

Newsletter Friday 11th October 2024

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Information for Parents



Last Friday I had a lovely morning in the Wyre Forest with 12H and Molly. The pupils were excellent - well done boys! I think Molly was still tired from her big walk on Wednesday because she fell asleep hearing readers - sorry Pathway 3. Her snoring was quite loud.



Thank you for those of you who have completed the link for wraparound already - it closes in a couple of weeks' time but has already given us lots of information.

<https://forms.office.com/e/aBy6LCwTN1>

Please can I remind pupils who are dropped off by parents that they must not play football before school.

Soon we will be trialling a new way to get transport into the compound and parents dropping off to speed the process up for everyone whilst keeping everyone safe. We will announce this in next week's newsletter and trial it week beginning **21st October**. Please remember though that it is a staff car park.

11P News



 Dogs Trust
<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk>



11P had the fantastic Charlotte from Dogs Trust visit on Friday. Charlotte talked about the wonderful work the Dogs Trust do. She spoke to the class about how to stay safe if a dog runs towards you. Each student made a pledge to stay safe around dogs. Please visit their website to find out more information.

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

The poster features a central image of two hands holding several small, colorful human figures. The background is white with blue and purple abstract shapes and dots.

Cedar Class



Cedar have enjoyed exploring switches and devices. The spinning musical bells were a hit with many of us. Some of us loved exploring a vibrating cushion, so much so that we used the "more" button independently. The moving bug took our fancy. It made some of us weak with laughter.

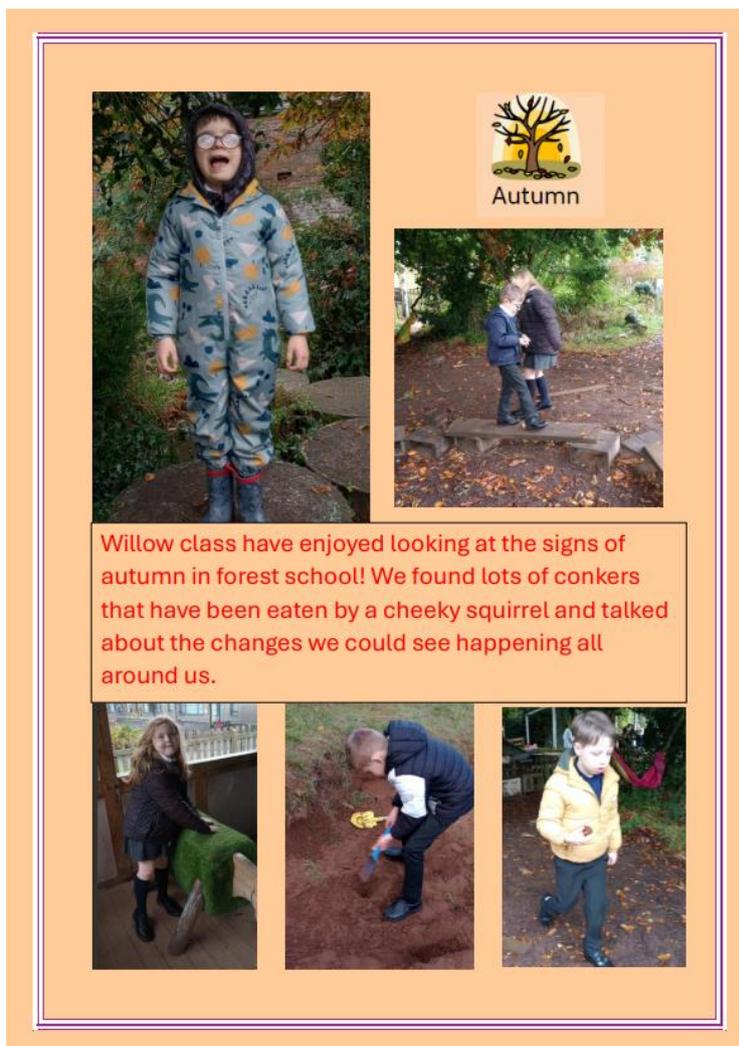
While some of us chose to explore buttons, others chose messy paint!



Hot Toppings News



HOT TOPPINGS were busy this week. Ten pizzas, twelve jacket potatoes and ten slices of rocky road made and delivered to order!



Does your child travel on Worcestershire transport to/from Wyre Forest School?

Please remember to pass on your contact details to the driver/passenger assistant and the transport company your child uses.

Make sure you keep the contact details of the transport company, your driver/passenger assistant your child uses.

Pass on any medical concerns and a copy of an Individual Health Care Plan if your child has one eg. for epilepsy, asthma etc, to the transport company /driver/passenger assistant.

If you need to make a complaint or share a concern about your child's transport please phone – 01905 765765 and email TCLUTransportcommissioning@worcestershire.gov.uk

13B News



13B had another busy week! We enjoyed our allotment visit (despite the weather) and students cleared beds ready for strawberries, made a new head for the scarecrow and fixed the poytunnel.

In IL5 we made toasties. Pupils showcased their skills; opening tins, ironing, and slicing independently. And, they made a yummy chocolate cake!

PEAR Class

Pear Class

This week in Pear Class we have been learning new knots in forest school. We also practised tying wood together to get ready for den building. In PE we have learnt some tricky new balances to add to our routines. In Literacy we have been learning about alliteration and creating some fantastic sentences using our new skills.



4GH

4GH have been learning to classify things by whether they are alive, dead or have never been alive.

We looked at how fruit and vegetables were once living because they were part of a plant.

Here we are examining and making observations of the inside of different fruits and vegetables.



OLIVE Class

Olive class have had a great week – we have begun our Drama topic with some exciting role play games – a favourite was definitely Don't wake Grandma! Lots of our pupils really enjoyed the acting side of it and got really into character! Last Friday, we also enjoyed celebrating National Kindness Day with some mindful activities including creating our own handprints and passing them to our friends for them to add the things they like the most about us! Olive Class have tried really hard to keep up their acts of kindness to each other every day. Well done Olive Class!



11H News



11H HAVE BEEN PRACTISING FIRST AID SCENARIOS. THEY HAVE LEARNT THE 5 STEPS WHEN IT COMES TO CHOKING



Hazel Class

Hazel Class have been enjoying gymnastics in our physical development sessions. We have been moving in different ways and have been practicing our balancing skills.



Larch Class

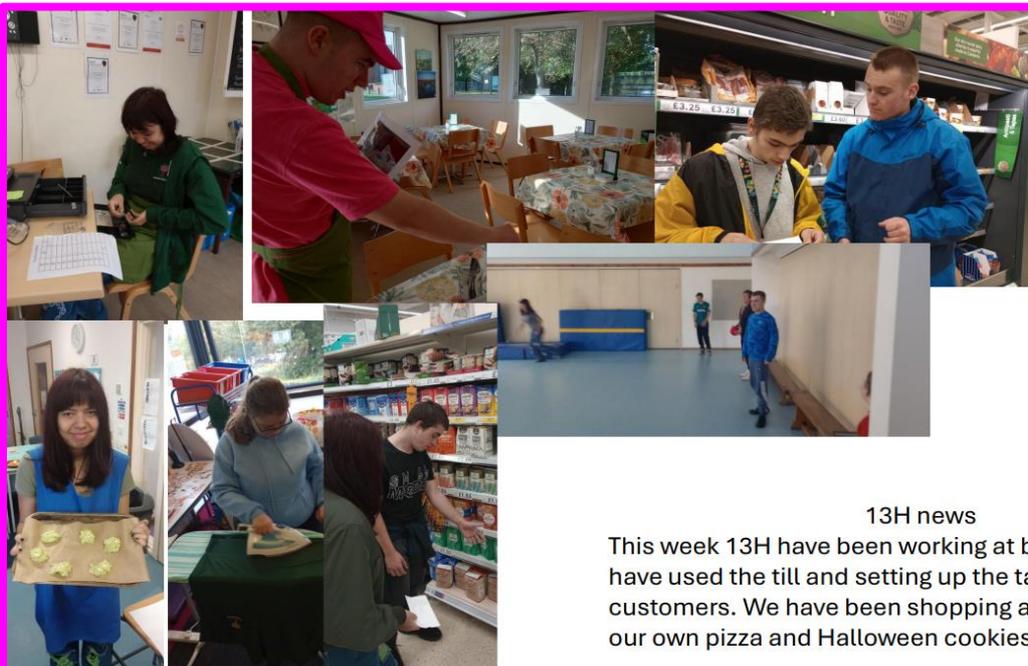
Last week Larch class had a mini topic based on 'Jungle'. We enjoyed using Jungle animals to mark make in lots of sensory ways including using sand, paint, oats and cocoa powder.

In creative sessions we used tissue paper to collage lion manes and drew our own animals using chalkboards. We also had fun working on our fine motor skills by rolling playdough stripes for the tigers.

In group time we enjoyed following a Jungle animal drum song, patting our knees to keep the beat, and enjoyed Down in the Jungle Dough Disco.



13H News



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This week 13H have been working at btc where pupils have used the till and setting up the tables for customers. We have been shopping at tesco and made our own pizza and Halloween cookies

Rowan Class



In Rowan Class this week we have been working on our transitions across the school. We have enjoyed time on the bike track, soft play and exploring the light room.

Beech Class

This week Beech Class have engaged in lots of different activities! They have enjoyed painting and some craft work as part of forest school day and in an art lesson. The students continue to work really hard on all their communication at school. Well done Beech Class!



Poplar Class



In Poplar class, this week we have enjoyed exploring in forest school.

Some of us enjoyed searching for different bugs and finding them on the posters.

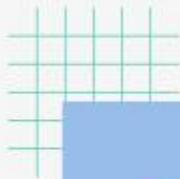
Others have enjoyed digging, looking for treasure and using the wheelbarrow.

Some of us have enjoyed making our own music with the equipment available.



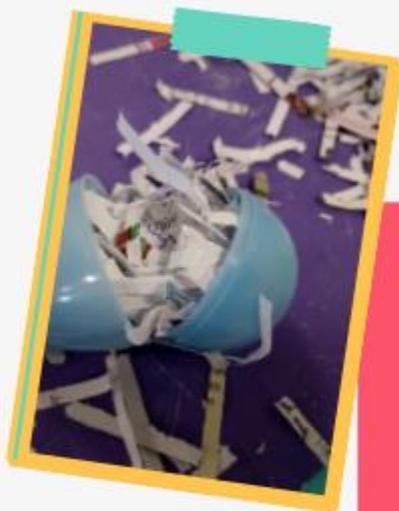
YEW CLASS

Newsletter



Week 6

Yew Class have been so busy this week, doing lots of 'Humpty Dumpty' themed activities. We have been exploring object permanence by opening empty and full eggs, fixing poor Humpty and building the wall that he fell off during the rhyme. The children have also responded so well to our focus bags- developing their exploration skills and their curiosity. What superstars.



Lime Class

This week in Lime Class we have been working really hard on our communication skills. Whilst in the light room we chose our favourite videos to watch! We enjoyed seeing the different videos of animals, fireworks and many more! We have worked hard in our cognition and learning lessons, exploring all the different ways we can make marks, as well as filling up containers and emptying them – we've had so much fun!



WORCESTERSHIRE LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL INCLUSIVE SHOW 2024

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.

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

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



ALDER Class



12H News



This week we have been on a shopping trip to the co-op where we followed a shopping list to collect items to make a sandwich and brought a snack of our choice.



SPRUCE Class

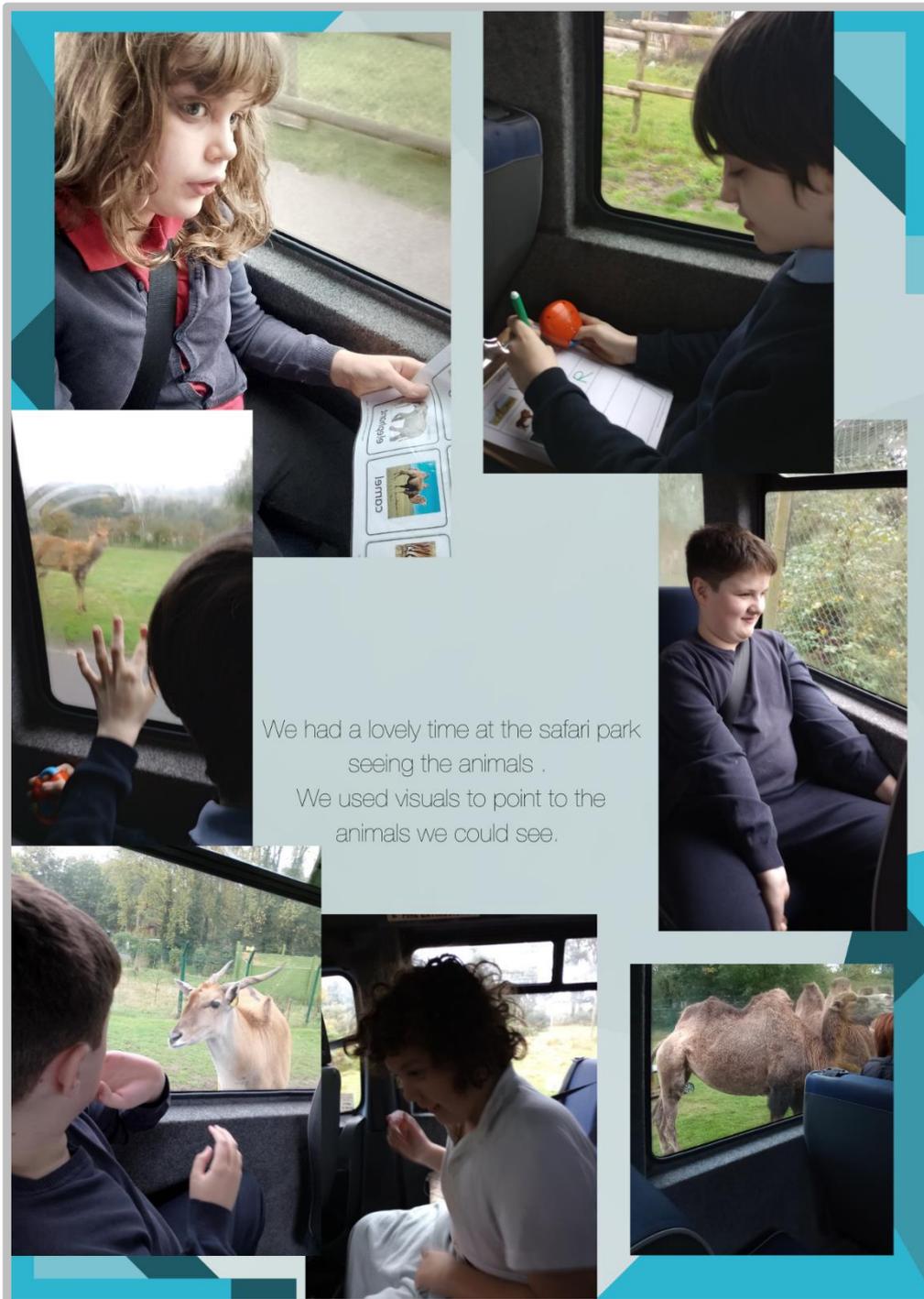
In Spruce class this half term we have been working hard in our PE lessons. We have been learning how to do lots of different types of steps and rolls, and this week we put some of our moves together to create a woodland walk routine. We played some lovely classical music and all the pupils looked like magical sprites moving through a forest.



Dear parents, the request for places in holiday club closes on
16th October 2024.

Thank you, Alicia

SYCAMORE Class



Limitless

Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling

At Stourport Sports Club

THIS SUNDAY

October 13th – 11am to 1pm

Its still free for a rider and carer



HOLLY Class

This week in Holly class we have been exploring different activities around the classroom and working on communication to request more and support within these.



Pathway 4 News

Pathway 4 had a visit from HSBC this week.

They talked to us about banking and how to open our own bank accounts, banking and debit card safety, the features of a debit card and different forms of payment such as gift cards. We found out that some of pathway 4 already have their own bank accounts, such a Go Henry accounts and Lloyds bank accounts.



CHERRY Class



Pupil News



For the past 2 weeks Quin has been working hard on exploring different forms of communication. Quin has sent emails to staff by phone, and computer. He has spoken with different staff, while doing jobs, such as delivering post and toast, and has more jobs in the pipeline to help staff. Quin has emailed the 'Hot toppings team' to order pizza.



He enjoyed it very much, and wrote a thank you email too.



Quin made pizza for his friend's class. When they were not there, he volunteered to write a note, telling them to enjoy the pizza.

Quin has invited friends into class and enjoyed a game of Wii with them. They hope to cook together this week too.

Quin has also spoken with Carla in person, and by email, to go and visit Russell house, which he really enjoys. When poorly one day, Quin even spoke to Laura and Susie using a text to speech app! Well done Quin communicating in such a positive way 🗣️.



CHESTNUT Class



Chestnut class have been continuing to develop their play skills this week.

BIRCH Class



This week in Birch we have been exploring our emotions. We have loved playing the 'Hey Duggee' Emotion game. We all did very well creating the different emotions on the Duggee's face. Some of us even explained how the different activities make feel different emotions.



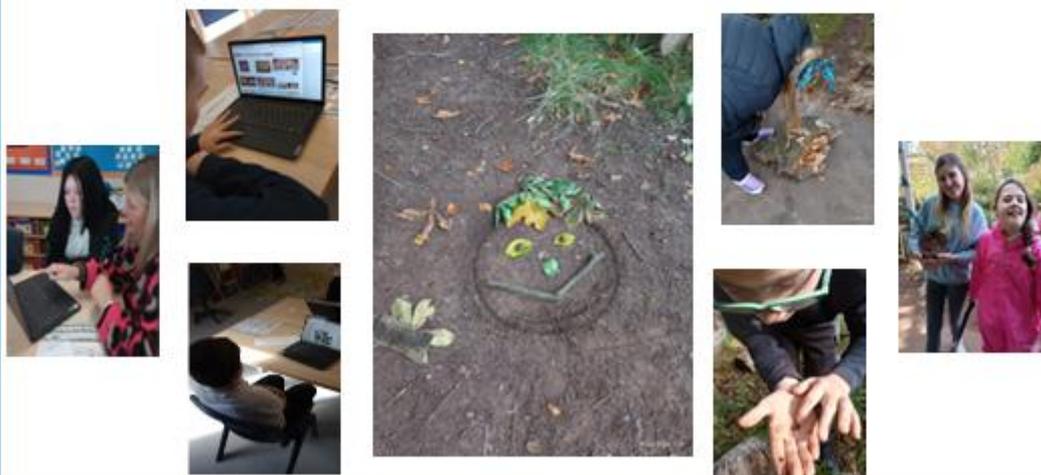


13K

As part of sixth form our students participate in work experience through out the school. One of our students in 13K works in the school kitchen for our catering company Relish, preparing the students lunches. Another of our students has been assisting the PE lessons supporting our younger students.

Oak Class

Oak class have been using the laptops during digital literacy and World about Us lessons. The pupils used a search engine to research caveman art. In forest school the pupils had great fun creating pictures using natural resources.



LEMON Class



Elm Class

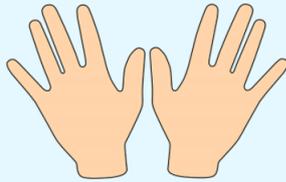
Elm class have had fun this week exploring activities around the story Owl Babies. We've been making owl suncatchers and leaf displays for our classroom. We have also been mixing paint and making prints with vegetables.





Communication and Interaction

This week's focus:



Sign Language

Sometimes children find what we say difficult to understand. They can also find it difficult to let us know what they want. Sometimes signing can help with this.



How can signing help?

- It gives a child a way of communicating
- It is visual therefore making it easier to understand
- You only sign the main information carrying words in a sentence
- It links body language and facial expression to the spoken word and sign
- It slows speech down
- Lots of children like signing so will find learning fun

There are different ways you can learn signs.

You can:

- Find some videos of everyday signs on the WFS website. Click the link. [Wyre Forest Special School - Communication \(wfs.worcs.sch.uk\)](https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk)
- Find more information on resources and signs. Click the link. [Signalong - The Communication Charity](https://www.signalong.org.uk)
- Attend Signalong Training



Wyre Forest School will be delivering an Introduction to Signalong Workshop on the 7th November 2024.

For more information or to book your place, please contact the communication team for an application form.

CommunicationTeam@wfs.worcs.sch.uk

Kind regards
Communication team



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ORANGE Class

This week in Orange class the children had a go at recognising their own pictures and also pictures of their families.

The children have also enjoyed mark making and are doing really well with this being part of our daily routine.

The children have enjoyed their PE session, especially the end where we had a calming session with bubbles and calming music.



FIG Class

This week we have been developing our pretend play skills by dressing up, pretending to cook meals and feeding the Hungry Caterpillar. We've also been mastering our jumping, hopping, skipping and Pilates poses in PE whilst listening to Hop Little Bunnies and exploring different ways to make marks.



WALNUT Class



As part of Forest school week, Walnut class enjoyed walking around our different forest school areas collecting leaves. They then used them in Art to make Caterpillar pictures.



It was Walnut classes assembly on Monday and we were taking about "being Kind" the children made flowers and pictures to give to their friends.



In Literacy the children have been looking at different animals and describing what they, "Look like" Sound like" and how they might feel.

14W NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK

Students were very excited to pick the pumpkins at the allotment, they will soon be raffled for staff at WFS.

In ILS, group 2 followed their shopping list and found their ingredients independently. They compared prices and budgeted. Students wanted to make chocolate cornflakes cakes and found a recipe online to follow.



SHOPPING



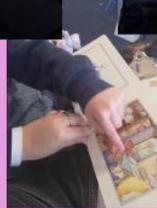
BAKING



ALLOTMENT



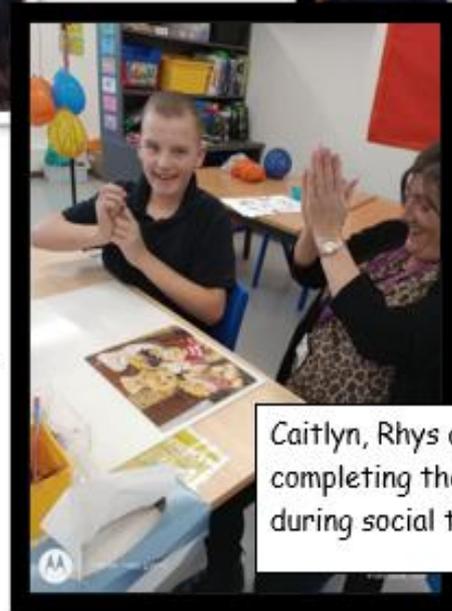
Maple class have been taking part in lots of fun activities across the week. You can see in these photos the focus and concentration as the children practise and learn new skills.



10SD Dream Team



Finn, Caitlyn and Cai counted out the fruit order for different classes and went and delivered it.



Caitlyn, Rhys and Cai celebrated completing their jigsaw puzzles during social time.

4C

Adrian was appointed 'Man of the Match' this weekend at his football teams match! Well done Adrian! I know it would have been well deserved!



This week we went into the Forest school to support our learning in Science. We have been looking at 'alive, dead and never alive'. We went into forest school to have a look to see if we could spot things to put into our categories.

We have also been doing Athletics in PE, so far we have had a go at sprinting, hurdles and now shotput!



JUNIPER Class



Accessories for Snazzi size 2 pushchair

Free to anyone who can make use of them.

Accessories for a Snazzi size 2 pushchair, we believe they will also fit the Snappi and Swifty models.

The footmuff will fit most chairs as it has lots of slots to fit straps and lateral supports etc. The top zips off completely so the bottom half could be used alone as a liner.

Printed user/fitting instructions can be provided.



Rainshield
(with lift up viewing flap) –
to be used with the sunhood
to form a complete sun/rain
cover



Hood slightly faded
but perfectly usable



Shopping basket
(maximum carrying
capacity 3kg).

Please contact the school office if you are interested.



Please follow this link for exciting things to do

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kidderminsterandstourbridge/autumn2024/>

APPLE Class



Apple Class visited the top playground and enjoyed exploring their surroundings. They were developing their physical skills – climbing, riding a trike and using swing. Play – turn taking with peers and chasing games and the world about us – noticing details in the environment and how they work. Well done Apple class.



Russell House

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK AT RUSSELL HOUSE

	Group 1	Group 2
Monday	Halloween shopping	Bike track
Tuesday	Swimming	Webb's garden centre
Wednesday	Safety in the kitchen	Sports hall
Thursday	Pizza hut	Birthday party



OCTOBER 2024	
11	EYFS Support Group – Welcome - 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House
15	Worcestershire Life Beyond School Pathway 2 Stay & Play – 1.30pm -2.30pm – BIRCH, CHESTNUT, WILLOW, CHERRY
18	Parent Forest School afternoon – Polar, Ash, Maple & Hawthorn
22	Pathway 2 Stay & Play – 1.30pm – 2.30pm – ASH, MAPLE, POPLAR, ROWAN, HAWTHORN
23	School Photo Day Coffee Morning – letters have gone home to relevant classes
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 – Autism Focus – 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House
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 – Sensory OT session – 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House

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 – coffee and catch up – 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House

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 - coffee & catch up– 1.30pm – 2.20pm at Russell House
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 – Pathway Information with Deputy Head & Pathway Leaders – 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House
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.