

Newsletter Friday 13th December 2024

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Information for Parents



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at WFS. This week the events kicked off with Early Years Nativity, always a highlight for me, and Christmas Jumper Day raising money for Wyre Forest Night stop organised by 11P.

As we're drawing ever closer to Christmas, I saw the following post and it really resonated with me.



I hope you can attend the postponed Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th December - have a sneak preview by clicking here <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15HznvGsF8/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

The Friends of Wyre Forest worked so hard getting the fair organised that we left it up in the gym all week - locked and a no-go zone. It has meant we have rescheduled Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 Stay and Play to next week. We're sorry for any inconvenience but storm Darragh proved too much even for WFS. By the way, if anyone sees Rich Liggitts tent from Forest School somewhere in Kidderminster, please let us know 😊 - it flew away never to be seen again.



Absences from school

Please remember to report a pupil's absence before 9.15 in the morning to the school office (rather than their individual Teacher, thank you).

This can be done by calling the school number (**01562 827785**) and choosing Option 0, and leaving a voicemail detailing your child's name and a short reason for their absence from school on that day, or emailing the school office on office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk

If you order your child's lunch from home, please cancel their order before 9.30.

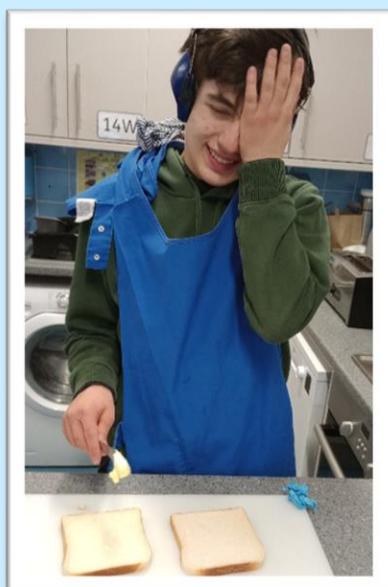
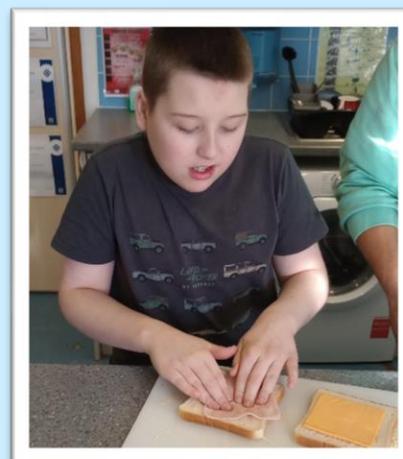
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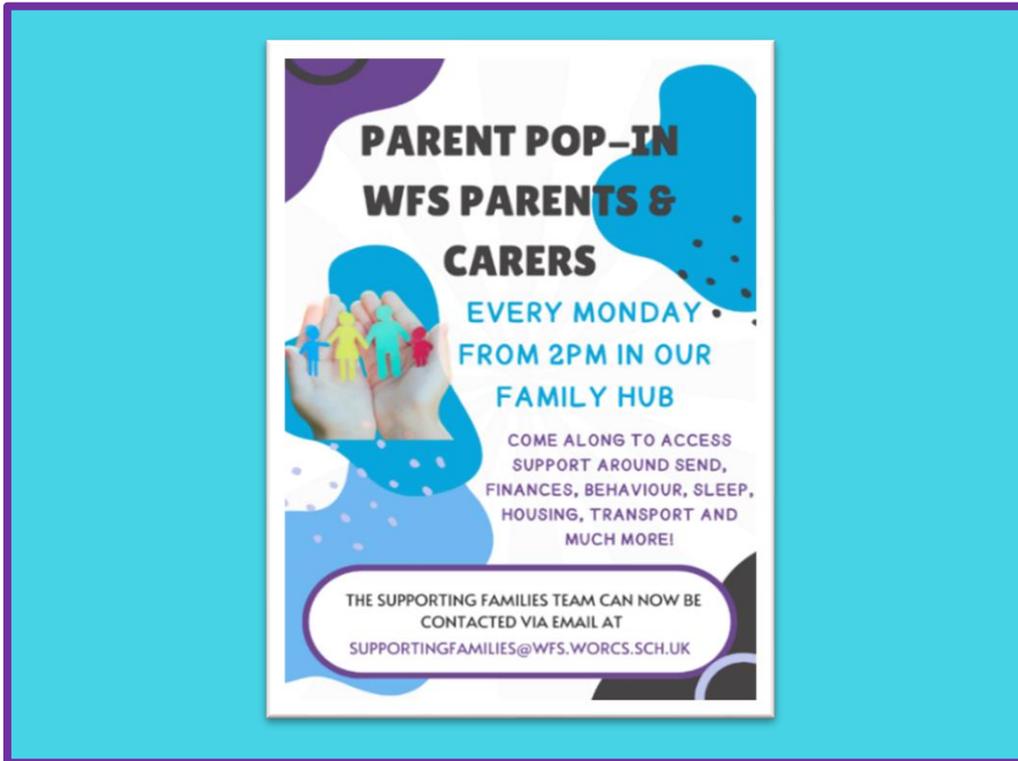


12H News



12H have been continuing to improve on their independence skills on using a knife to cut and spread when making toasties and sandwiches from ingredients they've brought from shopping at Co-op.





Eligible parents/carers will receive their free school meal vouchers on Wednesday 18th December, they have a validity of one month.



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

You are welcome to bring them to the school office.

Thank you.

Christmas Tips

Whilst many look forward to Christmas it can be a challenging time for those with autism.

Some of the tips below may help this Christmas:

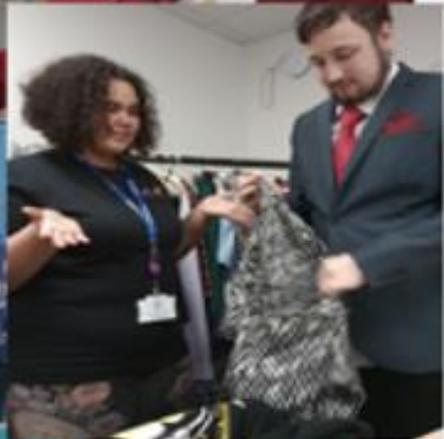
- Try to keep to your daily routine in the next few weeks and on Christmas Day, when possible. Use visuals to support any changes.
- Gradually introduce Christmas activities / traditions e.g. put up a few decorations each day.
- Create a quiet space or areas in the house that are completely free of Christmas decorations for your child to access, particularly around the main days of Christmas if needed.
- Be aware that scented candles, flashing lights etc can be overwhelming sensory wise and may need to be avoided / limited.
- Some find presents overwhelming and it can help if the element of surprise is removed by leaving presents unwrapped or showing your child their present before wrapping it, so that their anxiety about getting something they want is reduced.

Happy Christmas

Artwork

13B and a pupil from 11H have created this wonderful artwork with the Odell Centre.





What a busy term we've had so far!

We had a fashion day where we explored different careers in the fashion industry, looked at how media photos are manipulated, we got to design our own T-Shirts and take part in a catwalk. We have been practicing our travel training and doing our weekly shop at Tesco's using the scanner to ensure we stay in budget. We chatted to Seetac about employment opportunities and had a visit from crime Stoppers about keeping ourselves safe in the community.

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13B News

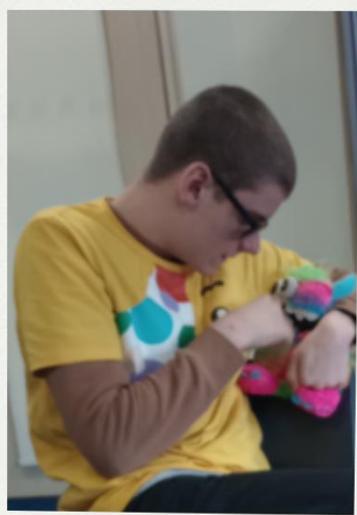


13B shared some magical moments creating a scarecrow, a Halloween lunch with mummies, eyeball cocktails and a lovely visit from the Odell Centre.



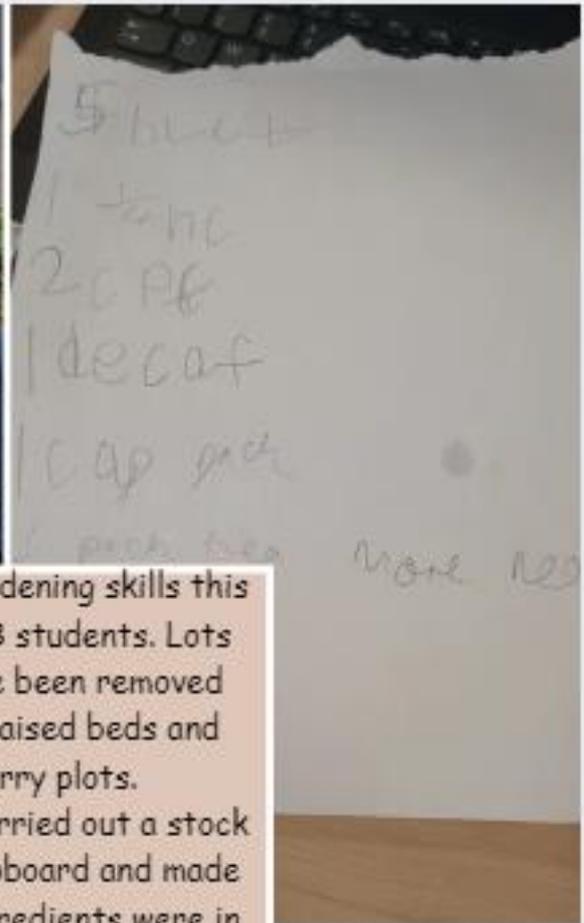
13B returned after half term raring to get to work. At the allotment they demonstrated teamwork to get the spring bulbs covered ready for the colder months. They showed how independent they are by cooking beans on toast for their lunch and found out about Remembrance Day and were respectful when visiting the school poppy display.





11.11.24 13B
Students made a pasta bake, took part in children in need activities and practiced their work skills

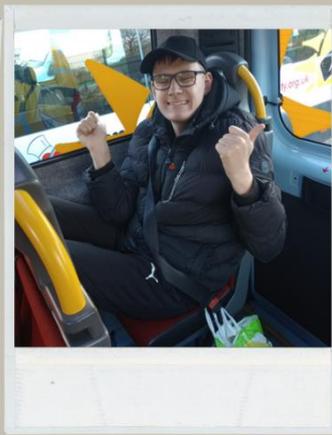




Some great gardening skills this week from 13B students. Lots of weeds have been removed from all the raised beds and strawberry plots. One student carried out a stock take of our cupboard and made sure all our ingredients were in date, writing a list for our shopping trip. Lunch for ILS was spaghetti on toast - made with so much independence and confidence. We also changed our classroom environment which was really exciting.

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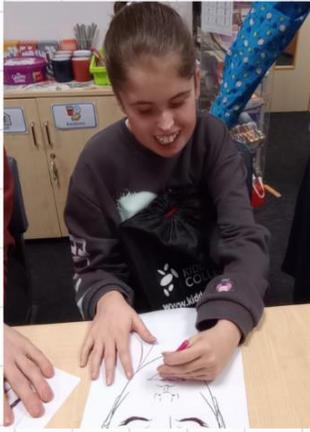




25.11.24 At the allotment students demonstrated teamwork to water, empty raised beds and sort the polytunnel. They practised their bowling skills at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday. They all prepared their own stir-fry lunch on Thursday, and A made cookies! One of our students left a note of gratitude for the teachers too.

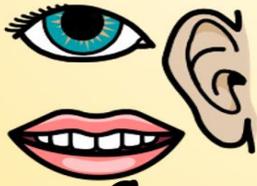


In 13B this week



2.12.24 13B took part in the themed Fashion Day. Became interior designers, cooked, bowled and recycled. Also, George, our class elf has been back causing mischief.





Communication and Interaction News and Information

This term we are focusing on Language and Play.

This week's focus is:
Imaginative and Role Play.



It is important that children learn to play together. Working together is an important communication skill. Imaginative and role play helps children understand the adult world, problem solve, understand other's feelings, to wait, share, take turns and learn about rules.



How can you help?

- Have materials available to use both indoors and outdoors
- Model how to turn take
- Model how to share
- Model how to wait
- Model the rules of the game



➤ child to understand • Reduces frustration • supports language development • Slows speech down • Can help

Here are some fun ideas to help with developing imaginative and role play:

- Have dress up box with clothes, scarves, hats, handbags shoes and wigs
- Have a tea party with toys
- Create an imaginary setting for play e.g. shops, play kitchen
- Indoor camping- create a camp indoors
- Take your child/ren to different interesting places for them to have real life experiences



Kind regards
Communication team



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13.12.24



Star Baker!

During Hot Toppings K was able to make the Rocky Road this week all by herself!



What a busy term!
14W have spent time preparing the allotment ready for Winter. This week students from sixth-form and KS4 took part in a football match against Regency High School. 14W created some signs to show their support!



14W Newsletter



In independent living skills this term we have been using a microwave to cook our meals. As part of our OCR unit, students have been planning their Christmas ILS dinner.

We have had guest speakers from the sexual health centre and the learning disability health team.





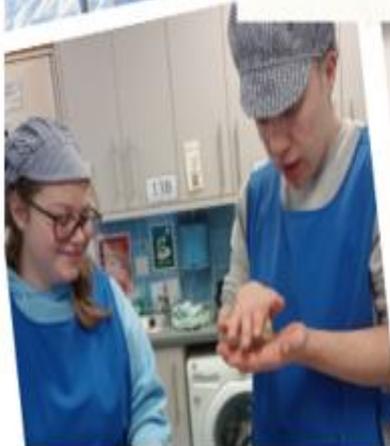
13H News

On a Thursday students have been shopping for items for Blossom Tree Café and using the café contactless card.

On Friday's students have been taking part in various work experience opportunities.

They have been taking part in different activities in the community e.g. Life beyond school event, Kidderminster market and looking for safe place logo.

Some students took part in visit to HBVC and we have welcomed lots of visitors into school.





Dancing leaves

This term pupils in dancing leaves have been making items for the Christmas fayre. They have been in the workshop using different tools and machines. They have learnt about health and safety and keeping safe whilst using tools. Pupils have worked independently and as a team to create their wonderful items



Russell House News

<u>What We Have Been Up To</u>		
<u>This Week At</u>		
<u>Russell House</u>		
	<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Christmas card decorating	Christmas light hunting
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sycamore Santa trip	Christmas walk Christmas crafts
<u>Wednesday</u>	St Peters light walk	Christmas movie
<u>Thursday</u>	Cooks garden centre	Christmas baking





DECEMBER 2024	
14	Christmas Fair
17	Pathway 1 – Christmas Stay & Play – Parents welcome 10.30 – 11.30 am – FIG, LIME, ELM, YEW, BEECH 1.30 – 2.30 pm – CEDAR, ALDER, LARCH, SYCAMORE, HOLLY
18	Pathway 3 Christmas Concert – 1.30pm
19	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
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.