

# Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## Information for Parents



Apologies for having to close the school today, but both boilers have decided to go on strike at the same time! They've worked tirelessly for 10 years. I'm also sorry about the technical difficulties we had with the text messages.

John is working hard to get the boiler matter resolved so we can open on Monday. You know it is a rare thing indeed for WFS to close its doors and you know I like to give you as much notice as possible. We know many of you need to go to work and our children need their routine and be at school.

Throughout the day we have been contacting individual classes as and when we know it will definitely be warm enough for them on Monday. We have also contacted transport.

Even if we are fully open on Monday, I suggest putting an extra sweater in, just in case the fix doesn't hold - but if we all cross our fingers!!

If anything changes over the weekend, I will text you as soon as I know anything.

Thank you as ever for the amazing support we receive from the WFS family.



## **SEND Swimming Sessions**

Every Sunday, from 10.00am - 4.00pm, SEND families can attend swimming sessions at Regency High School, Worcester.

Families can book via the school website (<https://regency.worcs.sch.uk/swimhub/>) at a cost of £3pp in the pool.

All U18s must be accompanied by an adult.  
To qualify, at least one U18 must have an EHCP.

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 2

## Willow Class

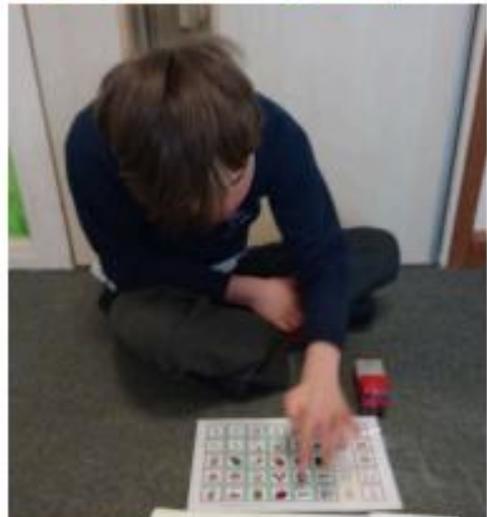


Willow class have been very busy making maps and using this to explore different areas around forest school! We had a great time!

# ROWAN CLASS



This term Rowan Class have really enjoyed engaging in stories. Sharing with both staff and students. Some of our favourites include the very hungry caterpillar and bear hunt!





## Poplar Class



In Poplar Class, we have been working our independence skills.

We have been collecting and delivering the younger pupils dinners for them.

In cooking we have opened our very own tuck shop and every week Poplar Class and Ash Class take it in turns to cook the toast for snack time.

We have also been exploring some junk modelling- we made tunnels for the cars, musical instruments and hats.



## Birch Class



This term in Birch, our topic is Monster Mischief. We've had great fun listening to different monster stories. Making Monster crafts and exploring different themed Monster sensory play.



# Cherry Class



Cherry Class have been using recycling to make Monsters! We worked in small groups to create our monsters as part of our topic. It was great fun!





Cherry Class have enjoyed spending time in the primary food tech room, we made banana chocolate chip pancakes! We were careful and followed the safety rules, along with clearing up after ourselves once we were finished.



# ASH CLASS



Spring 1  
This half term Ash Class have enjoyed exploring our new topic 'Transport'. The children have been hunting for different types of transport around the classroom, writing labels in English and ordering items from biggest to smallest in Maths. Well done Ash Class!!!



# Maple Class

Maple Class are enjoying our transport topic. We have been sculpting different types of transport. They are ready to paint this week. We are enjoying lots of transport books and playing together with transport toys.

# Maple Class



# Hazel Class

Hazel Class are enjoying our transport topic. We have been using ALDs to support our speaking, using signs and singing songs. We have also enjoyed visiting the cooking room where we are learning to increase our independence skills when making a sandwich. We have also been looking at patterns in our environment.



# Hawthorn Class



This half term, Hawthorn class have been working on Transport. We have set up our own Platform Café where we buy and make our own drinks and snack. We have been following visual stories and describing what has happened and looking at patterns within Maths activities.

Some of us were also able to attend a sporting event at Baxter College which was a huge success and enjoyed by all!



Thank you very much for your donations of empty chocolate/sweetie tubs.

We are now very well stocked up, and no longer require them.

## Pupil News

### Sporting Superstar!



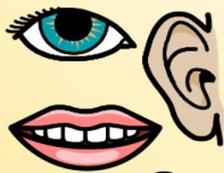
Hazel class are really proud of Harry who won a trophy for his fantastic football skills at football training last week! Well done Harry, keep up the good work!

Quin has settled back into his routine well, and we are looking at goals and transitions.

Quin says - Happy New Year.  
It feels pretty good to be back!

Quin, Laura and Susie





# Communication and Interaction News and Information



Hello everyone,  
Here are some top tips for helping your child with early listening skills.



## Early Listening: Awareness of Sound

To be able to understand the difficult sounds of speech and language, children need to be aware of the sounds around them first. They can learn about sounds through the exploration of objects. They learn to link different sounds to different actions, people and objects.

### This term's focus is on: Locating Sound

It is an important skill for children to be able to locate where a sound is coming from. Being able to locate a sound is also an important skill for keeping safe.

### Here are some games you can play with your child to help develop these skills :

- Hide and seek
- Blind man's buff
- Find the musical toy
- Find the animal sound
- Find the sound of their favourite toy



These games can also help with developing turn taking, and attention and listening skills.

✓ Remember to keep small objects out of reach of children

Kind regards  
Communication team



Worcestershire  
**PARENT  
CARER  
FORUM**

Coffee & chat for  
Worcestershire parent  
carers supporting  
children & young  
people with special  
educational needs &  
disabilities (SEND) aged  
0-25.

**SEND**  
**Views  
& Voices**  
**‘Wyre Forest’**



**Tuesday 28th January 2025, 10am - noon**  
**Tuesday 25th February 2025, 10am - noon**  
**Tuesday 25th March 2025, 10am - noon**

At Wolverley Memorial Community Café,  
Wolverley, Kidderminster, DY11 5TN



# Open Days 2025

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

**Wednesday 15th January**  
9.45am - 12.00pm

**Wednesday 29th January**  
9.45am - 12.00pm

**Thursday 13th February**  
9.45am - 12.00pm

**Tuesday 11th March**  
9.45am - 12.00pm

**Wednesday 26th March**  
4.30pm - 7.00pm

**Thursday 10th April**  
9.45am - 12.00pm

**Wednesday 7th May**  
1.30pm - 4.00pm

**Thursday 22nd May**  
9.45am - 12.00pm

**Thursday 5th June**  
9.45am - 12.00pm

**Wednesday 25th June**  
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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**Russell House**

	Group 1	Group 2
Monday	Disco	Playground
Tuesday	Swimming	Sports hall
Wednesday	Bird watching in Bewdley	Soft play
Thursday	Circus	Sports field






<b>JANUARY 2025</b>	
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.**