

Newsletter Friday 7th March 2025

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Information for Parents



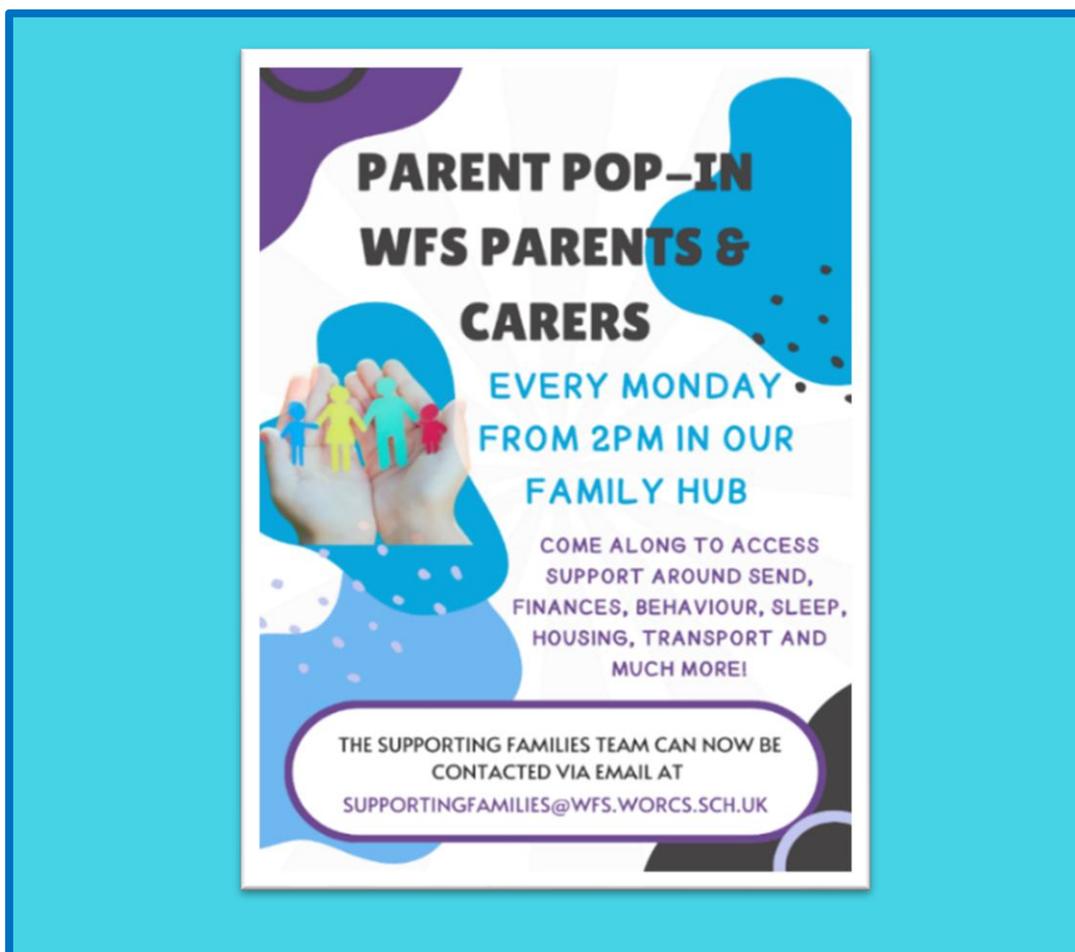
What a week! We had the phone call from Ofsted at 9.00am on Tuesday morning to say the inspectors would be in at 11am that day to inspect Russell House our residential part to the school for the next 3 days. We were outstanding in all areas in 2023 and 2024. I cannot share the results of the inspection, but I will say that I cannot wait to share the report with you all!

A massive thank you to all the staff who are involved with our residential part of the school and especially the staff who work at Russell House. You are all amazing!

From Ofsted to being dressed as Winnie the Pooh - being headteacher of WFS every day is certainly different.

The children and staff looked amazing today and a big thank you to Mrs Phillips for organising yet another brilliant World Book Day.

Sunday 9th March is COVID 19 Day of reflection. School life during COVID seems a million miles from where we are today thank goodness!



Year 9 Pupils

For Parents of Year 9 pupils.

Please click on the link below if you wish 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 3rd 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>

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 1

Cedar Class News

Cedar class have settled back well after the half term. We have been practicing our physio and hand function skills by picking up and putting down objects and passing things from one hand to the other. We have also been exploring 'making things happen' by using the touch screen and eye gaze computers, as well as buttons and switches.



Alder Class



Alder class have been enjoying our Gross motor activities ranging from using specialised equipment to mat work and yoga and Fine motor activities tipping and pouring and mark making within a range of sensory media.



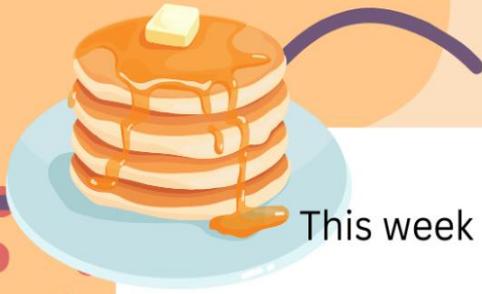
YEW CLASS

Newsletter

Spring 2

This half term Yew Class are learning all about 'People who help us'. We have started our topic with learning about bus drivers and personal assistants, we had an exciting visit to the school bus where we got to sit on it. We have also practiced our mark making painting with red paint to actions from the 'Wheels on the bus'. We cannot wait to learn more about people who help us.





Larch Class

This week has had a Pancakes theme

Physical skills

We have practised our cutting skills to cut out a range of toppings to decorate a pancake picture



Play

We have enjoyed using our imagination making playdough pancakes, tossing them in the pan and pretending to eat them.





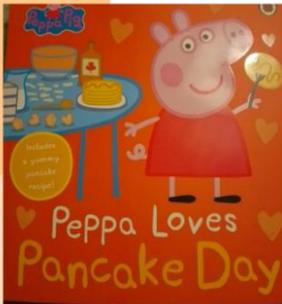
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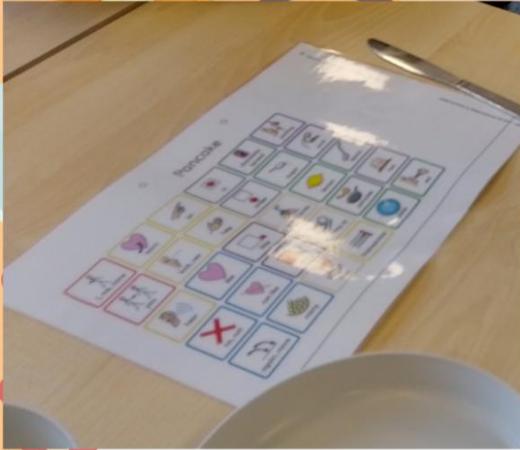
We explored using brushes to paint our pancake pictures



Cognition and learning

We completed a puzzle to show different pancake toppings and shared a story





Communication

We used ALD's to communicate when making and eating our pancakes



Independence

We washed our hands, added favourite toppings to our pancakes, ate them and cleared away afterwards





Beech Class Newsletter

Spring 2



THIS WEEK

Beech class have started the term really well! Everyone is enjoying our theme where Paw Patrol, Miss Rabbit, Fireman Sam etc are performing daily rescue operations! Focus this term is on parallel play and sharing in SEMH lessons. Communication remains a priority and using communication tools appropriately.



COMMUNICATION



UPDATES

Reminders:
Please pack Forest/outdoor wet gear (for when the rain returns!).
Please ensure student's clothing is labelled
Please ensure swim nappies/nappy covers packed for swimming



FOREST SCHOOL



ROLE PLAY



SOCIAL SKILLS



Holly class

Holly class have really enjoyed exploring the active table and interactive screen they have been playing alongside their peers building parallel play skills. We have also been working on the concepts big and small. Super work Holly class!





Sycamore Class



This week in Sycamore class we had lots of fun making pizza's and choosing our toppings for our pancakes.

Great work in developing our independence skills.



Lime Class



LIME CLASS

Lime class have been having lots of fun with Minibeasts!

We have been exploring new stories such as "the very Hungry Caterpillar" and exploring minibeasts that have patterns.

In PE we have been doing Gymnastics and looking at how we get around obstacles and we have also been working really hard on functional and shared play. We have also been building relationships and find ways to self-regulate in Mental Health and Wellbeing



FIG Class

We've had a busy start to the new half term by exploring our new Minibeasts topic. We've enjoyed stories featuring caterpillars, ladybirds and worms so far and have tried to see what minibeasts we can find at Forest School. We've also pretended to be explorers in the classroom and further developed our functional and imaginary play skills by pretending to be chefs, hairdressers, vets and construction workers. In Cognition and Learning, we have been exploring pattern, stories and rhymes.

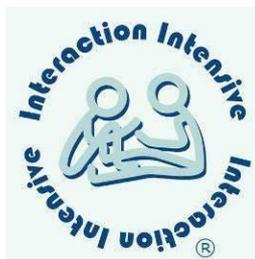


ELM CLASS

This term Elm class are learning all about people who help us. We will be focusing on a different occupation each week. Last week we had lots of fun engaging with our teachers. This week we have been pretending to be chefs.



Website News!



I'm Lucy, Wyre Forest School lead for Intensive Interaction, and also class teacher in Cedar Class.

Intensive Interaction is a very flexible approach which can help to develop communication and interaction with your child. It doesn't need any special equipment and can be lots of fun for you both. It is an approach that we use across school, particularly in EYFS and Pathway 1. It is also something which you can use at home too.

We now have a section on our school website with more information about it, so please do check it out!

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Intensive+Interaction&pid=453>

If you'd like to find out more, there are some links on the above webpage. You can also ask you child's teacher or contact me (Lucy in school).

Russell House News



Russell House



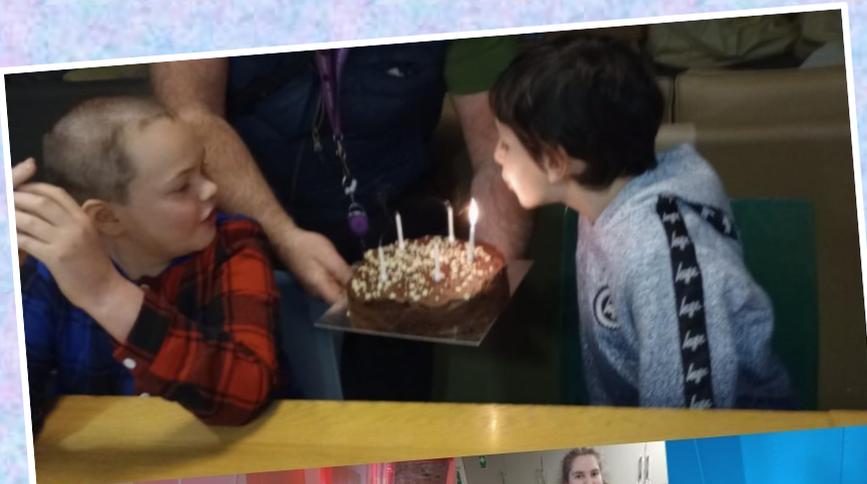
MONDAY Bike track

TUESDAY Swimming walk to the shop
Happy Pancake Day!

WEDNESDAY Scrapyard golf Sports hall

THURSDAY Multi sports & sensory with Worcester Warriors Playground





Holiday club

February edition



Days - Tuesday & Thursday
Running time - 10-2
Packed Lunch (meals not provided)

If this is something you would like
your child to access, application for
April Holiday Club is opening soon.



What we did!

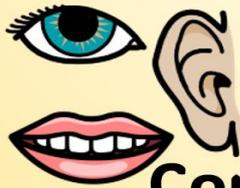
We participated in a range of activities including;

- **Cooking** - decorating biscuits
- **Rebound Therapy**
- **Wheelchair Basketball**
- **Climbing Equipment**
- **Soft Play**
- **Multi Sensory room**

Activities that were unavailable this time but may be available next time

- ✓ Bike Track
- ✓ Forest School
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Park Playground





Communication and Interaction News and Information



Welcome back, 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 are the starting blocks for understanding the meaning of words.

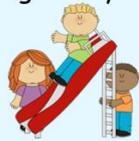
How can you help? 

Here are some attention and listening games you can play with your child:



Ready steady go is a great phrase. It encourages children to listen and wait for the word 'Go'. Here are some games you can use the phrase ready, steady go in :

- ✓ Knocking down a tower
- ✓ In a race
- ✓ Rolling cars
- ✓ Going down a slide



Other attention and listening games you can play are:

- One, two, three and...
- ✓ Jump- You can jump off a step or into a puddle
- ✓ Fall - You can make a tower of bricks fall or you can make skittles fall
- ✓ Musical statues - you need to listen to the music and stop when the music stops and go when the music starts
- ✓ Tap a rhythm ask your child to repeat/copy



- ✓ Remember to keep small objects out of reach of children and be safe

Kind regards
Communication team

PLEASE KEEP SAFE

HANSEL & GRETEL SUPPORT GROUP

Reg. Charity No. 518349

We are a registered charity providing mutual support and friendship to children with special educational needs & disabilities and their families in the Wyre Forest Area. We provide the opportunity for families to meet, share ideas and experiences, build friendships and overcome isolation.

For more information, please contact us on 07525-668608, check our Facebook page (Hansel and Gretel Support Group @HandGSupport) or visit www.hanselgretel.org.uk

SATURDAY FAMILY CLUB DATES

10am-12pm at Kidderminster Youth House, Bromsgrove Street, DY10 1PF

Please use Public Pay & Display Car Park Opposite (Free with Blue Badge).

Parking also available in KDYT car park – please pay & display.

Sign in for name labels on arrival. No entry charge but £5 family donation appreciated.

Please note, parent/carers take **FULL responsibility for supervising their own children at **ALL TIMES** (extra helpers are welcome)!**

Saturday 8th March 2025

- **Mr A-B Craft Workshop – Making Flower Posies**
- **Mother's Day Crafts and Colouring**

Saturday 12th April 2025

- **Mark and Rowan's Action Songs**
- **Easter Crafts and Colouring**

Saturday 10th May 2025

- **Debutots – Sensory Story**
- **Various Crafts and Colouring**

Saturday 14th June 2025

- **The Animal Man**
- **Animal Crafts and Colouring**

Saturday 12th July 2025

- **Quiet Club**
- **Various Crafts and Colouring**

Bowling trip TBC

Bookings will be taken at Saturday clubs, via Facebook or through Jane Nott 07525-668608 once details are finalised.

Please note, there is no Saturday club in August 2025. Saturday clubs resume on Saturday 13th September 2025 (SENstation sensory tent) – See you all then 😊
Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for details of any extra events.



Gandeys Circus have given us some discount vouchers for their show at

Merry Hill Shopping Centre DY5 1QX – 6th - 23rd March 2025.

Please contact the school office if you would like any vouchers, subject to availability.

Please be advised we do not know the show, do investigate yourselves prior to going.

MARCH 2025

21	World Down Syndrome Day Red Nose Day
28	EYFS Parent Support Group – coffee and catch up -- 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House Mother's Day/Carer Gift Shop

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.