

# Newsletter Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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## Information for Parents



Wow! The donations for the Christmas Fair that the Friends of Wyre Forest have received from yourselves has been phenomenal. Make sure you have 7<sup>th</sup> December in your diary to come to the fair.

Another date for your diary - 11P have had a visit from the fabulous people at Kidderminster Nightstop [Wyre Forest & South Worcestershire Nightstop and Mediation Service | Helping homeless young people](#)

They were so inspired that they want to raise money for the local charity, they have made some rather fabulous decorations but are also holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please donate £1 or whatever you can afford on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December and wear your Christmas jumper to school.

Just a reminder please that if you are parking in the disabled bays, you must display your badge.

## WILLOW Class



Winter has come to Willow class! We had a great time exploring colour mixing in the snow and then we made different coloured snowmen! It was lots of fun! Of course, we had to pop out and collect it first and that was lots of fun too!



We also have enjoyed writing out our favourite songs and performing them together! Hakuna Matata was a firm favourite!



Please click on the link below to access a guide on how to stay safe on Snapchat.

[How to stay safe on Snapchat: Parent guide | Internet Matters](#)





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

You are welcome to bring them to the school office.

Thank you.

# Wyre Forest Christmas Fair

## Winter Wonderland Themed Grotto

Santa

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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





### **Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes**

***Draw Date: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024***



## Walnut Class



Walnut class have been working hard over the last few weeks. In Maths, the children have started talking about "long & Short" "Big & small". One of our topics this half term is "Under the Sea", the children have been making different animals in our art lessons. They have made some beautiful fish and tortoises.

This half term we have also started Dance, we have been working on a under the sea dance. They children are really enjoying dancing like different sea animals.



We're very proud of Grace who has a brother at WFS. She has had a book published (written and illustrated) about a fairy who has autism.

It is a beautiful book, and she will be selling copies at the Christmas Fair - they will make lovely gifts.



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> December- Anytime between 9:00am-3pm

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Anytime between 9:00am-4pm.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com)

*Thank you*

*The FOWFS*





# Oak Class



During world about us lessons this half term Oak class are learning about the passing of time, comparing Victorian times to the modern day. The children have had a wonderful time immersing themselves into the Victorian era by dressing up in Victorian costumes. During digital literacy lessons the pupils have used a search engine to research Victorian transport and compare to transport of today.



## Pear Class



Pear Class have been exploring the Victorians. We have looked at old and new and same and different. The children have had a great time playing with toys from the era and dressing up. In forest school we have continued to work on shelter building and tying knots. Despite the weather we have all had a great time. In Maths we have been working hard on Odds and Evens and how we can easily tell them apart. The children have been learning some amazing basketball skills in P.E showing off our dribbling and bouncing skills. We are getting busy practising for our Christmas production taking inspiration from the snow we had last week.



# SPRUCE Class



Spruce class have had a busy few weeks learning all about the seasons. We have been learning lots about the Autumn weather, enjoying riding our bikes in the Autumn sunshine and getting out to Forest school whatever the weather! We even had a chance to explore the snow – using our describing words to talk about what it looked like and what it felt like. We have enjoyed dressing up as people who can help us and learning about what to do if we are feeling poorly. We practised working as a team in PE and even had time to fit in a party!



## OLIVE Class



Olive Class have been having a brilliant half term – we have been developing our weaving skills which the pupils have really enjoyed. We have also been making repetitive patterns and learning about capacity in Maths and studying our topic book Snow in Literacy which we enjoyed playing with when it snowed for real! In World about Us we have been looking at people who help us and how our bodies feel when we are poorly. We have been celebrating lots of birthdays this half term with 5 of our pupils turning a year older! In Forest School we have been playing team games and created some beautiful natural artwork. Well done Olive Class!





## **Juniper Class**

**So far this term we have been improving our cooking and independence skills by making some yummy wrap pizzas!**

**Our imaginations have been running wild during play and we have learnt lots of new skills to support our imaginative play by joining all of our ideas and working together.**



**Teamwork and turn-taking has been on the agenda and Juniper have been taking part in some wonderful games. We have shown some lovely encouragement and have been super supportive.**



# Communication and Interaction News and Information

This term we are focusing on Language and Play.

This week's focus is:



## Symbolic Play.

A symbol is something that represents something e.g., the words that we say are symbols and have a meaning attached to them. It is important for children to learn this. As children start to learn about symbols, they will use objects to represent other objects or ideas e.g., using a cardboard box as a house, spaceship or car.



How can you help?



- Have materials available to use both indoors and outdoors
- Encourage your child to join in pretending that everyday objects are other objects e.g. a brick is a phone
- Play alongside your child and model pretend play with them

Here are some fun ideas to help with developing symbolic play:



- Use bowls and sticks for cooking and ask your child for the cutlery and saucepans
- Have chalk and painting equipment indoors and outdoors
- Have action figures and dolls with different items your child can make houses, food etc
- Have items your child can make a shop and pretend food
- Have items your child can make their own musical instruments



Please make sure these activities are safe for your child

Kind regards  
Communication team



29.11.24



**WyreForestSchool**



Drop-In with the Speech and Language Therapists on  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](mailto:SUPPORTINGFAMILIES@WFS.WORCS.SCH.UK)

# Russell House News

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK AT RUSSELL HOUSE

### GROUP 1

### GROUP 2

**MONDAY**

**YOUTH CLUB**

**FOOTBALL**

**TUESDAY**

**CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPPING**

**BIKE TRACK**

**WEDNESDAY**

**DISCO WITH OUR  
FRIENDS  
FROM  
THE VALE**

**SOFT PLAY**







Winter 2024/2025

# Newsletter

FREE  
until  
JAN 25



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday  
5th Dec

19:00 - 21:00

£24



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
17th Dec

19:00 - 21:00

£24



## Facing Defiance

Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday  
7th Jan

19:00 - 21:00

£24



## Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday  
9 Jan

19:00 - 21:00

£24



## AUTISM:

### Improving Communication

Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



# WINTER TIMETABLE

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

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

go to the PARENT page

<b>FREE - Decreasing Depression</b> <b>FREE - Anxiety Explained</b>	<b>25 NOV</b> <b>20 JAN</b>
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>	
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 – 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

<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 – 'Know yourself, grow yourself'.
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>

<b>MARCH 2025</b>	
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

<b>APRIL 2025</b>	
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
	<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 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	<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.**