a walk.



Teen Autism Confident

In Herefordshire and Worcestershire

A free online 5 week course about autism for autistic teens aged 13-17

autism
west midlands



Herefordshire and
Worcestershire

An opportunity for diagnosed autistic teens to learn more about autism in small, supportive group sessions and a one-to-one meeting with an autism advisor.

Understanding
Autism

Sensory
Awareness

Anxiety

Happiness and
Wellbeing
(self esteem)

Social
Communication

Sessions starting this autumn

*Please note that
places must be pre booked*
email to book a place

For more information, please visit
www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk
or email

herefandworcs@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

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UPCOMING WEBINARS 2024

October 23rd - Autism and Anxiety

6th November - Autism and
Communication

13th November Autism and Sensory
differences

20th November Autism and
Behaviour

27th November Navigating the system

4th December Autism and the
teenage brain

11th December Supporting your
autistic teen

For more information or to book a place
Email - herefandworcs@autismwestmidlands.org.uk
Call/Text - 07749 497808
Visit EventBrite - Autism West Midlands
Visit website - www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk

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Free for
Herefordshire and
Worcestershire
parents and
carers

SEPTEMBER 2024	
27	CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – Professional Development Day

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.