

Newsletter Friday 31st January 2025

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Information for Parents



I hope you've had a good week. It's been a very exciting week at WFS. We've taken delivery of our new minibus with special '10th Anniversary of being in this building' livery. The children who have seen it loved the 'new' smell and red seat belts, but Mr Liggett is sad, because he loved driving the old bus, even though it leaked and was growing moss on the inside!!!!



Treetops, our independent living skills hub took delivery of some white goods from the lovely people at The Wash House, but I'll let Mrs Thompson tell you more about that! If any parent is a qualified electrician and could donate their time to install our cooker at Treetops we would be absolutely delighted. Please get in touch either by calling school or emailing office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk.

Molly has heard lots of fabulous readers this week. Pathway 3 children are making super progress with their reading - well done.

Our new independent visitor for Russell House made an unannounced visit to check on us on Tuesday. She was extremely pleased with what she saw and commented on how wonderful the residents were. Well done Russell House.

We have also managed to secure some funding to run holiday club for 2 days at a discounted price. A link went out asking for people to register their interest and Jake and I will meet on Tuesday to confirm places, so it is equitable.

Finally, you are now able to book your slot for parents evening on Bromcom via your MCAS app. If you have not yet sorted MCAS (My Child At School) please ring school, and the IT department will help get you onto it. Parents Evening and our Life Beyond School event is Wednesday 12th February.

I can't believe it is February at the weekend - Spring is on its way.

details of the organisations attending can be found attached to the newsletter

Life Beyond School Event

contact Abi Sinclair or Rebekah Thompson if you have any questions



12/02/25
3.15-5pm

support for pupils and families
preparing for adulthood and life after
WFS

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

Signing Buds



Signing buds

Welcome to Signing Buds January addition.

We really do have so much fun here, so much so Rebekah Thompson our Deputy headteacher popped along and joined us! The students enjoyed showing their fabulous signing, singing and dancing!

The students requested to learn signs for songs by Bruno Mars, One direction, The official song for the 2010 FIFA World Cup – Wavin' flag and the theme tune to Laverne and Shirley.... Who else remembers them ?

Here's some snap shots of some of our wonderful students alongside Chris and Carol in action....



DANCING LEAVES

Valentines Sale
Wednesday 12th February
Prices from £1-£2

Dancing Leaves will be selling some lovely homemade items in school on Wednesday 12th February for pupils to buy. Prices will range from £1 to £2.

Items include; keyrings, cards, wooden hearts. Perfect for giving to someone you care about.

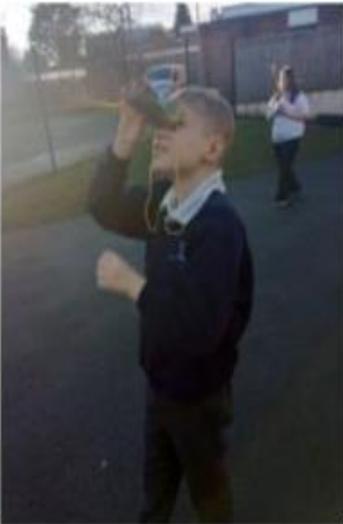
All proceeds from the sale will go back into school.

Thanks for your support

Dancing Leaves x

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 3

Olive Class Newsletter



Olive Class have had a brilliant half term so far – We have loved our topic ‘Down in the Jungle’ – the role play has been fantastic and the pupils have really enjoyed our focus book ‘Monkey Puzzle’. In independence we have been learning where food comes from and how to have good basic hygiene when preparing food – we have made a different meat based dish each week. In PE we have had a go at cricket and pilates and in World about Us we have been categorising animals – during bird week we made our own binoculars and went bird watching around the school grounds. Well done Olives!

Spruce Class



Spruce class have been practising handling and using knives safely this half term we have practised carrying and holding knives correctly and learning the best ways to cut items of food using a gentle rocking motion. We make sure that our fingers are tucked out of the way to keep them safe from the blade. We also enjoy eating the finished products.

Oak Class

Oak class have been working very hard this half term. During world about us lessons the pupils have been focusing on materials, classifying objects into groups relating to plastic, wood, glass and metal. The pupils have also looked at a range of rocks using magnifying glasses whilst describing using the terms smooth, rough, heavy and light.





Walnut class

The children have been having great fun learning about the Chinese new year, all the children enjoyed dressing up in traditional Chinese clothes.



Walnut Class had a great afternoon today celebrating Chinese new year, they enjoyed trying lots of different Chinese foods.





Juniper Class

So far this term we have been celebrating Chinese New Year!

Our imaginations have been running wild during play and we have been exploring lots of new skills to support our imaginative play by working in a chinese resturant, serving food, taking orders, counting money and dressing up in traditional chinese clothing.



We have been creating a chinese dragon in Art using collage, our fine motor skills and creativity.

Pear Class have been very busy.

We have had great fun on the bike track developing new skills and trying different types of bikes.

We have been learning all about animation in ICT and have had a go at making our own animations using the iPad.

Forest school has been lots of fun learning more about den building and how to keep ourselves safe in the forest.

In Literacy we have been learning all about instructions. How to read them, follow them and write our own.

We've been showing our excellent number skills using number bonds to 10 and 20 and making new 3 part number bonds.

Wow Pear Class, that's a fantastic amount of learning!!!



Pear
Class



Communication and Interaction Information and News



Hello, everyone

Here is a strategy you can use to help young person understand the cause and effect of an event or fact .

Using multi flow maps

Being able to understand the cause and effect or outcomes of an event or fact can be difficult for some children to understand. One way to support with this is to use a multi flow map. A multi flow map allows ideas to be separated in a visual way therefore making it easier for some children to understand.

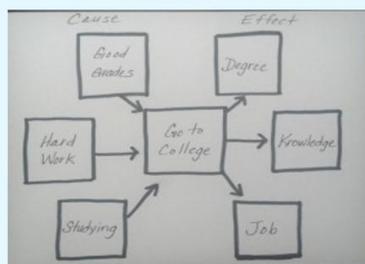
How can multi-maps help?

- Can help with understanding cause and effect
- With developing sequencing skills
- Understanding social rules
- With developing and understanding relationships
- Can help with developing flexibility of thought



What can a multi - map look like?

- The central rectangle contains the important event/fact.
- On the left side of the event are the causes.
- On the right side of the event are the effects.



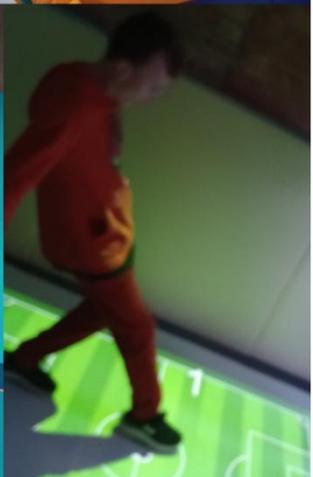
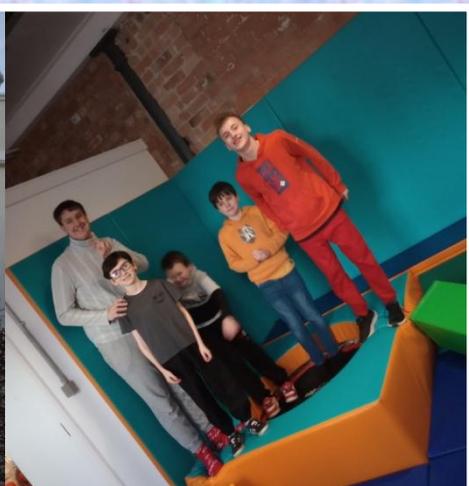
Kind regards
Communication team

Russell House

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This week at Russell
House

Monday	Lego club	Bike track
Tuesday	Swimming	Shopping
Wednesday	Chinese New Year Celebrations	
Thursday	Worcester Worriers Foundation	Playground







Sporting Superstar!



Hazel class are celebrating another sporting superstar this week. Well done Francesca!

Francesca won the player of the week trophy for scoring three goals and taking part in the whole session without sitting down. We are really proud of you Francesca!

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.