

# Newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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## Information for Parents



We have allocated places for holiday club. We're sorry that some people have been disappointed, but we only have a certain number of staff who want to give up their well-earned holidays.

Hopefully next week we will be able to give you a link to register for our trial wraparound club after school for working parents which will operate Summer 2 and fingers crossed beyond.

I can't believe we only have one week left before half term - the time is certainly flying by again!



### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Parents/carers of eligible pupils will receive their vouchers on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Please be aware they are valid for one month only.

# PATHWAY 4

## Newsletter

Take a look at what we have been up to!

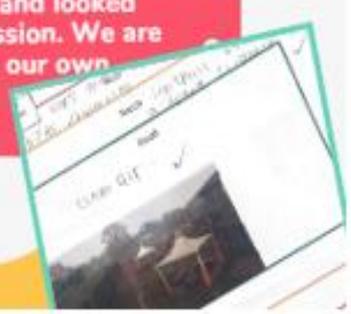
In Pathway 4 we have all been working extremely hard in all of our curriculum areas. Have a look at what we have been up to.

Before Christmas we visited the St John's Church. We met the Vicar and asked questions about her job, items we might find in a church and who might go to church.



### English

In English this half term we have been exploring setting descriptions. We used our senses, adjectives, expanded noun phrases and looked at apostrophes for possession. We are now beginning to create our own setting descriptions.





## Maths

We have had a pathway focus on multiplication and division. Some of us have been ensuring our 2x, 5x and 10x are secure and using practical resources to support us, some of us have been applying our multiplication knowledge to real life situations.



## Science

In science we have been Working scientifically

- asking simple questions
- using equipment and observing closely
- performing tests
- identifying and classifying and gathering and recording data

### Every day materials - States of matter

We have expanded our knowledge of describing and comparing physical properties and explored

- solids
- liquids
- gases
- the water cycle

## Art



Linking our art with our Geography work we have investigated artists who have used volcanos as their inspiration for their artwork. So far this half term we have looked at Andy Warhol and the use of pop art to create our very own pop art and pop art versions of Andy Warhol's 'Vesuvius' and most recently we have begun exploring Japanese artist Utagawa Hiroshige Artame who has used block printing to create his own interpretations of volcanoes in the Japanese landscape.



## Geography

In Geography we Pathway 4 have really enjoyed learning all about volcanoes and Earthquakes.

We have learnt about;

- the 7 continents and the 5 Oceans, and where the 'ring of fire' is located using maps and atlas'
- Understanding why we don't have volcanos and earthquakes (as frequently or as fiersome) in the UK, compared to other places in the world





# 10SD

# Spring 1

## Roots Cafe

This half term we were proud to open our own Roots Cafe within Post-14.

The aim of our cafe is to enable us to apply the functional communication and numeracy skills we been learning in ordering and 'paying' for items. It also enables us to gain experience of working in catering and hospitality and to understand the responsibilities that come with being employed.



**We have been scientists!**



As part of our topic on British weather we have been measuring and collecting data on what rainfall we have had and what the temperatures have been.

We also really enjoyed creating cloud in a jar to help us to understand the change in states that water goes through during the water cycle.

# 11P News

29TH  
January



11P visited Good Heart animal sanctuary in Milson. They provide a lifelong haven for over 300 animals, and have been doing this since 2017. You can find out all about their fabulous work by visiting [www.goodheartanimalsanctuaries.com](http://www.goodheartanimalsanctuaries.com)

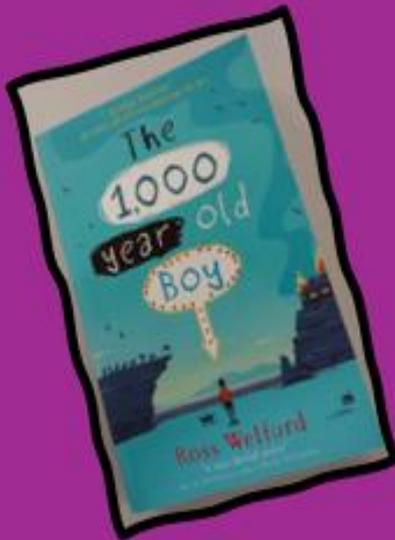
11p thoroughly enjoyed meeting the animals and the opportunity to feed, tickle and stroke them.



11P will be fundraising to help support this lovely sanctuary. Look out for more information.

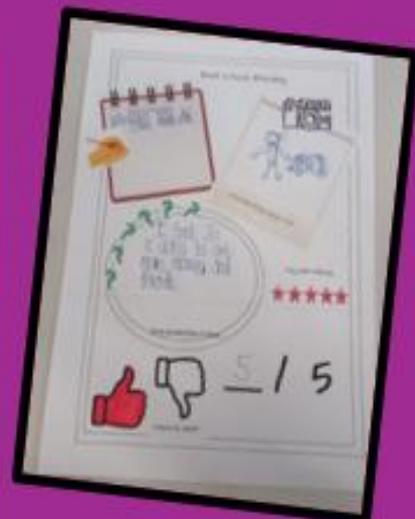
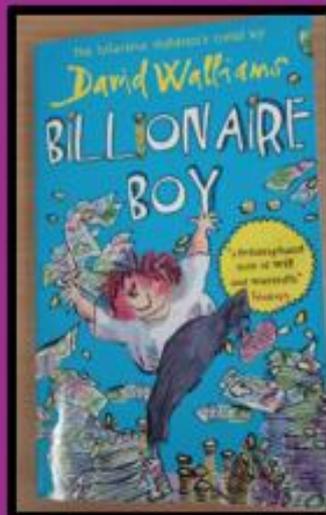
## Meet a Book Mondays

With 11P



11P have enjoyed Meet a Book Mondays. We listen to the first chapter, making sketch notes, then we predict what might happen next. We then give the chapter a score out of 5. The book is then available for all to read should they wish.

We would like your support with encouraging reading at home.





In Independent Living, 11P have been to Tesco where they have shopped for their lunch. Each week they choose menu options while sticking to a budget. They have then cooked their menu and sat down together to eat.

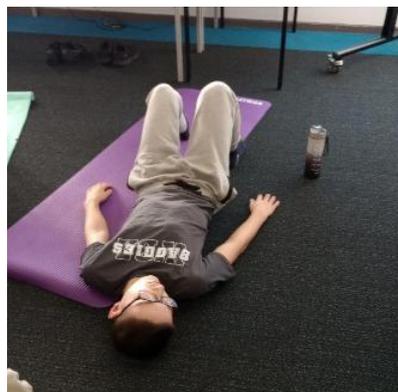


## 11H Newsletter

**This half term 11H have been very busy with various activities, including bird watching while volunteering with the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Students learnt how to use binoculars correctly and spotted various species including Stonechats, Long-Tailed Tits and Buzzards. We even had the pleasure of seeing two foxes out in daylight foraging for food.**



**We have taken part in weekly sessions of football Pilates to ensure we are supple and warmed up and ready to take part in our P.E session. 11H took this very seriously and enjoyed the different stretches and poses that we had to try.**



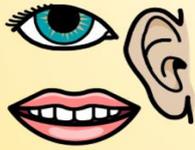
**Our enterprise project this half term has been focused on holding a pop-up pastry shop. We have researched what fillings can be put into a pastry bake and how we can make sausage rolls that little bit more special. We have taken a trip to Tesco to buy ingredients for our pastry items and we have had trial baking sessions, so we could perfect our products. We have also designed our own posters to advertise our product.**

**Looking forward to seeing lots of customers next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February to buy our delicious bakes and sausage rolls!**



**Finally, Congratulations to Leon as he has received "*Man of The Match*" this week for stepping up to help coach his SEN football team when the coach was poorly.**





# Communication and Interaction Information and News



Hello everyone,

This week is World Mental Health week so we going to focus on different picture books and activities that can support mental health and wellbeing.

You will find a great resource pack on widgit.com called the 'Wellbeing pack'. Click on the link below to download the pack.

[Wellbeing Pack | Widgit Symbol Resources](#)

## The Wellbeing pack has:

- Picture books which explain what wellbeing 'looks like' and gives guidance on how children can improve their own wellbeing.
- Resources on resilience and mindfulness which aims to help build emotional understanding.
- Resources which help children explore how their body changes when they experience different feelings e.g., if they shout and stamp their feet it might mean they are angry.
- A resource that helps children learn the importance of developing a web of support. This is a way of making sure they have a network of trusted adults who they can ask for support.



Kind regards  
Communication team



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We Are Back, The Limitless Inclusive Cycling Hub

Is This Sunday 9th February, 11 am till 1 pm

We have a wide range of adapted bikes including recumbent trikes, ice trikes, hand cycles, trikes with side supports and sandal pedals, mountain bikes, racing bikes and tandems. All ridden on our traffic free cycling circuit.

**It's £5 per rider and a carer can ride for free. Cash only please.**



**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](http://www.wfirc.org.uk)**

# *Limitless*

## Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling



**2025 Inclusive cycling hub dates**

**February 9th and 23rd**

**March 16th and 30th**

**April 13th and 27th**

**May 18th**

**June 8th and 29th**

**July 13th and 27th**

**August 17th and 31st**

**September 14th and 28th**

**October 12th and 26th**

**November 16th and 30th**



# Russell House News



**children's**  
**Mental Health**  
**week**  
**3RD - 9TH**  
**FEBRUARY**

**Monday - Treat Yourself Park**

**Tuesday - Yoga & Meditation Sycamore Centre**

**Wednesday - Mindful Walk Exercise Walk, park and chat**

**Thursday - Cricket park and chat**

The poster features a sun icon at the top left, a yellow speech bubble containing the main text, and a cartoon illustration of two children at the bottom right. The background is light blue with decorative green and red dots and a red curved line at the bottom.



## Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids

Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.

Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.

Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.

Focus on articulating feelings. "I am angry," "I am sad."

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.

Recognize toxic stress events.

Encourage journaling and diaries.

Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Establish a self-care routine.

Blessing Manifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

## What Is Special to Me?

Use the space below to share the things that are special to you.

chad

I enjoy... Seeing Russell House Staff.

My favourite toy or game is... Puzzles

I love... my family

Things that make me smile... Staff

People that are special to me are... my family

Things that are special to me... my toys

## What Is Special to Me?

Use the space below to share the things that are special to you.

Dan

my toys

My favourite toy or game is... MOMOPACY

I love... McDonalds

Things that make me smile... my friends

People that are special to me... MOMMY

Things that are special to me... Dad

## What Is Special to Me?

Use the space below to share the things that are special to you.

RIO HOWLER

I enjoy... I enjoy helping people and doing jobs.

My favourite toy or game is... My phone and laptop

I love... I love my family and Russell House.

Things that make me smile... Being at Russell House

People that are special to me... Staff at Russell House and my parents.

Things that are special to me... Going out and enjoying myself.

## What Is Special to Me?

Use the space below to share the things that are special to you.

Gerry Frankowski

I enjoy... Going on the train with my mom.

My favourite toy or game is... My playstation.

I love... I love traveling

Things that make me smile... Listening to music makes me smile.

People that are special to me... Abby Davies my key worker and Russell House Staff.

Things that are special to me... feeling happy is special to me.

## What Is Special to Me?

Use the space below to share the things that are special to you.

ALEX

I enjoy... SPINDING TIME with my dog

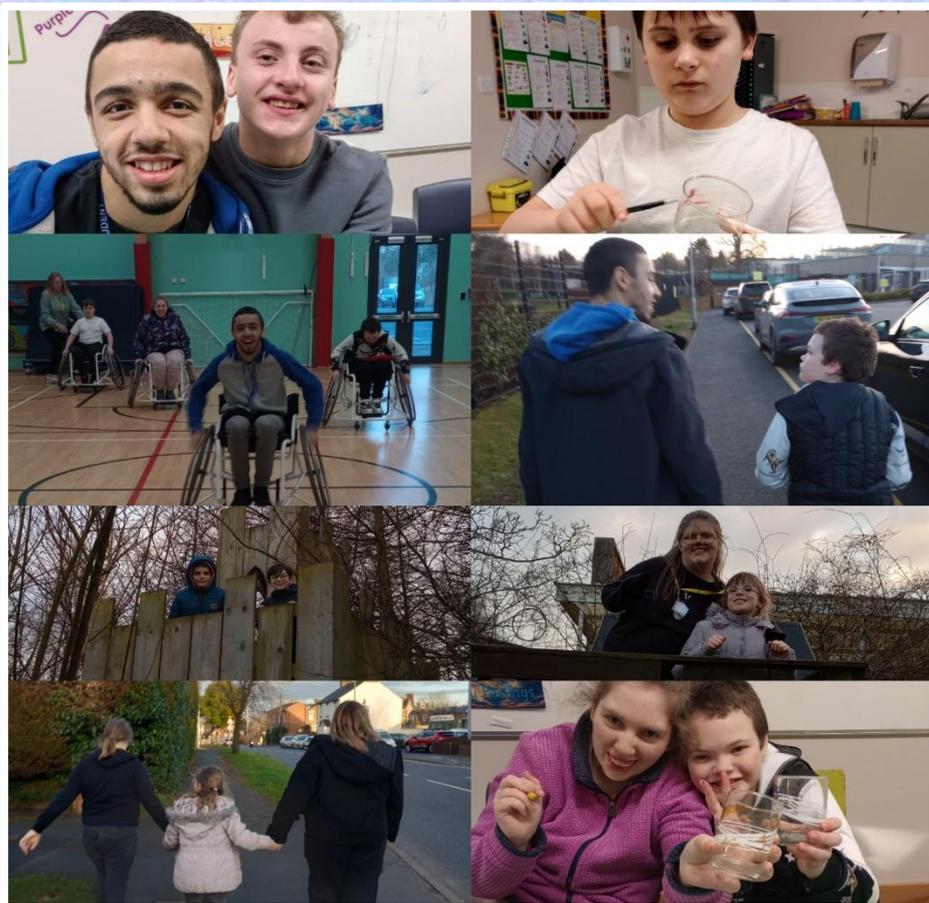
My favourite toy or game is... THE ALL OF HIM

I love... MOM AND DAD

Things that make me smile... JOKEs

People that are special to me... CONNOR CHEEL Billi

Things that are special to me... PUY DVDs



FEBRUARY 2025	
11	Safer Internet Day
12	Parents Evening and Life Beyond School
	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> 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	<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
	26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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.**