



Newsletter Friday 18th July 2025

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Information for Parents



Well, another year has flown by. The children have made amazing progress and matured ready for the next chapter, whether that be a new class, a new Pathway or even leaving us for their grown-up provision. They all should be very proud of themselves.

Staff at WFS have had a great year too, with a third outstanding Ofsted in a row at Russell House and an amazing school Ofsted. They all deserve a well-earned rest because day in and day out they go the extra mile for the children at WFS.

Thank you to the staff who are giving up days of their holiday to run the holiday club. Jake has done a great job trying to fit as many people in as possible.

Thank you, to you - the parents. This year we think we have had the best attendance at all of our events from parents than we have ever had. It means so much to us to see you enjoying the events and time with your children. Also, thank you for the kind emails, the cards and gifts. None of us expect anything but we are very thankful and the words in the emails and cards mean so much to us.

Donna (Family Support) is working through the summer so if there is a problem get in touch (see below).

Finally, have a lovely summer and we will see you back on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Thank you,



Family Support during the school holidays

Donna Lester, Senior Family Support Worker is available throughout the summer holiday on 01562 827785 (**choose option 7**) between 9-3pm or my email address is dml31@wfs.worcs.sch.uk.

I am on annual leave from Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August.

School finishes at 3pm on Friday 18th July. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are in training on Monday 21st July and the school office is closed for the summer.

[Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Post 16](#)



13B INDEPENDENCE



Staff have witnessed some incredible independence this term in our ILS lessons. Students have been able to follow a shopping list in Tesco with very little adult support, and used kitchen equipment to prepare simple meals independently.



13B HEALTH



We have been keeping as fit as possible at Yoga and Kickboxing off-site at the Odell Centre as well as a lovely session in school with the meditation session led by one of our students. Everyone tried their best at sports day too!



13B ALLOTMENT



We have been trying to keep Allotment Plot A neat and tidy and thriving in the heat. The pumpkin plants are doing ok with lots of care by our students.



13B ENTERPRISE / WORK



Everyone takes part in Enterprise sessions each week. At the cafe, in Dancing Leaves or Hot Toppings.

13B LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL

We have visited different settings for activities and found out about bank accounts and different jobs in our Life Beyond School lessons.

PRIDE 2025

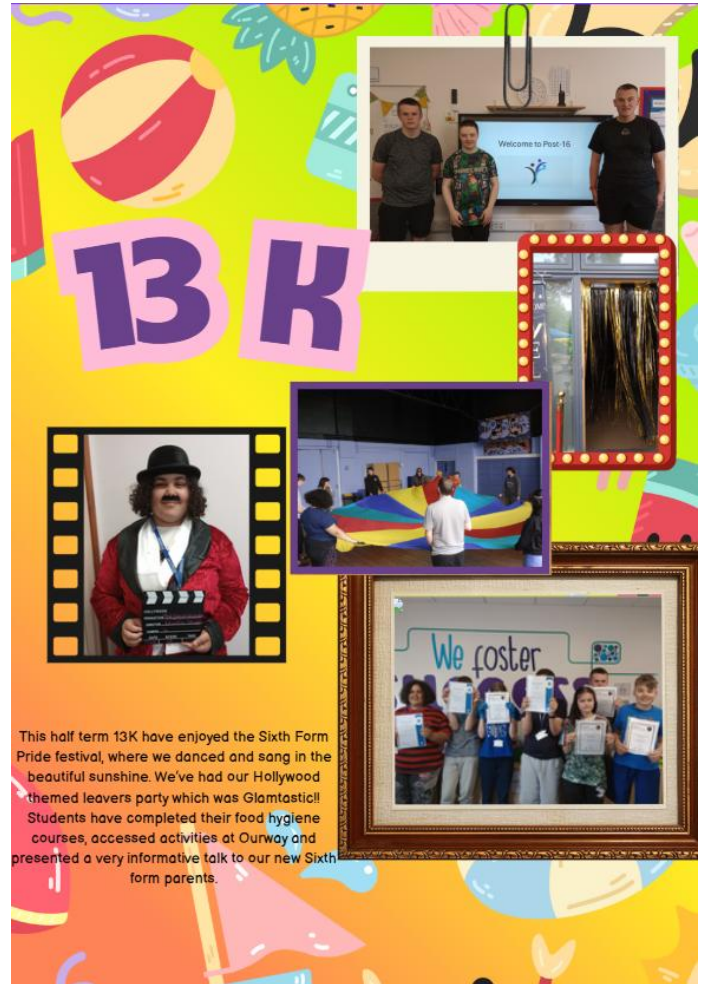
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Leaver's Party 2025

13B know how to party!

13H Summer Term

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This half term 13K have enjoyed the Sixth Form Pride festival, where we danced and sang in the beautiful sunshine. We've had our Hollywood themed leavers party which was Glamastical! Students have completed their food hygiene courses, accessed activities at Ourway and presented a very informative talk to our new Sixth form parents.

14W NEWSLETTER

THIS TERM

What a busy last term 14W have had! This term students took part in an 'understanding yourself and parenting' programme. The sessions covered relationships, brain development and what babies need.

We were very fortunate to have a tour of a local health centre in Kidderminster. Students had the opportunity to ask lots of questions about job roles and had a go at filling in a patient form!

Wyre Forest Nightstop and Mediation visited us this term. Students learnt what it means to be homeless and why people may need emergency accommodation.



HEALTH CENTRE VISIT

14W NEWSLETTER

In ILS, students have been creating 'fakeaways'. They have used a range of takeaways for inspiration. In doing so, students have been able to compare the costing.

With our savings made from budgeting this year, students were able to visit Bewdley. We visited Merchants chip shop, Mrs Chills and Bewdley museum. Students ordered and paid for their food and developed their road safety awareness.



BEWDLEY TRIP



UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF AND PARENTING



NIGHTSTOP



ILS



BEWDLEY TRIP

14W NEWSLETTER

We celebrated Pride Festival again this year. Students took part in a self development day and participated in a range of activities. The day ended with karaoke and our own mini pride festival!

We had our leavers party this term. The theme was 'Hollywood'. Students enjoyed dressing up and celebrating with their peers. 14W has 7 students that are leaving this year to pastures new!



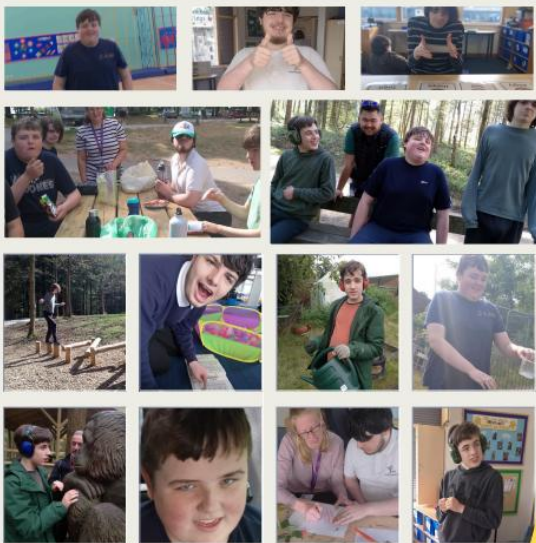
PRIDE FESTIVAL



LEAVERS PARTY

12H Year Round Up In Photographs

2024/2025



12H Year Round Up Newsletter



July 2025

Independence

This year the class have been developing their independence skills by making their own toast and squash as well as completing daily tasks such as emptying the dishwasher and setting the table. This has helped improve their confidence.

Swimming

12H have participated in swimming over the last academic year which has helped them to develop their communication skills. The whole class can confidently communicate their wants regarding swim equipment and activities. This lesson has also helped the class develop their independent skills with by completing dressing and undressing routines.

Allotment update!

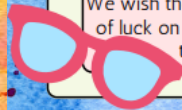
12H have taken an interest in the on-site allotment and have been developing their horticulture skills by growing garlic, potatoes and radishes. This has linked to learning how to care for the environment. 12H also took part in the big allotment clear up over the summer term and did a great job clearing the vegetable plots and rubbish, this helped develop their understanding on the environment and group skills.

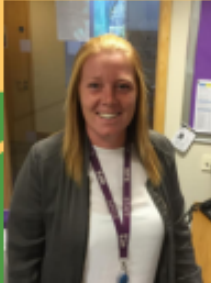
Access to the Community

On Monday 12H accessed the community by going to the CO-OP and buying their choice of crisps, they then travelled to the Wyre Forest to eat their snack and for a walk.

Goodbye & Good luck

We wish the students who are leaving the Wyre Forest School the best of luck on their next adventure and to all students remaining we wish them the best of luck next year in their new class.





Russell House Newsletter

Summer 2025

Head of Care's Message

And just like that, another fantastic year at Russell House comes to an end! From getting Outstanding for the third time, to saying some sad goodbyes and everything in between—it's definitely been a busy and memorable one.

We'd like to wish our Sixth Form leavers the very best of luck as they move on to their next chapter—we know you'll keep smashing it and making us all proud! And to all our other leavers heading off to new provisions, we're sending lots of good wishes your way too. You've got this!

While we're sad to see some pupils go, we're also really excited to be welcoming three new pupils to Russell House in September—we can't wait to have you with us!

A big thank you as well to all our parents and carers for your support throughout the year. It means a lot and really doesn't go unnoticed. I also want to give a huge shout-out to our amazing staff team. None of this would be possible without you, and the care and dedication you put in every day is what makes Russell House such a special place.

And finally, a big, good luck and congratulations to Lucie on her upcoming wedding in August—we can't wait to hear all about it!

Russell House

MONDAY	Forest school	Sports Hall
TUESDAY	Movie Night	Soft Play
WEDNESDAY	Visit to The Vale	Arts & Crafts
THURSDAY	Meal out	Soft Play

We wish you all a wonderful summer





Signing Buds Choir

What a great time that has been had by all in this academic year! I would just like to say, 'Thank you' to all our students and staff you have been amazing! We have all learnt so many new signs, helped and supported each other and most importantly had fun. To celebrate our last session, we had ice cream, popcorn, karaoke and pass the parcel. For those of you who are leaving WFS, I wish you all the very best in your new adventures, you will be missed! Remember to always, 'Make your own kind of music'.

- Jo 😊





Communication and Interaction News and Information

Activity Ideas for the Summer Holidays



Hi everyone,
we know how sometimes keeping children busy over the Summer holiday can be difficult but here are some ideas and resources to help you with this.

[Widgit Symbol Resources | Summer Pack](#)



These contain 32 fun activities. The Summer pack has:

- stories,
- activities
- worksheets



[Widgit Symbol Resources | Holiday Vocabulary](#)

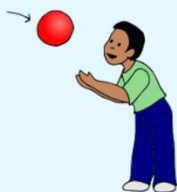


These contain symbols on:

- activities to do on holiday
- holiday clothes
- holiday transport
- things to see on holiday
- things to take on holiday



[23 Fun and Free Family Activities for Summer - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)



Here you can find 23 fun and free family friendly summer activities to bring you laughter and improve you child's communication skills along the way.



Kind regards
Communication team



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WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS 
LIBRARY
SUMMER EVENTS



- **Stourport Library on Monday 4th August 1.00 - 2.30**
Making Mini Beasts! An insect story and making mini beast models out of clay
- **Bewdley Library on Monday 13th August 11.00 - 12.00**
Making Mini Beasts! An insect story and making mini beast models out of clay
- **Kidderminster Library on Wednesday 20th August 10.00 - 11.30**
Creative Castles - Junk Modelling. A story and make a castle out of recycled materials.

Families with Children aged 0-5 years, siblings welcome.

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SUMMER

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WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS



Family Hubs - Wyre Forest

More info: worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs



SUMMER Week One

WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS

Mon 21 st July	Tue 22 nd July	Wed 23 rd July	Thu 24 th July	Fri 25 th July
<p>Stay and Play at BROOKSIDE 9.30 - 11.00</p> <p>Suitable for babies and children aged 0 - 5 years No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Breast Buddies Peer Support Group at BROOKSIDE 10.00 - 11.30</p> <p>For more information please email: whrwhs.breastfeeding.support@nhs.net</p>	<p>Birth and Beyond at BROOKSIDE 9.30 - 11.30</p> <p>A 4 week preparation for parenthood group for first-time parents. Please call to book: 01562 827207</p>	<p>Time for Baby Stay and Play at BROOKSIDE 10 - 11 am</p> <p>A postnatal stay and play group for newborn and non-movers and parents/carers.</p> <p>No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Some groups and services are provided by external partners / agencies and are subject to change</p>
<p>Well Child Clinic at BROOKSIDE 9.30 to 3.00</p> <p>Bookable appointment with a Community Nursery Nurse To book call 01905 520032</p>	<p>Men United Dad's and Male Caregivers Peer Support Group at BROOKSIDE 1.00 - 3.00</p> <p>No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>SEND Peer Support Group at BROOKSIDE 1.00 - 2.30</p> <p>For parents/carers of children and young people with additional needs. PARENTS/CARERS ONLY</p>	<p>Stay, Weigh & Play at HALF CROWN WOOD 1.00 - 2.30</p> <p>Suitable for babies and children aged 0 - 5 years. No need to book, just turn up!</p>	
<p>Speech & Language at HALF CROWN WOOD Booked Appointments</p>				



Family Hubs - Wyre Forest

More info: worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs

