

Newsletter Friday 15th November 2024

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Information for Parents



We are all starting to look forward to the Christmas Fair which is organised by the fabulous Friends of Wyre Forest on Saturday 7th December. This marks the start of the Christmas festivities for me. Please look at the information attached about the fair and hopefully volunteer some time or come and support it. Father Christmas has said he is coming, the Grinch is making an appearance, and real donkeys will be here too!!

Every year the staff, instead of sending Christmas cards to each other, make a donation to a charity instead. Last Friday one of our pupils was taken ill and needed the services of the air ambulance. We are therefore raising money for the air ambulance this year. If you would like to donate instead of writing Christmas cards for staff, you are more than welcome to.

And finally, does anyone know of anyone who could prepare a path and tarmac it, for mates rates (obviously), so we can create a sensory garden and enable all learners, including wheelchair users to experience it. If you do, please email office@wfs.worcs.sch

Cedar Class



Cedar class have been enjoying our new topic of 'Favourite Characters'. We have been doing lots of lovely Intensive Interaction and communication with staff. We have also been working well on physio targets such as reaching and hand function – using sensory items such as oats and paint.

Wyre Forest Christmas Fair

Can you spare some free time?

We would really appreciate any help given to prepare for our Christmas Fair. We need volunteers on:

Friday 22nd November between 8:45am - 10:30am

Friday 6th December - Anytime between 9:00am - 3pm

Saturday 7th December - Anytime between 9:00am - 4pm.

Monday 9th December between 9:30am - 11:30am

Any number of hours volunteered will be appreciated, even just 1 hour.

If you can please email friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com

Thank you

The FOWFS



Larch Class



Before breaking up for half term Larch class enjoyed a week exploring spooky Halloween activities. There was lots of sensory play using tweezers to catch spaghetti worms, using a food mixer to mix up our own potions, hammering golf tees in pumpkins, and even scooping out and carving a pumpkin! Lots of great sharing and working alongside each other.



We have also been exploring Fireworks, having learnt about Bonfire night and Diwali. The children enjoyed making our own edible sparklers using breadsticks, chocolate and sprinkles- we used ALD'S to help us make choices.



We created firework patterns using chalk, interactive whiteboard, sensory trays and dancing scarves.



And while watching a Youtube video of fireworks we made our own firework noises using instruments.



And we even used the dark tent to explore light up toys and shiny materials, as well as using bricks to build our very own rockets!



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

Wyre Forest Christmas Fair

Winter Wonderland Themed Grotto

Santa

Saturday, 7th December

Food and Hot Beverages

Donkeys

11:30am - 2:30pm

Tombola

Stalls

Gift Shop

Choir

Raffle - Main Prize 4x Tickets to West Midlands Safari Park Santa Experience
And many more!

The Grinch
1pm-1:30pm



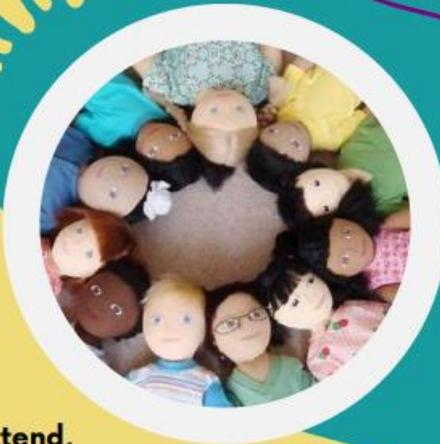
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NOVEMBER
1.30PM

Parent Pop-In

RE & RSE

Come along to learn about how we teach Relationships and Sex Education at Wyre Forest School.

Explore our resources, chat to staff and have any questions answered.



If you would like to attend, please email Amy Scott:

ascott@wfs.worcs.sch.uk



We would be very grateful for any empty chocolate/sweetie tubs.

You are welcome to bring them to the school office.

Thank you.



Communication and Interaction News and Information

This term we are focusing on Language and Play.

This week's focus is:
Physical Play.



Physical play is a type of play that gets children moving e.g. running, jumping. It is also about the small movements like picking up a pencil or tying a knot.

How can you help? 

- Use 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 providing physical play:

- Trampoline
- Swing
- Peanut ball
- Threading beads
- Hide and seek
- Boxes
- Ball play
- Parachute game



Please make sure these activities are safe for your child

Next week is Road Safety week

To help children understand how to be road safe, widgit.com have produced some picture resources to help teach road safety. Just follow the link.

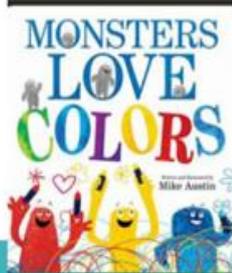
[Widgit Symbol Resources](#) | [Green Cross Code](#)



Kind regards
Communication team

Elm class

In Elm class we have been learning all about colours with our book called monsters love colours. We have been making our own monsters with different coloured playdough and paint.



Lime Class

We have had a lovely start to our half term! We have been exploring shapes and using shape sorting toys, and also building different constructions such as towers and walls. We have also tried out the foot spa which we were big fans of it was so relaxing; we didn't want it to end! We have also had a really fun time exploring stories and sharing them with the adult. To make sure it was extra fun we explored lots of different sensory items with them such as chocolate mud and paper snow!





We have our dress down day on Friday 22nd November whereby we will be collecting all donations for the Christmas Fair between 8:45-9:15am, outside the Main Gate.

We are kindly asking for:

- . Bottles (Alcohol, squash, bodywash etc) for our Bottle Tombola.
- . Chocolates, biscuits, toiletries for our Tombola
- . If you are donating toys, may we please ask that these are complete and unbroken.
- . School Jumpers for our Uniform Stall.

Please remember we are a nut free school and cannot accept any donations with nuts.

Many thanks

The Friends of Wyre Forest School.



YOUNG ADULT
LEARNING WORCESTERSHIRE

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Looking for an
alternative to
school or college?**

**TUES
19TH NOV
open evening**

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Pupil News



Quin has been practising his conversation skills with staff, and students. We have had conversations about Remembrance, and the USA election. Quin has learnt about the significance of the purple poppies and given his opinion on the new president! Quin has been enjoying Wii games with his friends and doing some jobs around school. Well done Quin.



SYCAMORE Class

We have been learning how to make sandwiches in cooking . Looking at spreading and cutting .



We have engaged with different toys and activities .



Last week we used hammers at forest school . Listening to instructions and staying safe.





H.B.V.C
Heart of Birmingham Vocational College



Post 16 SEN Education Programme in partnership with Redditch United F.C. offering students the chance to study with Heart of Birmingham Vocational College.

**Open
Day**

Wednesday 4th December 10am-2pm

@

Valley Stadium, Bromsgrove Road, Redditch,
Worcestershire B97 4RN

If you would like to know more about our core and sports provision at our Redditch campus, we would love you to come and visit us!

T: 0121 809 0666 E: info@hbvc.ac.uk www.hbvc.ac.uk

Remembrance Day



NIGHT
STOP.
& MEDIATION

Festive

AFTERNOON TEA
& CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER | 2-4PM

Festive afternoon tea with glass of fizz!

Live entertainment by the Grace Notes Choir

A chance to shop for unique Christmas gifts

Fabulous raffle prizes

£15

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

[TINYURL.COM/FESTIVE-TEA](https://tinyurl.com/festive-tea)



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Holly class



Holly class have been exploring all things colour! We have used Colour paired with our story Elmer the elephant to learn and explore! As you can see, we have been up to so much already including colourful spaghetti sorting, making emotion calming cups, ball transferring and Elmer playdough exploration and so much more! Amazing work Holly Class!



FIG Class

This half term we have started our new topic of Disney. We have started to explore the different stories of Cinderella and Aladdin alongside our favourite traditional tales. We are getting really good at re-enacting the stories with different props and are starting to recognise when there are errors in a story. We have also started to explore shape matching shapes into different spaces and recognising when two shapes are the same. In communication we are looking at different words through our play to try to extend our vocabulary and through independence we are learning how to help to put on our own shoes and coats. We are using mark-making to practice different types of grasp.



SAVE THE DATE

PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENCE PARENT & CARERS EVENING

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025

4:00PM - 6:00PM

KIDDERMINSTER COLLEGE, MARKET
STREET, KIDDERMINSTER, DY10 1AB



KIDDERMINSTER
COLLEGE



ARE YOU EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES?

We Can Help!

- FOOD BANK VOUCHERS
- SIGNPOSTING TO FINANCIAL INCLUSION OFFICER
- ACCESS TO SECOND HAND UNIFORM
- REFERRALS FOR EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS
- A LISTENING ear



Contact Us

supportingfamilies@wfs.worcs.sch.uk

Speak with our Family Support Workers Donna or Lauren, we are available daily at the school gates.



For further advice around Benefits, debts and money matters visit

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/adult-social-care/paying-care-and-support/benefits-debt-and-money-matters>

BEECH Class

Beech Class have been relishing the exciting opportunity to start regular trips to the Wyre Forest.

So far, the students have done so well coping with walking with the adults, managing the buses and enjoying getting out in nature.

We hope they will develop great skills in Travel Training and safety to allow them to access more opportunities outside of school.



This half-term Beech Class are also accessing Forest School. So far everyone is really engaged and having a great time. Well done Beech Class!



ALDER Class



Alder class have been enjoying the outside space this term, looking at the seasonal changes and playing within the autumn leaves, and mark making within the soil. We have also been enjoying time within the sensory playground using a variety of different equipment.
Well done Alder class!



Russell House News

What We Have Been Up To This Week At Russell House

Monday
Walk to the park



Tuesday
Group 1 - Walk to The Range
Group 2 - Walk & Practiced money skills



Wednesday
Group 1 - Mary Stevens park
Group 2 - Sports hall



Thursday
Group 1 - Springfield park
Group 2 - Danceathon Children in Need





Abby's Bench
Mary Stevens Park



Abby Baker
1974 – 2023
When someone you love becomes a memory,
the memory becomes a treasure.
Remembering Abby in one of her favourite places.





NOVEMBER 2024	
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 – Parents welcome 10.30 – 11.30 am – ASH, MAPLE, POPLAR, ROWAN, HAWTHORN 1.30 – 2.30 pm – BIRCH, CHESTNUT, WILLOW, HAZEL, CHERRY
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.