

Newsletter Friday 22nd November 2024

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Information for Parents



Looking out of my office and seeing a cold but sunny day, it's hard to imagine the snow we had earlier in the week. We will always try our very best to keep school open as we know many of you need to get to your own workplaces, and also the respite having your child at school provides. Many of our staff live a considerable distance away in Herefordshire, Shropshire and Birmingham, so in heavy snow this can be an issue that you need to be aware of.

My fabulous site team start clearing the snow and gritting paths from 6.30am to keep our school going - and I enjoy clearing the paths too! All we ask is you take extra care on the carpark and paths as we can't be 100% sure we haven't missed a slippery bit.

Please keep mobile numbers up to date and we will message, however if you are in a poor reception area, if we do close it will be on radio WM and this link on the internet [School closures | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Fingers crossed that's the last snow we will see for a while and cold crisp days will take us to the end of term.

Please remember we have INSET next Friday 29th November, so school is closed to pupils.



Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

***Draw Date: Saturday 7th December 2024 at 2pm
at the Christmas Fair***

- Family pass to West Midlands Safari Park's Santa Safari
- Family Pass to Legoland Discovery Centre, Birmingham
- Family Pass to National Sea Life Centre, Birmingham
 - Attwell Farm pass
 - Family pass to Hartlebury Castle
 - Family pass to Bodenham Arboretum
 - Tickets to Hare & Hounds New Year's Eve Party
- Tickets to The Princess Proms: Worcester Cathedral
 - Doorstep Princesses voucher
 - Ice Quest voucher, Malvern
- Scallyways soft play voucher, Brierley Hill
- Tenpin Bowling voucher, Worcester
 - Kidderminster Harriers tickets
 - Brett's Whippy voucher (£30)
 - Beauty voucher (£10)
 - Webbs voucher (£10)
- Tilly's Café voucher (£10), Kidderminster
 - The Island Pool Carvery voucher
 - Line Dance Class voucher for two
 - Christmas hampers
 - Specsavers gift certificate

Tickets £1 each

***Please return ticket stubs & cash to the School Office
by 3pm on Friday 6th December 2024***



Hawthorn Class

So far this half term, we have been very busy looking at traditional tales and have covered Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Three Little Pigs! We have done lots of activities including retelling the stories (using the iPads too), using measurement, shape and pattern, and looking at the emotions of the characters.



Rowan Class



In Rowan Class, recently we have been working on all things independence! Focusing on brushing our teeth, making our own snack, joining in with cooking lessons and washing up!



THANK YOU

Wyre Forest School

for raising a fantastic

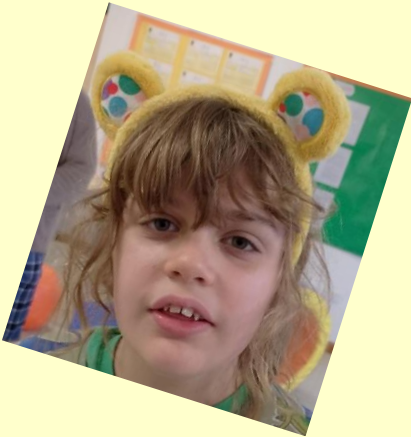
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The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

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CHILDREN
IN NEED

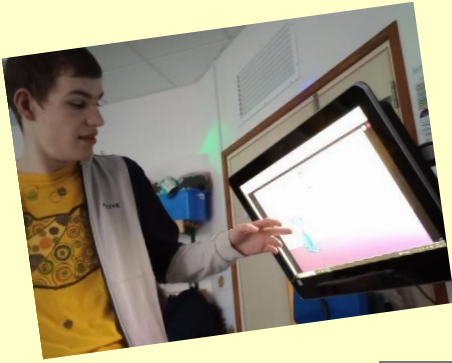
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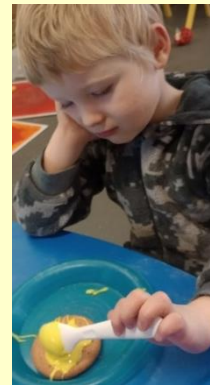
CHILDREN IN NEED















Elm Class celebrated Children in Need decorating Pudsey biscuits, we joined in with the whole school danceathon and we had a bubble party!



Poplar Class



Poplar class visited the hospital café last week. All the children were very well behaved and were able to cross the road safely and listen to the adults when doing so.

When at the café the children's behaviour was exceptional and they were very independent when telling the ladies what they wanted in the café. The children used their own money and were able to decide what they could have with the money they had.

When they had eaten their cake and toast the children were able to clear away their plates.

Well done Poplar class we are very proud of all of you!





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CHRISTMAS

Relish **JOIN US FOR** *Relish*

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Wednesday 18th December



Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets and Stuffing

Or

Vegetable Wellington and Stuffing

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Served with Roast Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts,
Carrots, Peas and Gravy

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Puddings

Chocolate Covered Christmas Tree

Ice-Cream

or

Jelly



Order form will follow soon



Cherry Class



CHESTNUT Class



Road Safety Week

This week is national Road Safety Week. Teaching road safety is part of our Independence curriculum and is delivered to pupils if and when they are ready. The National Autistic Society and The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) have both produced resources to support parents of SEND children with the teaching of road safety skills. Follow the links for more information.

NAS Road Safety: A Guide for parents and carers [parents and carers](#)

[Teaching road safety skills to children with additional needs](#)

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 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



Birch Class

So far this term Birch Class have really enjoyed going to the food tech room, to create some yummy sandwiches.

They learnt what ingredients and equipment is needed to make a sandwich.

They have been very keen to try the sandwich afterwards too.



CHESTNUT Class



Chestnut class made the most of the snow day.

We explored snow trays in the class using our hands or scoops and we took a closer look at the snow using magnifying glasses. The children went on a snow walk in the playground and it gave us the opportunity to talk about appropriate clothing for cold days. A lovely day was had by all!



ASH CLASS



Creative Lessons

This week Ash Class have been exploring colour! The children have been practicing mixing colours with paint. They made the colours green, orange and purple. Some of the children even made up their own colours in the paint palettes!!! Well-done Ash Class.



The Last Limitless Inclusive Hub of 2024

Is This Sunday 24th November, 11 am till 1 pm

We have a wide range of adapted bikes including recumbent trikes, ice trikes, adult and child hand cranked, trikes with side supports and sandal pedals, mountain bikes, adult and kids racers and a tandems !!

The session is still free, for rider and carer.



This Sunday 11am till 1pm, at Stourport Sports Club.

Limitless - Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling

For more info call Paul on 07843020406 / www.wfirc.org.uk

**Hazel Class
Gymnastics
Champion!**



A few weeks ago, one of the members of Hazel Class went to a gymnastics competition. She did amazingly and won 3 gold medals for vault, floor and beam. She brought her medals into class to share her success with her peers and everyone loved looking at them. We had our own awards celebration initiated by the children and awarded each other medals with lots of clapping. Well done, we are really proud of you!

Hazel Class

Hazel Class have been really enjoying their new topic Abracadabra! We have been reading Room on the Broom and learning to find the characters from the story and use symbols to say what we can see.



In PE we have been practicing moving in different ways. We have been climbing, going through tunnels and balancing on the benches. We have also been looking at moving to music and really like the Walking in The Jungle song!



We have been practicing new skills in the swimming pool including moving in different ways and travelling fast and slow. We have also been practicing getting in safely on our own and getting out when the session has finished.

Maple Class

Maple class have been enjoying our topic of Abracadabra. We have been making magic wands, magic potions and enjoying magical books.



Maple class were very respectful during our class Assembly for Remembrance Day, we used apples for Poppy printing, we carefully drew Poppies and we also completed an online Poppy jigsaw puzzle.



We have been working hard to play together, help one another, share and turn take.



Russell House News

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK AT RUSSELL HOUSE

	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>
MONDAY	YOUTH CLUB 	PODS DISCO 
TUESDAY	BASKETBALL 	SWIMMING 
WEDNESDAY	WALK & CHRISTMAS PHOTOS	
THURSDAY	CRICKET 	WALK 





WyreForestSchool



**Drop-In with the Speech and Language Therapists on
Wednesday 4th December, any time between 1-2.45pm at Russell
House.**

Come and meet the team and have a hot or cold drink. We will be available to offer advice, resources, or support about your child's communication skills.



Communication and Interaction News and Information

This term we are focusing on Language and Play.

This week's focus is:
Everyday Experiences



Everyday experiences are important for developing play as children learn from different experiences. Many of these experiences are part of everyday life and occur again and again. This repetition helps with learning.



How can you help?

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



Here are some fun ideas to help with using everyday experiences:

- Let them help with the routine of washing clothes e.g. putting dirty clothes in a basket, putting the clothes in the washing machine etc
- Let them help with washing up e.g. wash up, dry and put away items
- Let them help all with cooking e.g. the preparation of food
- Let them help with shopping e.g. looking for items in the supermarket
- Let them help with cleaning e.g. sweeping up with a broom
- Outdoor activities e.g. water the garden, wash toys,



Please make sure these activities are safe for your child



To help make communication with your child easier you can use lots of visuals to help with understanding. You could also make a diary or photobook of your experiences. You can do this together. This will help strengthen language and support with memory.



Kind regards
Communication team



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Worcestershire County Council Information

The views of everyone in the Wyre Forest area are being sought to shape plans to make cycling, walking and wheeling a more attractive and safer choice for local journeys.

To improve connectivity and encourage people to choose a more convenient and healthy way to travel, Worcestershire County Council is asking residents to help influence a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the three towns of Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport.

The aim is to create a long-term plan that looks at how best to improve the cycling, walking and wheeling network across the Wyre Forest district, taking into account the varying needs of where people want to go.

We'd like cycling, walking and wheeling to be the natural choice for short trips such as getting to school, commuting, and connecting to the railway station.

Through Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, we aim to invest in making changes that make walking and cycling a more attractive and convenient choice for people.

You can share your views via the following [short survey](#).

For further information on plans for cycling, walking and wheeling across the Wyre Forest, please visit the [County Council website](#).

Anyone who needs assistance accessing the survey can call in at your local library.

The closing date for responses is 10 January 2025

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 – ‘Know yourself, grow yourself’.
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.