

# Newsletter Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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## Information for Parents



It continues to be a very busy time at WFS and we're all looking forward to Spring and for World Book Day next Friday.

Due to how busy our school is, and we want staff to be with the children, we are increasingly frustrated at the number of meetings that we are having to rearrange because parents have failed to turn up. This takes staff out of the classroom and means we have to arrange cover. We give dates for Annual Reviews well in advance and totally understand that things can change. So, we will rearrange the Annual Review once to support families and after that we will have to carry out the meeting without parents.

A big thank you to Jake and the staff who worked at holiday club. It was very successful, and I know Jake will be sending a newsletter about this out soon. Please can I remind you that it is very dependent upon staff and as staff are volunteering, if they do not want to be trained to deliver certain medical procedures we cannot make them.

We are hoping to offer some Easter holiday club places very soon - the number of places will be dependent upon staff available to work. The online booking system worked well and thank you for the feedback on this.

Look out for the photographs next week from World Book Day and the February holiday club photos.



Thank you so much for supporting our Valentine's sale, we are now busy making for Easter.

Thank you

From Dancing Leaves

## 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)



## Year 9 Pupils

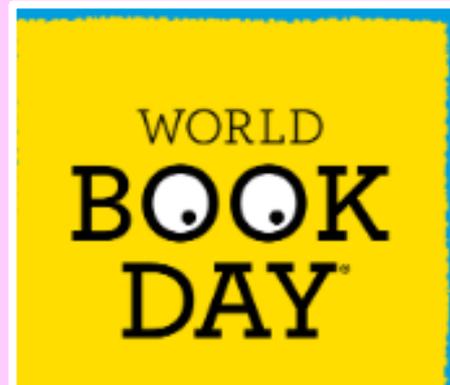
All Parents of Year 9 pupils have been emailed a letter today with information and a link to click on to give consent or not to the DTP Vaccination.

***Even if you do not give consent, please complete the form as this will ensure that the vaccination isn't given, and the Vaccination Team are fully aware of your decision.***

Vaccinations will be happening in school on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**.

If you have any queries about the vaccination, or difficulties completing the online form, please contact Vaccination UK on 01527 390030.

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2024/worcestershire>



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, and our theme will be to dress up as a favourite character or snuggle up with a book and wear pyjamas.

We recognise and understand that some pupils prefer to wear their school uniform or their usual school clothes on this day and that is fine.



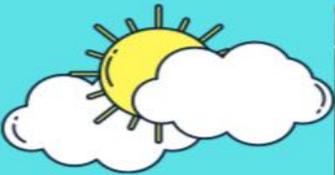
Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Early Years



We hope that you all had a lovely half term. The Children have settled back in well ready to start the second half of the Spring term. Before half term our story was 'Jack And The Beanstalk', to work alongside our story the children planted a bean. We were shocked to see that these had grown when we came back Monday. The children have enjoyed looking at the stalk and using different senses to explore.



Orange Class



Lemon class had a fabulous time joining in with Pilates and enjoyed different ways of moving. The class then listened to the sticky kids cool down music, where we followed along to the different action movements.



The children have settled back in well and enjoyed exploring our forest school area where we made mud pies and mud castles! During our physical Wednesday some of our children explored the apparatus and sensory circuit equipment.



Lemon Class



# Apple Class



Apple class have really enjoyed their new topic, The World Outside.

They have used their Forest School session to hunt for bugs using magnifying glasses.



## Developing Early Years

We are continually developing the area outside our early years' classrooms. We use these spaces as an extension of the classrooms, giving the pupils more chances to develop their learning. We have added number and communication boards to allow pupils to share their thinking and requests.

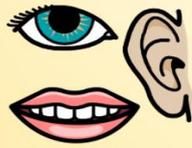


We are supported by many staff in school to continue to develop this outside space, but we would like to say a special thank you to **Ken Hutton, in the Site Team**, for adding the wood to make our spaces look amazing and feel safer.

To further develop our early years offer we have been given a wonderful donation from **The Kate Wellings Trust**. This will enable us to develop a sensory area next to our entrance.

WATCH THIS SPACE





# Communication and Interaction News and Information



Welcome back everyone,



## Early Listening: Awareness of Voice

Children learn about voice and speech sounds before they understand the meaning of words. Listening games are important for children to develop understanding of speech sounds and early words, All children whatever the age learn through repetition. Symbolic sounds can be a e.g., to real words.

### Symbolic Sounds

Symbolic sounds are short sounds that are linked to the things they represent.

### How can you help?



### Symbolic sound activity ideas you can play with your child:

- Animal sounds- choose an animal sound to work on e.g. woof woof for a dog. It helps if it is an animal your child is interested in. Use the animal noise often when playing. Continue to comment and talk about what is happening.
  - Vehicle sounds-choose a vehicle sound to work on e.g., beep beep for car. It helps if it is a vehicle your child is interested in. Use the vehicle noise often when playing. Continue to comment and talk about what is happening.
  - Environmental sounds- choose an environmental sound to work on e.g., Hoover, telephone or a knock at the door. Choose a sound that they are really interested in and include this during the day
- ✓ Remember to keep small objects out of reach of children and make the activities fun..



Kind regards  
Communication team



24.02.25

# Russell House News



| 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<br>Autism Awareness Day |
| 3          | Year 9 DTP Vaccinations<br>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 |   |
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| 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 |  |
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| 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<br>Summer Fayre Dress Down Donation Day |
| 27        | Leavers Party<br>Make Music Day                                    |

| JULY 2025 |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1         | Pathway 2 – Sports  |
| 2         | Pathway 2 – Sports  |
| 3         | Parents new to 6 <sup>th</sup> Form – 9.30am<br>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<br>Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon   |
| 12        | Summer Fayre  |
| 14        | Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon  |
| 15        | Post 14 Class Celebration   |
| 16        | EYFS Celebration – Morning – TBC<br>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.**