

# Newsletter Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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## Information for Parents



Have a lovely half term.

Thank you for your continued support, we will see you  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



# Hot Toppings



*We had a busy week -  
you can see by K's face that we were full on!  
We prepared 8 pizzas and 14 potatoes as well as  
lots of delicious Rocky Road.*



*Team work to clear up.*

## Pupil News

Quin had done so well working on his communication skills this term, and we are super proud of him

Quin enjoyed chilli dogs with his friends, and says he is looking forward to 7 days off! Happy Half term everybody.



# 4GH

We have been focussing on working and playing collaboratively. Here we are with some of our favourite games and working together to assemble new play equipment (with and without the manual!)



## PARENT POP IN

**PARENT POP-IN**  
**WFS PARENTS & CARERS**

EVERY MONDAY  
FROM 2PM IN OUR  
FAMILY HUB

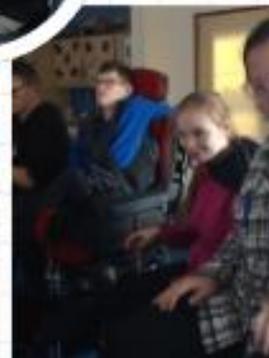
COME ALONG TO ACCESS  
SUPPORT AROUND SEND,  
FINANCES, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP,  
HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND  
MUCH MORE!

THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES TEAM CAN NOW BE  
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# In 13B this week



13B have been very busy again. A late start at the allotment on Monday, Life Beyond School show on Tuesday, vocational activities on Wednesday then an IT themed morning on Thursday.



WOW! Well done C for completing the 500 piece puzzle!

If you can't make the date or time  
all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>Monday<br/>25th Nov<br/>19:00 - 20:00<br/>FREE</p>    | <p><b>FREE SESSION</b><br/><b>Decreasing Depression</b><br/>A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.</p>  |
| <p>Thursday<br/>7th Nov<br/>19:00 - 21:00<br/>£24</p>    | <p><b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b><br/>Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday<br/>12th Nov<br/>19:00 - 21:00<br/>£24</p>    | <p><b>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance</b><br/>Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>                   |
| <p>Monday<br/>18th Nov<br/>19:00 - 21:00<br/>£24</p>     | <p><b>Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!</b><br/>What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?</p>  |
| <p>Thursday<br/>21st Nov<br/>19:00 - 21:00<br/>£24</p>  | <p><b>Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b><br/>Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.</p>    |

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## OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

| <b>FREE SESSIONS</b><br>Introduction to Facing Defiance<br>Decreasing Depression | <b>24 OCT<br/>25 NOV</b> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Anxiety Explained  | 17 OCT                   |
| Understanding Anger  | 21 OCT                   |
| Autism: Improving Communication  | 28 OCT                   |
| Introduction to OCD  | 29 OCT                   |
| Improving Family Communication   | 4 NOV                    |
| Anxiety-Based School Avoidance   | 12 NOV                   |
| Anxiety Explained  | 14 NOV                   |
| Understanding Anger  | 18 NOV                   |
| Drug Awareness for Parents   | 19 NOV                   |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use  | 21 NOV                   |
| What is ACT?   | 26 NOV                   |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour  | 28 NOV                   |

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### Larch Class

Last week Larch class enjoyed a week exploring new toys, finding out which things they liked best and working out what to do/how to use them, as well as sharing and turn taking.



## OLIVE Class

Olive class have been busy this week creating their own functional circuits, they have also made interactive circuits via an online game and hand drawn their own by memory. This week we have also been exploring shapes in Maths and have made our own print paintings using different shaped objects.



This week the Spooky Shack arrived in Pear Class. The children have all had a lovely time being spooky shopkeepers and creepy customers.



Some of the children started to look a bit strange.

We hope they are all back to normal after a beastly break.

Have a lovely half term everybody.

## PEAR CLASS



Empowering Abilities, Inspiring Lives

# Open Days 2024

Discover more about Queen Alexandra College at one of our Open Day events for potential students and their families/carers:

Wednesday 18th September  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Thursday 26th September  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 9th October  
1.30pm - 4.00pm

Thursday 24th October  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Thursday 7th November  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Tuesday 26th November  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 4th December  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Thursday 12th December  
9.45am - 12.00pm

## Make Our College Your College

These events provide the opportunity to meet our staff and students, plus discover more about the College.

Please note that you need to attend for the full duration of the event and must reserve a space.



Call us on **0121 803 5484**  
to book your visit

## A national college for people with disabilities



Part of Queen Alexandra Charity, Queen Alexandra College is a national day and residential College that supports a diverse range of abilities and needs based in Birmingham. We welcome students from all over the country as well as those who are local to us.

We offer an innovative and holistic approach to learning and support. Our curriculum aims to maximise adult life, independence and work opportunities for all students.

At QAC your learning is planned around your individual needs, interests and ambitions. This makes for a really vibrant environment where students feel valued and empowered.

You may wish to visit QAC to discover for yourself the friendly atmosphere and great resources. You can meet students and staff and get answers to any questions before making an application.



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## Poplar Class



This week it was our turn to do assembly.

We have learnt all about Diwali, we made Rangoli Patterns using scissors, crayons and tissue paper.

We also created our own fireworks- to do this we used water paints. We also looked at keeping safe around fireworks and we came up with five top tips.

When it was time to do our assembly, we all did really well and said our words in front of everyone.

Some of us even tried some onion bhajis and samosas to see if we liked them or not.

Well done Poplar Class!



# 14W NEWSLETTER

14W visited the Life Beyond School event at Sixways. Students asked lots of great questions and were confident to talk with different providers. In break time, students have been developing their independence and have been making their own hot drinks and toast.

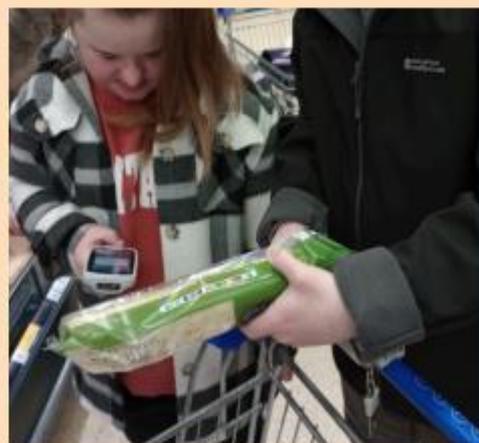
We had some super shoppers in ILS last week. Each student decided what their role was going to be beforehand, and they all worked together to find and buy their shopping.



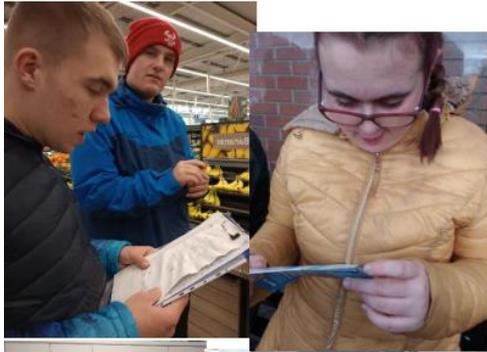
**BREAK TIME**



**LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL**

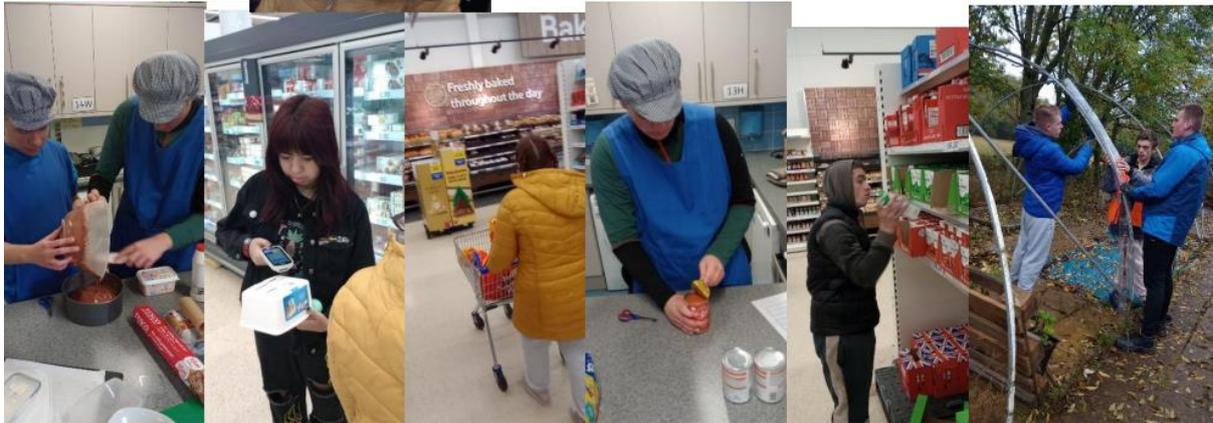


**ILS**



### 13H news

At bishops wood we are building a recycled polytunnel out of plastic bottles we have been to tesco shopping for our lunch that we cook at school



### HAWTHORN Class



This week in Hawthorn Class we have read our book of the week 'Room on the Broom'. We have been looking at number order by placing the characters on the broom, retelling the story and identifying matching rhyming words. A big thank you to everyone who came to the Stay and Play on Tuesday too. The class enjoyed the biscuit decorating!

## Rowan Class



In Rowan Class this week we have been increasing our independence by making our own cereal. We have been communicating what choices we want using communication boards.

# Limitless

Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling

At Stourport Sports Club

## THIS SUNDAY

October 27th – 11am to 1pm

It's still free for a rider and carer





# Communication and Interaction News and Information



**This week's focus:**

**Where to find different activities to keep your children occupied over the season.**

## **Halloween.**

This free resource contains over 25 games and activities based on the theme of Halloween. You will find activities such as:

- Word searches
- Colouring
- Pumpkin carving instructions
- Trick or treat sign to add to your trick or treat bucket.
- The pack also contains 2 books both at symbol and text level. One explores the origin of Halloween, and one explores how people celebrate Halloween in the modern day.
- Each comes with core vocabulary flashcards to build on understanding and learning

To find these resources click on the link below

[Widgit Symbol Resources | Halloween](#)



## **Bonfire Night**

There is a symbol supported story, colourful semantics set, number activity plus many more which can be used to enhance teaching and learning when chatting about The Gunpowder Plot.

**There are also some activities which focus on being safe during this celebration.**

To find these resources click on the link below

[Widgit Symbol Resources | Bonfire Night](#)



Kind regards  
Communication team

## BIRCH Class



This week in Birch class we have been exploring the 'Room on the broom' story. We have all really enjoyed listening to the story and creating some magic spells of our own.

## Lime Class

This half term Lime class have worked very hard with transitioning over to Forest School. We have practiced our independence by getting dressed and being Forest School ready, we are getting very good at offering our limbs and moving around to get our clothes and overalls on! We have also explored the different areas of Forest School and have enjoyed being in the sand and water as well as seeing all the different trees and leaves.



# Oak Class

Oak class have been very creative this week. The pupils collected conkers in forest school and followed instructions to make them into snails. In art, the pupils made cave man necklaces using clay.



## Signing Buds

Last week Signing Buds lunch time choir entered the 80's era, singing, signing and dancing to Never gonna give you up by Rick Astley. This week we donned our cowboy hats and learned the signs to 5, 6, 7, 8 by Steps. We all did so well to sign along as it's so quick! We saw some fabulous line dancing too!

Here are some of our fabulous signers looking mighty fine in their hats! Yeehaw!



# YEW CLASS

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### Week 8

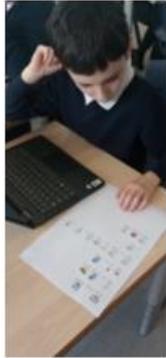
This week Yew Class have been focusing on 'Incy Wincey Spider'. They have taken part in story massage, explored the spider themed sensory tuff tray, listened to rainmakers. We have also been working on whole class activities, and they are joining in with our stretchy band songs.



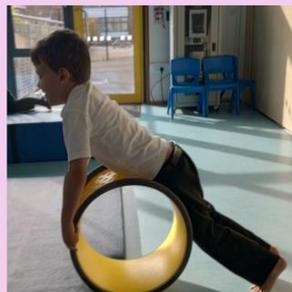
## JUNIPER Class



Juniper class have been delving into their computer skills and have popped on their researcher hats. Looking for the best recipes for pumpkins over Halloween!



## CHESTNUT Class



This term Chestnut class have been developing their physical skills through PE, Soft play and yoga sessions.





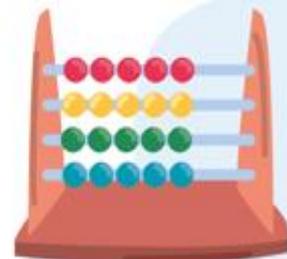
# CLASSROOM Announcement



We have been enjoying using our new sensory equipment



This week we have worked hard on tidying up after mealtimes.





UNITY



Men United, UNITY and the Starting Well Partnership are working together to provide a

## Dad's Peer Support Group

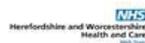
Come along for a cuppa and to talk about your mental fitness.

Every Tuesday afternoon starting on 5th November 13:00 - 15:00

Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road, Kidderminster, DY10 3ED

For more information:  
Telephone 07879 846630

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## SEN Friendly Barber

Looking for an SEN friendly barber?

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His phone number is 07803 801209 and his business page is "James Taylor Mobile Barber"

<https://www.facebook.com/JamesTaylorBarber>



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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



11H have had a successful enterprise project selling Halloween Jars. We are going to count our profits and invest some back into our next project... Keep an eye out! And of course, we will treat ourselves with the rest of the money!

## 11H

## ELM Class



Elm class are really enjoying swimming on a Thursday.  
We have seen improvements in confidence each week.  
The bubbles at the end of each session are always a hit!

## ORANGE Class

We have been getting ready for Halloween this week by doing some spider printing, dough disco to Halloween songs and we have also had a sensory tuff tray which the children enjoyed lots of emptying and filling.



The children also enjoyed a lovely forest school session where they enjoyed exploring different areas.



| WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK AT<br>RUSSELL HOUSE |                 |            |
|---|-----------------|------------|
|   | GROUP 1         | GROUP 2    |
| MONDAY  | WALK            | PODS DISCO |
| TUESDAY   | SWIMMING        | FARM VISIT |
| WEDNESDAY   | HALLOWEEN PARTY |            |
| THURSDAY  | CRICKET         | SOFT PLAY  |







# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Apple Class have thoroughly enjoyed our theme this week - Halloween. We have had dressing up, ghoulish tuff spots, black playdough to make spiders, painted pumpkin pictures and even had a Halloween themed Stay and Play.

## LEMON Class



During this week Lemon class have enjoyed exploring our Halloween activities! We have been busy getting creative apple printing to make pumpkin faces, matching Halloween pictures together and exploring our touch and feel books 😊.





The Early Years learners were fabulous little explorers at the first Stay & Play event of the year, and it was full of Halloween themed fun!

The children had the opportunity to explore a sensory tray, a spooky craft, physical skills equipment, pumpkin scooping & carving, apple bobbing and dancing and singing along to Halloween party songs supported by parents, guardians and class team adults.

Thank you to all who attended and made the event so successful, and we wish you all a very happy half term.



| <b>NOVEMBER 2024</b> |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 11                   | Anti Bullying Week & Armistice/Remembrance Day                    |
| 14                   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Coffee Morning<br>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                   | <b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – Professional Development Day</b> |

| <b>DECEMBER 2024</b> |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 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  |

| <b>JANUARY 2025</b> |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 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 |

| <b>FEBRUARY 2025</b> |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 3                    | Children's Mental Health Week                                 |
| 6                    | EYFS Stay & Play – 1.30pm                                     |
| 11                   | Safer Internet Day  |
| 12                   | Parents Evening and Life Beyond School                        |
|                      | <b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term</b> |

| 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<br>Autism Awareness Day |
| 3          | Year 9 DTP Vaccinations<br>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   |
|            | <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>                                    |
| 28         | Term starts  |

| MAY 2025 |   |
|----------|---|
| 1        | Post 16 – Coffee Morning  |
| 5        | <b>School Closed</b> - 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 |
|          | <b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term</b>                        |

| 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 <sup>th</sup> Form Pride<br>Summer Fayre Dress Down Donation Day |
| 27        | Leavers Party<br>Make Music Day                                    |

| JULY 2025 |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1         | Pathway 2 – Sports  |
| 2         | Pathway 2 – Sports  |
| 3         | Parents new to 6 <sup>th</sup> Form – 9.30am<br>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<br>Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon   |
| 12        | Summer Fayre  |
| 14        | Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon  |
| 15        | Post 14 Class Celebration   |
| 16        | EYFS Celebration – Morning – TBC<br>Pathway 3 - Awards  |
| 17        | Pathway 4 – End of Year Awards  |
| 18        | <b>TERM ENDS</b>  |

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.**