

Newsletter Friday 2nd May 2025

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Information for Parents



I am absolutely delighted to tell you that following our Ofsted inspection of Russell House in March, we can now share that we received an outstanding judgement for the third inspection in a row! Well done everyone.

Inspection dates: 4 to 6 March 2025

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account **outstanding**

How well children and young people are helped and protected **outstanding**

The effectiveness of leaders and managers **outstanding**

The residential special school provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the school contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people.

Date of previous inspection: 26 February 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: outstanding

I know this time of year everyone is getting anxious about classes for September. We will notify children and parents on the 13th June of classes and their teacher for September. We will not notify which TA's because TA's only have a 4-week resignation period and all could change.

8th May is VE Day (and Molly the dogs 5th Birthday). Children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue if they want to and keep an eye on our flagpole.

Finally, just a reminder that school will be closed on TUESDAY 13TH MAY, to enable us all to go to Carole Horton's funeral. Carole was a wonderful member of staff who sadly passed away 2nd April. She was in work on 1st April so you can imagine we are all extremely shocked and saddened for her family and want to pay our respects. Thank you for the many kind words we have received, and I have passed them to her family.

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Early Years and Pathway 1

ORANGE CLASS



We hope you all had an amazing Easter break. The children have enjoyed our story this week which is 'Dear Zoo'. The children have explored a range of 'Dear Zoo' activities including sensory tuff trays and a creative activity printing animal footprints.



LEMON CLASS



Lemon class had a lovely afternoon at our Early years easter theme stay and play.

we had sensory play experiences, easter craft, songs and a decorate your own biscuit table (yummy).

This half term the children will be experiencing animals as we cover our new topic of all creatures great and small.



APPLE CLASS



STAY AND PLAY



APPLE CLASS HAVE REALLY ENJOYED THERE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS COMING TO PLAY





Classroom Announcement



Sycamore class have
done some great
choosing and engaging
with items in the pool.





This week Sycamore class have settled back in lovely. They have enjoyed lots of different activities such as washing dolls, learning body parts, doing some painting and cooking – making sea cups.



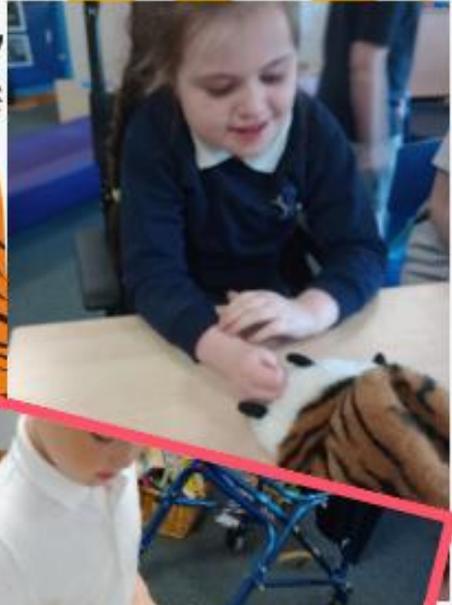


YEW CLASS

Newsletter

Summer 1

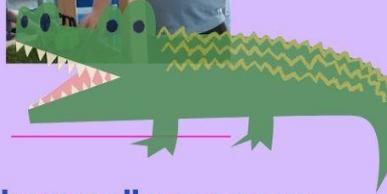
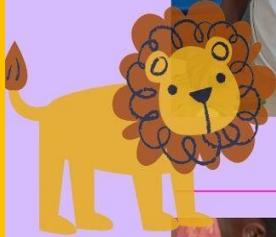
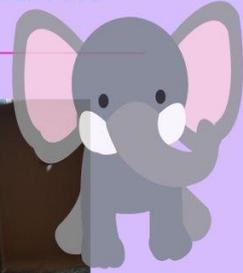
This half term Yew Class are learning all about 'Wild animals'. We have started our topic with learning about tigers by exploring the story 'The Tiger Who came to Tea'. We explored orange and black paint to make tiger stripes, had tea parties using our toy food and explored the story props- our favourite being the big tiger slippers.





Holly Class Newsletter

Holly class have had an exciting new topic of Zoo animals, they have loved exploring out Zoo animals, feeding them practicing fine motor skills, looking at big and small animals and working on building our play skills sharing toys and engaging in lots of fun and exciting adult lead activities!



Amazing work Holly Class! We have really seen some fabulous progression in your engagement within our new topic!!

FIG Class

We are fully embracing our new Transport topic this half term and tying this into our individual targets. We are particularly enjoying working on number, listening to and taking part in number rhymes, saying some counting words and recognising and ordering numerals. We are continuing to develop our communication skills by exploring different attributes. This week we have really enjoyed exploring different colours. We are also enjoying developing our thinking and problem-solving skills when playing games.



ALDER CLASS



Alder class have been happy returning to school after the Easter Half – Term. We have been busy using sensory media, and counting out objects from larger groups and playing instruments to our under the sea theme.





Beech Class Newsletter

Summer 1



THIS WEEK

Beech class have made an excellent start to the Summer Term! Everyone is very happy to be outside in the sun, and enjoying our new theme of Zoo animals!



PARK



UPDATES

Reminders:

Please ensure student's clothing is labelled

Please apply sun cream at home and let us know if you have!

Please send plenty of drinks for the hot weather if water will not work for your child



PE



CLASSROOM



Lime Class



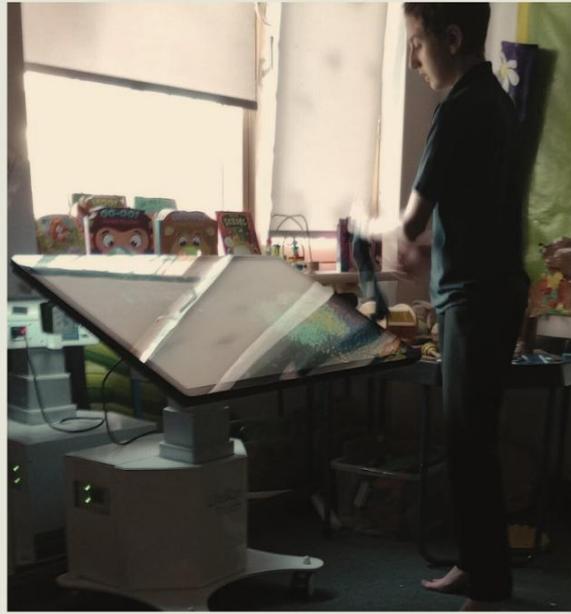
In Lime Class we have had a really super first week back, full of lots of fun! We have been working on developing our cause-and-effect knowledge, working hard on our communication, exploring play in lots of different areas around school, as well as developing our ball skills. Our favourite thing we have done this week is play with a new cause-and-effect toy. We attached a balloon to a toy, pumped lots of air into the balloon and push the 'go' button to make it fly! It was very fun. We have also played lots of musical instruments, parachute games and also played ball games with our very fun light up beach ball.

This week we also got to visit one of our favourite places... Soft Play! We did really well playing with peers, and some of us even did some really super, patient waiting and turn taking during our stop and start games.

We are very excited for the rest of the term!

CEDAR CLASS

Cedar Class are enjoying being back . We've worked hard on our physio skills and can't wait for our Friday swim. We have really enjoyed exploring sensory messy and noisy things for our new topic Fantasy.





Larch Class



This week Larch class have been transitioning to the sports halls to explore travelling over, under and through PE apparatus. Some were more apprehensive than others but we are hoping that our confidence will improve with our weekly sessions this term.





Elm class

The children have settled back in well to class very well. This short term our topic is zoo animals. We are looking at two books, one called 'Dear Zoo' and the other call 'The Zoo Vet'. As the weather has been hot this week, we made our own ice lollies.

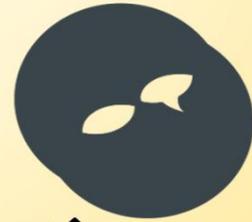


PARENT POP-IN WFS PARENTS & CARERS

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



Communication and Interaction News and Information

Welcome back,
here is some useful information about keeping safe in the sun
you can share and chat about with your child.

 **Stay safe in the sun**

 The weather can be very sunny during summer.

 you can enjoy being outside in the sun.

 You should be careful in the sun.

 You should always protect yourself from the sun rays.

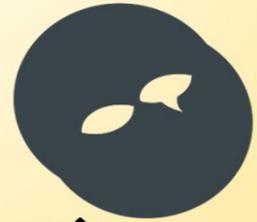
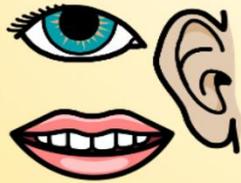
 The sun can burn your skin.

 The sun can make you ill.

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Kind regards
Communication team





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Stay safe in the sun

- 1 Put on suncream ✓
- 2 Wear sunglasses ✓
- 3 Wear a hat or cap ✓
- 4 Drink plenty of water ✓
- 5 Seek shade from the sun ✓
- 6 Wear protective clothing ✓

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Communication team



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Stay & Play Saturday Sessions for SEND Under 6's

At Worcestershire County Museum
Hartlebury Castle (DY11 7XZ)

Join us in a safe space with
hands-on activities, bubbles & fun!

A place where children can play
and parents and carers can
connect over a cuppa.

Sessions are FREE
but booking is essential.

Free parking. Activities based in a
ground level room (pictured) with
adjacent accessible toilet.

When: 11.00 – 12:30
10th May

(then every 2 weeks
24th May, 7th June,
21st June, 5th July, 19th July)

How to Book:
Call 01299 250416
to confirm your place



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**PARENT AND
CARERS
EVENING**



**WEDNESDAY
14th MAY 2025**

4pm - 6pm

Venue - Kidderminster College
Market Street
Kidderminster
DY10 1AB

SEN PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

THIS GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP BY PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO SHARE INFORMATION/GAIN SUPPORT AND SOCIALISE IN A CHILD FREE ENVIRONMENT.

**This group meets
from 1 to 2.30 pm**

Brookside Family Hub, Borrington
Road, Kidderminster, DY10 3ED

This group is for parents/carers
only.

14th and 28th
May

9th and 23rd
July



11th and 25th
June

13th and 27th
August

No diagnosis is required to attend these drop in sessions.

For more information, please contact us on 01562 827207/
01299 877290 or email us at admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk

EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE



Russell House

Monday Playground

Tuesday Walk to the park Swimming

Wednesday Walk to get ice cream

Thursday Cricket Water fight & Paddling pool



