

Newsletter Friday 11th April 2025

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Information for Parents



What a lovely week it has been at WFS, lots of amazing events with fabulous parent involvement - thank you for supporting us.

We have also welcomed two babies into the Wyre Forest family. Class teacher Matt Birch welcomed a little baby boy, and class teacher Laura Whale a little girl. We are all delighted for them.

This week we are celebrating 10 years in our school building - thank you for the amazing birthday present donations for our sensory cupboard. You are so generous.

Have a lovely Easter and see you all back on Monday 28th April.



Calendar Dates

Please find information and times of school events on the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App.



SCHOOL TRENDS

**15% discount
with offer code:
EASTER15**

Ends 21st April



Family Support through the Easter holiday

Donna Lester - Senior Family Support Worker will be available for support throughout the Easter holiday – from Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April (excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday).

You can contact Donna between 9am and 3pm.

Please ring the school office and choose option 7 on the phone system to be put through.

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Post 16



13K have had a very busy Term!

We have visited The Hive in Worcester and spent time chatting to the Worcs Careers team, whilst we were there, we explored the library and talked about our favourite books.

We were invited to the Skills show where we spoke to many employers and what they offer. We found out what skills and qualifications may be needed and how the companies can help us. We even got to try out equipment, test our knowledge of body parts and practice our pull ups with the Army.

We spent time at Kidderminster college looking at what courses they offer and how to apply.



13K

We have also had lots of fun this term...

We took part in World Book Day and dressed up as our favourite characters.

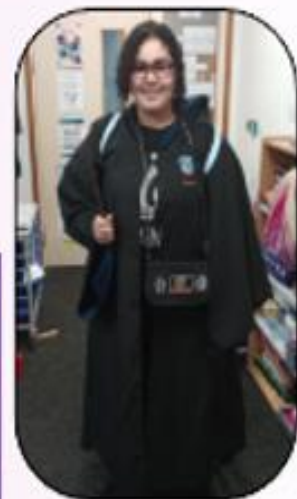
We celebrated Red Nose Day with a disco, crazy wigs and lots of dancing.

We were given the task of shopping to furnish our new ILS hub, TreeTops. We planned our theme and made a list of all the items we needed. We then visited Dunelm to shop.



News!

We now have a card machine at Blossom tree café, so we are able to take card payments. If you wish to visit us, we'd love to see you.



Spring term 2 (24th February - 11th April 2025)

QUINTIN DUNN

COMPUTING

QUIN DESIGNED A MINI GAME USING SCRATCH PROGRAMMING AND WAS SO EXCITED TO SHARE " WITH THE KIDS" (WE ASKED IF IT WAS OK TO SHARE WITH POPLAR CLAS.) HE HAD THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE CLASS EXPLAINING THE RULES OF THE GAME AND COMMENTING THROUGHOUT HE ALLOWED ALL PUPILS TO ENGAGE CALLING OUT TO HIM WHAT COLOUR THEY WANTED TO WIN! QUIN CONTINUED TO USE THE SCRATCH PROGRAMMING TO CREATE MORE GAMES AND LOOKED FORWARD TO GIVING HIS CHARACTERS THEIR OWN PERSONALITIES AND IDENTITIES GIVING HIS FEMALE CHARACTERS EYELASHES. HE EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT THEIR VOICES AND TOOK GREAT THOUGHT INTO EACH SOUND THEY MADE.

INDEPENDENCE

THIS HALF TERM QUIN HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON SHOWING US WHAT SKILLS HE KNOWS.
ANYONE FANCY A CUP OF TEA?
QUIN CAN MAKE IT FOR YOU.
NOT A TEA DRINKER
HE WILL MAKE YOU A GLASS OF SQUASH
NEED HELP WATERING YOUR PLANTS?
QUIN WILL DO THAT!
HE CAN RECYCLE.
HE CAN WASH, DRY AND PUT KITCHEN EQUIPMENT AWAY.
HE KNOWS HOW AND WHEN TO CALL 999
HE ALSO KNOWS WHAT SERVICE IS NEEDED FOR WHAT SITUATION.



13B



Week 1 (24.2.25)

Monday - Busy at the allotment, getting ready to start planting!

Tuesday - Dance workout and painting our heart crafts

Thursday - cooking a delicious Korma

Friday - more fitness with a workout at a local social care provider.



Students also practiced money skills by counting our ILS money to see what the budget is, and helping Hot Toppings by sending a team out to collect money.

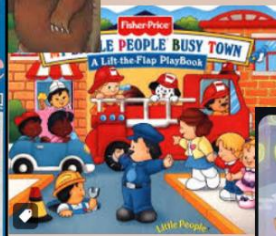
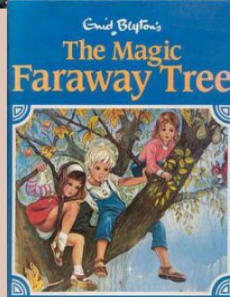
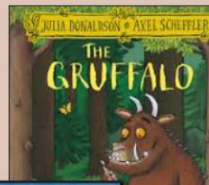
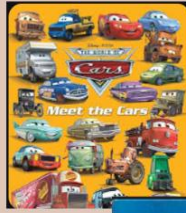


We saw some lovely communication between students past and present at the Odell Centre.

And we helped Mrs Thompson celebrate her birthday.



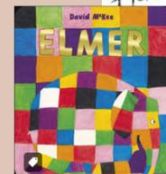
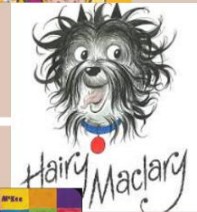
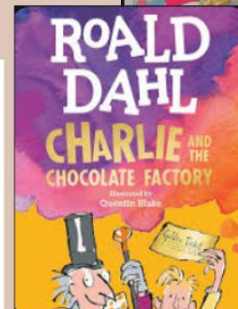
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Week 2 (3.3.25)

This week we have welcomed visitors and enjoyed dancing and Yoga together. Students practiced their kickboxing skills at the Odell Centre.

We cooked a very tasty veggie stir-fry and made the most delicious cheesecake ever! Lots of teamwork shown- helping each other to use the hob/wok, and folding lots of Blossom Tree Cafe T shirts. On Friday we enjoyed lots of World Book Day fun, we all talked about our own favourite books. In the afternoon we considered image sharing in PHSE and gender in RSE.



13B



Week 3 (10.3.25)

This week has been all about teamwork for 13B.

At the allotment pupils supported each other to clean, make compost and water the plants.



We had a team games afternoon on Tuesday in 'Health' and used the parachute - a new favourite is Parachute Twister!



In community lessons we have been looking at our own identities and how these may change over time.



We also enjoyed visiting the USA in ILS this week with burgers and fries for lunch.



More fitness took place on Friday with HIIT training at the Odell Centre.



13B



Week 4 (17.3.25)

An exciting week in 13B as we have welcomed a new student.

Teaching staff have been very proud of everyone in the class for being so welcoming - and of our newbie who has settled in amazingly well.

We have been recycling, and completing a lot of different exercise classes; from wheelchair workouts to HITT at the Odell Centre.

We have been busy working on a special craft project too.

In cooking we worked as a team to create a delicious pasta bake with home made garlic bread.

We really enjoyed manipulating our images for Red Nose Day too,



13B



Week 5 (24.3.25)

It's been a very Spring inspired week in 13B.

We made the most of the sunshine and got out in the fresh air at every opportunity.

Students made a flower basket to celebrate Mother's Day.

Our meal in ILS was a BBQ inspired Hot Dogs and fries.

We also kept up with our keep fit by a wheelchair aerobic workout. Everyone giggled and groaned their way through it!



13B



It's 13B - Autism Awareness



Week 6 (31.3.25)

There's been an awful lot going on in 13B and across the Sixth Form this week.

We held a themed 'Health and Social Care' Day where students found out much more about careers in this sector, from uniforms to health and safety and first aid.



We cooked a full English breakfast and students tried new foods with confidence - discovering they like new things!



Lots of exercise took place with our health lesson, fitness session and Autism colour walk.

And we helped Mrs G celebrate her special birthday.



13B



Week 7 (7.4.25)

It was all about the allotment for us this week.

The class enjoyed a glorious day of sunshine to help keep them motivated while we got lots of jobs done.

Lots of watering of the plants by all the students. We were especially careful with the rhubarb plants.

The seedlings were given a little bath in the polytunnel too.

And we dead-headed the daffodils.

The allotment is ship shape and ready for the Easter Holidays now!



14W

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 term

What a busy term!

In Life Beyond School we have been learning about friends, relationships and our community. We have discussed friendship qualities, how to demonstrate good friendship and ways we can maintain or resolve conflicts. We have looked at ways to keep in touch with our friends once we leave school and how this relates to our community.

In PSHE we have been learning about digital lives. Students created surveys at the start of the term to find out what devices and apps we use. We looked at how to communicate with friends online and what boundaries we may need to keep us and others safe and happy.

In RSE we have been learning about romantic relationships, including different stages of relationships.

This term

- No Barriers event
- World Book Day
- Red Nose Day
- Health and Social Care Day
- Train trip to Worcester



No Barriers Event

Students from 14W and 13H were very excited to attend the No Barriers Awards on the 4th March. The event was held at the Wyre Forest District Council and recognises organisations that go the extra mile for others.

We were very honoured to accept another award for Blossom Tree Cafe.



INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

The focus this term has been pasta dishes. Students have enjoyed choosing a dish each week that they would like to cook and serve their peers. We have been focusing on skills such as loading the dish washer, opening tins and following recipes. The students have been excellent at problem solving if they have gone over budget and have bought cheaper alternatives or adapted their recipe.

Favourite pasta dishes and puddings we have made this term were:

- Pasta bake
- Mac and cheese
- Rocky Road
- Apple Crumble



Blossom Tree Cafe

This term at Blossom Tree Cafe, students have enjoyed working in the sunnier weather. We are now using our card machine more often to take payments from customers. This has enabled the students to develop their functional skills and understanding on how a card machine and debit card works.

We enjoyed serving our friends from 11H at the cafe. A student even said it was the best bacon sandwich they ever had!

14W

NEWSLETTER

Health and Social Care Day

Last week we took part in a health and social care theme day. The students learnt about different jobs and their roles and responsibilities. They developed their first aid skills and demonstrated how they would bandage someone. In the personal care session, students learnt more about a carers role, whilst having the opportunity to practice putting on PPE and role playing assisting someone to eat. Students ended the day by making and designing cards and games for people in a care home environment.



Train to Worcester

Before half-term students welcomed Tom from Platform Education. He provided a workshop on rail safety, confidence and behaviour. After their session we was set with the task of planning a trip to Worcester on the train. Students worked together to look at a train timetable and choose the most appropriate one, leaving us with enough time to get there and to get back in time for the end of the day. We had a discussion on what items we may need to take with us and the steps needed to be taken during a train journey.

This Thursday our train journey plan became a reality. We set off from Kidderminster Station and travelled to Worcester Foregate Street by train. We walked across the city to The Hive Library where we had a tour of the library, an opportunity to explore the books and our lunch. Students loved their time in Worcester and were very thankful to Tom for helping organise and educate them on rail safety and catching a train.

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PHOTOS



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12H NEWSLETTER

April 2025



What We Learned

Horticulture

12H have been learning about growing vegetables and how to care for them. They have planted tomatoes, peas and peppers. They have been taking it in turns to water the allotment and digging up the weeds.



Community

12H have been accessing the community with trips to the co-op. They practiced travel training and independence by choosing their own snacks. They also scanned their snacks at the self-checkout.



Accessing Nature

12H have enjoyed nature walks around Mary Stevens park and the Wyre forest. Communication aids have been used to allow conversations about what they can see and hear.





Communication and Interaction News and Information

Welcome back,



In this section we have lots of information on visual resources you can access for Spring/Easter from Widgit.com.

There can be lots of activities happening over Easter which can make some children feel anxious, this is because they are used to their routine and will find change a little difficult to manage.

One way to help prepare a child for and young person with change and to understand what is happening is to use a visual planner.

Widgit.com have produced a fabulous visual weekly Easter planner to help you plan activities for your family.

The days are visually represented and split into morning and afternoon. Add your own, photos, symbols and text.



Weekly Easter Holiday visual planner

[Widgit Symbol Resources | Easter Holiday Planner](#)

Here are some other great resources on Widgit.com for Spring/Easter:

- Spring pack with lots of games, stories and activities
[Widgit Symbol Resources | Spring Pack](#)
- A simple easy to follow picture recipe for Easter biscuits
[Easter Biscuits | Widgit](#)
- Create your own Easter card using this template which is available to customise and colour. Also provided are a range of Easter themed templates to cut out and decorate. When complete, the templates can be added to your Easter cards and decorations.
- [Easter Cards | Widgit](#)



Hope you have lots and lots of fun!!!

Kind regards
Communication team



24.03.25

Limitless

Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling

At Stourport Sports Club

THIS SUNDAY

April 13th **1 pm to 3 pm**

Its £5 per rider and a carer is free

Price includes bike hire and helmet



Please note the session,

For this week only is

1 pm till 3 pm

Please do not come at the usual time !

For more information call Paul on,

07843020406 or [wfcrc.org.uk/inclusive cycling](http://wfcrc.org.uk/inclusive-cycling)



Dancing Leaves



This term Dancing leaves have been busy preparing for their Easter sale. Pupils have chosen what to make and worked together using different tools, machines and materials to create some amazing crafts.



Autism Acceptance Day 2025

Money raised
£106.60



Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun activities and helped to raise money for the National Autistic Society. Take a look at the photographs of our fun activities, Diversity Quilts and Colour Spectrum Walk.

We had a fabulous day!

Autism Acceptance Day



Spectrum Colour Walk



Autism Acceptance Day



Diversity



Quilts

Spectrum Colour Walk



Autism Acceptance Day Fun







Hansel and Gretel

Saturday 12 April 2025

10am – 12pm At Kidderminster Youth House

Back by popular demand – Mark and Rowan's Action Songs!

We are also taking bookings for a free family Bowling and Pizza Party Trip

All are welcome, old and new – we look forward to seeing you!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mother's Day gift wrap this year we raised an amazing £264.33!

As we draw closer to our Annual Meeting for the Friends of Wyre Forest, we invite you to attend for some cake and a chat on how we have spent money raised, what projects we have in mind to support future use of funds and to elect our committee. So, if you can join us, please do! We need at least 6 people to attend in order to proceed with the meeting and keep our Friends of Wyre Forest going.

The date and time of the meeting is

12th May 2025 at 9:30am

Location: Russell House

Join us for our

Newlife Awareness Session

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to connect and learn more about the support available to you!

To celebrate a generous donation from the Dorothy Pamela Smith Charity and share more about Newlife's free services, we're hosting a day of valuable information, where you can:

Learn about

Equipment Grants & Loans available to support your child's needs.



Discover

the incredible Play Therapy Pods and how they can benefit your child.



Access

our Nurse Helpline for expert advice and guidance.



Find out

how we advocate for families and how you can get involved in our campaigns.



Explore

Fundraising opportunities and ways you can make a difference.



Meet Newlife nurses and senior managers, sign up for Play Therapy Pods, ask questions, gain insight into how you can apply for Equipment Grants and Loans **and learn how Newlife can support you and your family.**

Date: 28/04/25 12-3pm

Location: WR1 2NE Royal Porcelain Works

Worcester Warriors Foundation event held at Royal Porcelain Works WR1 2NE contact dan.hart@warriorsfoundation.co.uk to book a free place. As its a walk in event you can arrive anytime between 12 and 3

Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children. Registered Charity Number 1170125 in England & Wales.

 **newlife**
The Charity for Disabled Children

To attend, book a place with dan.hart@warriorsfoundation.co.uk

It is an open event, so you just arrive between 1-3pm.



Russell House

Monday Ice cream by the river Sports hall

Tuesday Picnic in the park

Wednesday **EASTER Party**

Thursday Easter art & crafts Cricket



EGG HUNT



THANK YOU
SO MUCH



Thank you to Hannah and
Daniel for our easter eggs
and party food.

