

Newsletter Friday 9th May 2025

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Information for Parents



I hope you enjoyed a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, and the weeks are racing away! Holiday dates for May half term holiday club have gone out and straight after half term dates for summer club will go out. Remember this is heavily subsidised from WCC and staffing dependent. Jake Townell is running holiday club, so any queries get in touch.

We are also excited to offer after school childcare as a trial in Summer 2 for 2 nights a week. This is not subsidised and will need to be paid for, but tax credits can be used. If successful we will open to more nights as I know many working parents need this facility.

I hope you have seen our flags commemorating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. The children have looked great in red, white and blue.



Last week I mentioned the amazing Russell House OUTSTANDING inspection for the 3rd time in a row.

Here is the link to the full report - please take time to read [Russell House Ofsted 2025](#)

If you are unhappy about something or even have just a niggle, don't let it fester. Speak to your class teacher. If it doesn't get resolved after that this chart helps you see who to go to next. We prefer to nip things in the bud sooner rather than later.

Class Name	Class Teacher	Pathway Leader	Senior Leader	Senior Deputy HT	Headteacher				
EYFS Pathway			Alison Hopkins (Supporting Families Team – attendance/transport etc)	Jo Kehoe	Rebecca Garratt				
APPLE	Sarah Garbutt	Charley Curtis							
LEMON	Natalie Mason								
ORANGE	Beth Lacy								
PATHWAY 1			Rebekah Thompson (Transition/Preparation for Adulthood/Life after WFS) Laura Morris (Meeting pupils needs/EHCPs) Aimee Pearce (Behaviour & Well Being)						
ALDER	Emma Tolley	Laura Morris							
BEECH	Louis Patterson								
CEDAR	Lucy Campbell / Judith Smith								
ELM	Jo Knight								
FIG	Michelle Griffiths								
HOLLY	Jess Lewis								
LARCH	Nicola Byng								
LIME	Bethan Bristow								
SYCAMORE	Louise Lowe								
YEW	Rosie Thorpe								
PATHWAY 2									
ASH	Jodie Landon	Emily Woodall							
BIRCH	Tyla Serrell								
CHERRY	Katie Sarchet								
CHESTNUT	Justine Ledwith								
HAWTHORN	Lyndsey McKaye-French								
HAZEL	Louise Fulcher-Insull								
MAPLE	Sophie Machin								
POPLAR	Matt Birch								
ROWAN	Shannon Hewes								
WILLOW	Emily Woodall								
PATHWAY 3									
FOREST	Bryony Woodward								Zoe Wilkes
JUNIPER	Dan Archer								
OAK	Su Weston								
OLIVE	Zoe Wilkes								
PEAR	Connor Smith								
SPRUCE	Rebecca Southall								
WALNUT	Alex Johnson								
Pathway 4									
4C	Louise Calder	Louise Calder							
4GH	Nina Geithner-Hill								
POST 14									
10SD	Amy Scott / Gareth Davies	Rebekah Thompson							
11H	Sam Harper								
11P	Fran Phillips								
POST 16									
12H	Simon Pearce	Rebekah Thompson							
13B	Naomi Baines								
13H	Rosie Hopkins								
13K	Emma Kallitsakis								
14W	Demi Wooldridge								

Finally, thank you for the kind words about Carole Horton.
Please remember school is closed on Tuesday 13th May so we can go to her funeral.
A kind, caring and compassionate person who is sadly missed by all at WFS.



Intro to Autism

Join us for our Intro to Autism sessions.
A two part course with our autism specialist teacher Sue Jones covering use of Communication, visuals and behaviour.

Monday 12th May 1.30-2.45pm
Monday 19th May 9.30-11am
@ Russell House

RSVP to dmi31@wfs.worcs.sch.uk



Year 8 Pupils



All Parents of Year 8 pupils have been emailed a letter today with information and a link to click on to give consent or not to the HPV 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 19th June 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/hpv/2024/worcestershire>

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 2

ROWAN CLASS

FOREST SCHOOL- WE HAVE LOVED
PRACTISING OUR WITTLING SKILLS



PLAYING GAMES- WE HAVE BEEN
PRACTISING SHARING TOYS



ROWAN CLASS

INDEPENDENCE- WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING
AT SHOPPING LISTS AND WASHING
CLOTHES



PHYSICAL AND SENSORY- WE HAVE
LOOKING AT DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES WE
LIKE





Hazel Class

Hazel Class have been enjoying swimming and music during our new topic We're Going to the Zoo. We've had lots of fun practicing our skills joining in with familiar songs and using the instruments in different ways.



POPLAR CLASS



NEWSLETTER

Look at what we have been doing

Poplar Class have been enjoying our new topic "On the Farm". We have been looking at what animals we find on the farm and enjoying different stories related to farm animals.

In independence we have been making beans and spaghetti on toast. Some of us have been making the toast and some of us have been using the microwave to warm up the beans and spaghetti.



Hawthorn Class

WFS

On the Farm

This half term our theme is 'On the Farm'. Our Stories so far have been 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'What the Ladybird Heard Next'. We'll also be doing 'A Squash and Squeeze' and 'The Little Red Hen'.

In cognition and learning, we are making a simple fact file about a chosen animal and in maths we will be looking at number and counting.

In communication we have been focussing on listening and attention activities, by listening to sounds and matching them with the animal, and playing listening games.

We have started doing some farmyard dance and continuing with swimming and bike track for physical and sensory.

Key Days

Tuesday
Dance
(no change of clothes needed)

Wednesday
Swimming

Thursday
P.E

Activities this Week



WILLOW CLASS



Willow class have been pretending to be weather forecasters and have been learning about suitable clothing for different weathers.



CHESTNUT CLASS

Chestnut Class are having a fabulous time in Forest School
this term. They have been exploring using water to pour
down the drain pipes to fill up containers, finding the
hidden hungry caterpillars and having a go at whittling sticks
using a peeler.





CHESTNUT CLASS

ASH CLASS NEWSLETTER

Physical and Sensory:

This half term, we will be developing our sportsmanship skills ready for sports day. We will be looking at turn taking, team work and supporting others. We will also continue to access the swimming pool and bike track.

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

This half term we will be developing our understanding of emotions, how these feel in our bodies and how our actions effect those round us.

Independence:

This half term we will be focussing on personal hygiene and will be continuing with our class cafe. During our hygiene sessions we will focus on washing our hands, recognising when items are clean or dirty and which products I need to use.

Creative:

Over this half term we will be developing our dance skills. We will be creating a short sequence of movements to perform to music.



BIRCH CLASS NEWSLETTER



Swimming

Birch class enjoyed swimming as a whole class group.



Amazing work!

Birch class were able to perform a range of swimming techniques including; front crawl, back crawl, starfish pose, front and back rockets across the pool.





Cherry class have been exploring independence and personal hygiene. We have been looking at how to look after and brush our teeth, and what foods can strengthen or damage our teeth.



A newsletter article from Maple class will appear in next week's edition

Pathway 2

Sports Day and End of Year Celebration

**Ash, Poplar, Rowan,
Hawthorn, Maple**

Tuesday 1st July

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Secondary Playground

(Celebration in classes after
Sports Day activities)

**Birch, Chestnut, Willow,
Hazel, Cherry**

Wednesday 2nd July

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Secondary Playground

(Celebration in classes after
Sports Day activities)

HOLIDAY CLUB EASTER

Thank you to all the children and staff who attended holiday club at Easter. You were all amazing!



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Waterplay: Everyone had fun playing in the water tray and chasing the adults with cups of water to cool them down in the sun!

Park: We enjoyed exploring the park equipment, especially the swings!

Football: We had a great kick-about on the playground.

Music: Some children loved making their own tunes on the keyboard.



WE ALSO ENJOYED...

- Swimming
- Rebound Therapy
- Soft play
- Sensory rooms
- Outside play

HANSEL & GRETEL SUPPORT GROUP FAMILY CLUB

Saturday 10th May 10am-12noon

at Kidderminster Youth House

This Saturday we will be welcoming back Kirsten Reeves from Debutots offering us sensory stories and songs along with our usual activities and crafts. Victor will be bringing along his baby Dutch rabbits and answering your SEN/EHCP questions in a quiet space.

We are delighted to welcome Michelle De Torres from Nigel Prosser Foundation who will be happy to share the work of this new SEN Charity and also bring along some sensory equipment.

Club open to the whole family including siblings and grandparents. Tell your friends.

**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
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YOUNG ADULT
LEARNING WORCESTERSHIRE

TUES
13th MAY
open evening

Aged 16-19?
Looking for an
alternative to
school or college?

ENING • **COME TO OUR OPEN EVENING** • **COME**
Tuesday 13th May 2025 • **5-8pm** • **Fairfield Learning Centre**

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#TheNewShapeOfLearning





Just a quick reminder that our Annual Meeting for the Friends of Wyre Forest is on Monday.

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

RUSSELL HOUSE

MONDAY Bank Holiday

TUESDAY Swimming sycamore
center

WEDNESDAY Shopping park
Baking with our way

THURSDAY Cricket Bike track

