

Newsletter Friday 26th September 2025

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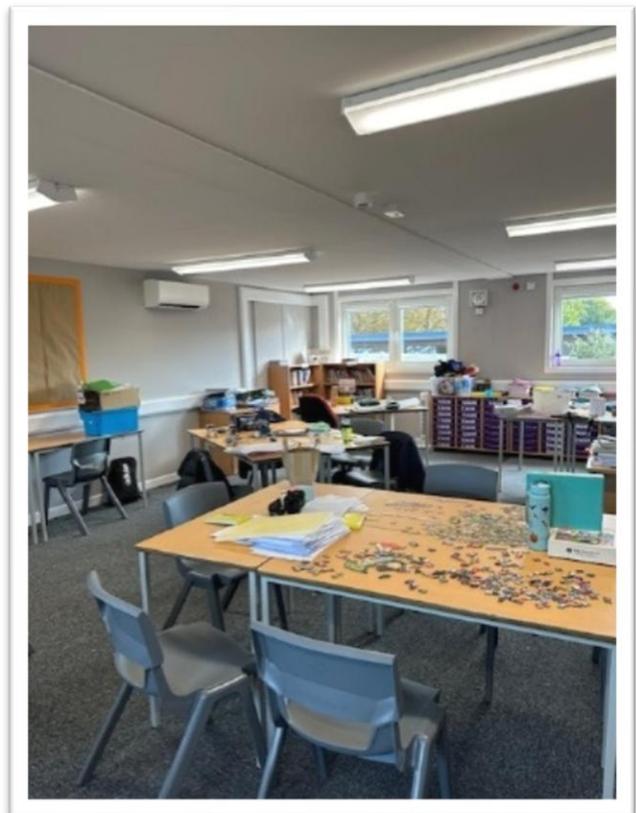
Information for Parents



We are very excited because today two classes could move into 'The Cabins'.

4C and Juniper class have started the year in very small rooms but today have finally moved into their new rooms. They are huge and although there are still a few things to sort, they are now safe to use.

The rest of the school are also jealous because 'The Cabins' have air conditioning!!!



Last week Jeans for Genes raised £131.80- this is a fabulous amount, thank you.

Health Information



NHS

Herefordshire and
Worcestershire

Who's got an updated Asthma Action Plan?

Don't forget to book
your child's Annual
Asthma review with
your GP.



Please click on the link below for HANDi App –
an App to check your child's symptoms and get instant
NHS approved medical advice.

[HANDi App: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care
System](#)

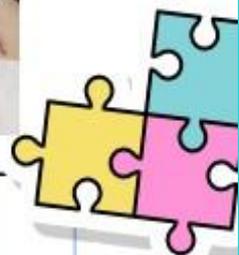
Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 2

HAZEL CLASS

newsletter

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

This week in Hazel class, we have been ordering and sequencing numbers in maths. We have been reading and discussing the story 'The colour monster goes to school' and even helped pack the monsters bag for him! Hazel class have had lots of fun on the climbing equipment in the sports hall and we very much enjoyed making some milkshakes in the cooking room.





ROWAN CLASS NEWSLETTER



We have really enjoyed our first few weeks in our new class. We have enjoyed exploring our new topic space! Rowan class have been getting very creative and have been making our own space helmets, planets and rockets. We have also been using different materials to create our own aliens and self portraits.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at who helps us at home and who helps us at school. We have also been looking at what makes a good friend.



HANDWRITING





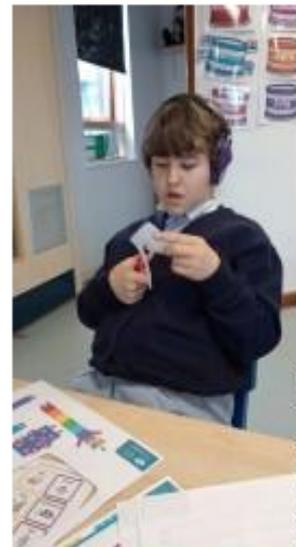
In Rowan class over the last few weeks we have been looking at different emotions and working on identifying how we have been feeling.





Willow Class

Willow class have settled in well! We have been getting to know each other and forming great relationships. We have had lots of fun in a wide variety of activities and friendships are starting to form.





Poplar Class

This week in Poplar class the children have really enjoyed transitions over to Forest School. Exploring how to make and be safe around a fire.



Ash Class

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Up, up, and Away

We've had a great week full of sensory fun and creativity! The children explored the sensory rooms, practised counting forwards and backwards, and got imaginative making alien faces with playdough. We also enjoyed some colourful mark making using paint.

It's been lovely to see their confidence and curiosity growing each day!

Our story of the week next week is:

The way back home

Key Days

Tuesday
Bike Track

Wednesday
Cooking

Thursday
P.E

Friday
Forest School

Activities this Week



Independence
We have been exploring our dressing skills. Understanding where items of clothes go on parts of our bodies.

Coat Hat Shoes

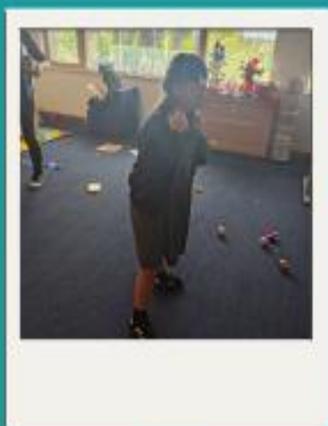


Outdoor Exploring
We have been exploring in our outdoor spaces of Park and Forest school.



Birch Class





MAPLE CLASS



MAPLE CLASS HAVE BEEN ENJOYING OUR DINOSAUR TOPIC.
WE HAVE BEEN DANCING TO THE DINOSAUR STOMP,
FINGER PAINTING DINOSAURS AND READING
DINOSAUR STORIES.

Hawthorn Class

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Autumn 1 My Friends and Me

This week we have had lots of activities linked to our story 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. At the start of the week we read the story and dressed up in the giants clothes and drew a story map to show the key events. We have been matching the clothing that George shared with his friends and then drew around ourselves to design and label our own giants outfit.

We looked at different shop logos that George may have seen in his town and identified a few we recognised or have visited before, along with making a map!

We have continued to work on our play skills within continuous provision and been working on building relationship with other peers in the classroom.

Activities this Week



More photos of our busy week!



In Chestnut Class

So far



We have been counting our favourite toys.



We have been making bees from egg boxes for The Bears and The Bees



We have been exploring parachute games in PE



We have been singing nursery rhymes... "This is the way we wash our clothes."

We have been super busy



We have been relaxing to Yoga



We made a GIANT for the "Smartest Giant in Town."



We have been slithering like a snake for PE

getting to know our new friends



We have decorated the Giants tie..



We have been practicing our spreading using role play foods.



We have been spreading honey on our toast!



We have been playing in our role play area



We have been cutting and sticking to make a bear!





Cherry Class

Cherry class have been learning how to make their own sandwiches without support, we have made cheese and jam sandwiches and had just as much fun eating them too!



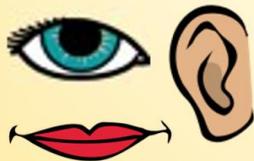
PARENT POP-IN WFS PARENTS & CARERS



EVERY MONDAY
FROM 2PM IN OUR
FAMILY HUB

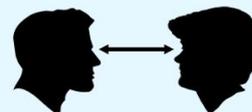
COME ALONG TO ACCESS
SUPPORT AROUND SEND,
FINANCES, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP,
HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND
MUCH MORE!

THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES TEAM CAN NOW BE
CONTACTED VIA EMAIL AT
SUPPORTINGFAMILIES@WFS.WORCS.SCH.UK



Communication and Interaction

News and Information



Attention

Some children have a longer attention span than others. This is because attention is developmental. This will mean some children develop attention at different levels. Attention skills are needed for communication and learning .



How can you help?

- Play with items that your child really likes
- Follow your child's lead in play, comment on what is happening
- Add an element of surprise to the play

Here are some fun ideas to help with improving attention skills. You can use:



- Feely bags or boxes- have items of interest in the bag or box. Let your child put their hand in and feel what is in there. Make it exciting.
- Build a tower- take it in turns. See how high you can go before it falls.
- Coloured beads and cotton reels- make necklaces/bracelets. count and sort them into shapes/colours
- Books and songs-e.g. pop-up books, nursery rhymes
- Posting boxes-use items your child likes



Most of these games will involve you doing something and waiting for a reaction from your child. **Remember do not put your child under pressure to look at you.**

Hope you have lots of fun with these activities.

Kind regards
Communication team



Russell House

	<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>
MONDAY	Park	Bowling
TUESDAY	Walk	Sycamore
WEDNESDAY	SEN group	National Fitness Day
THURSDAY	Stourport park	Bike Track





NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

The collage features several photographs of children participating in fitness activities. At the top, a group of boys stands together, one holding a blue banner. Below this, a group of boys is shown in a gymnasium, some holding basketballs. At the bottom, boys are engaged in a game on a gymnasium floor. The entire collage is framed by a green background with various sports-related icons and a smartwatch displaying '2.00'.



October 2025	
	Black History Month
	Walk to School Month
7	Pathway 2 Theme Stay and Play – more information to follow
9	Post 14 Preparing for Adulthood meeting – more information to follow
10	Forest School Day – more information to follow
13 - 17	Road Safety Week
15	Parents' Evening
20	Pathway 1 Halloween event 1.30pm - 2.30pm
21	Diwali
22	School Photographer
23	Pathway 4 Parent Pop In more information to follow
24	Early Years Halloween Stay and Play - more information to follow
27 th -31 st	Half term

November 2025	
11	Remembrance Day
13	Michael Rosen Day
14	Children in Need – details to follow
17 - 21	Anti – Bullying Week
27	6 th Form Coffee Morning – more information to follow

December 2025	
9	Pathway 2 Christmas Stay & Play 1.30 – 2.30pm more information to follow
10	Pathway 2 Christmas Carols & Crafts 1.30–2.30pm more information to follow
11	Post 14 Coffee Morning – more information to follow
11	Early Years Nativity (pm) – more information to follow
12	Pathway 4 Christmas Event (pm) more information to follow
12	Early Years Nativity (am) more information to follow
15	Hanukkah
16	Pathway 1 Christmas Stay and Play – more information to follow 9.20am-10.20am 10.20am-11.30am 1.30pm-2.30pm
17	Pathway 3 Christmas Scrooge Day (pm) – more information to follow
19	Christmas Jumper Day
19	End of term



Family Hub News

Did you come and see us over the summer break?

We held our annual Lickhill Family Fun Day and engaged with over 200 families. It was a great day. We were also at Woodbury Road Park, on the Walshes and at the libraries.

Take a look at our Autumn timetable and see what's on offer at

worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs



Free Online Courses



The Solihull Approach online parenting courses are a series of NICE approved resources for parents and carers who want to learn more about sensitive and effective parenting and building a positive relationship with their child. Parents are also helped to understand how they can influence their relationship with their child through play.

The courses are FREE with access code: PARENTSROCK at www.inourplace.co.uk for residents in our area. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents about children from bump to 19+ years on a range of topics including pregnancy, teenagers, relationships and more.

Healthy Start

With Healthy Start, you could be entitled to weekly support towards: Veg, Fruit, Milk, Infant formula milk, Pulses and Healthy Start Vitamins. Vitamins are available from our Family Hubs. Find out if you are eligible and apply: www.healthystart.nhs.uk



Launching Healthy Homes...



We are excited to share the launch of the Healthy Homes initiative - designed to help families create safer, healthier and happier home environments.

Through Healthy Homes, families can access friendly support and practical advice on everyday wellbeing topics such as :

- creating **smoke-free** homes;
- practising **safer sleep** for babies and young children;
- looking after **mental health and emotional wellbeing**;
- making **healthier choices** as a family

You will see Healthy Homes Family Hub teams out in the community and at local events, ready to chat, offer guidance and connect you with services that can make a real difference.

Whether you are looking for tips, support, or just someone to talk to, Healthy Homes is here to help your family thrive.

Saturday Family Play - Booking essential

Saturday 11th October
10.00am - 11.30am
BROOKSIDE FAMILY HUB



Saturday 13th December
10.30am - 12.00pm
BROOKSIDE FAMILY HUB

Come meet Santa!



Birth & Beyond Reunion

Join us after completing your Birth and Beyond antenatal Programme for a warm welcome into parenthood. Celebrate your journey, connect with other new parents and discover what support and activities are available in your local area.

Dates will be shared on completion of Birth & beyond

Booking System

Some of our parenting groups and workshops can now be booked directly by parents/carers using the trybooking system. Scan the QR code or visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/groups



Stop Smoking

Smoke Free Homes:

Anyone living with a child under 19 years old in Worcestershire can now get expert support to stop smoking. To sign up to this service email

whcnhs.smokefreehomes@nhs.net

Useful Links & Community Information

We hold our Self-Weigh Sessions at Bewdley and Stourport Libraries.

- Stourport Library - 1st Monday of the month 11am - 12 noon
- Bewdley Library - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am - 11am
- Half Crown Wood Family Hub - Every Thursday 1pm - 2.30pm
- **RETURNING Monday 1st September** - Brookside Family Hub - Every Monday 9.30am - 11am

How often should my baby be weighed?
no more than **once a month** up to 6 months of age;
no more than **once every 2 months** from 6 to 12 months of age;
no more than **once every 3 months** over the age of 1.

See what else is happening:

Support available at our hubs:

- Breast Buddies
- Men United
- Twin Time
- Kinship Carers

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/worcestershire-libraries

kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk/

Please see our timetable for more information including days & times.

Keep in Touch

[Family Hubs - Wyre Forest](#) | [Kidderminster](#) | [Facebook](#)

- Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road, Kidderminster, DY10 3ED
Phone: 01562 827207
- Half Crown Wood Family Hub, Princess Way, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 0EL
Phone: 01299 877920

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Wyre Forest Family Hub Community Groups - Autumn Term Timetable (2025)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Self -weigh Stourport Library New St, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8UN 11 am - 12 pm 1st Monday of the month No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Understanding Your Child In partnership with WEST A bookable group for parents/carers Kidderminster Library, Market St Kidderminster DY10 1AB 9.30 - 11.30 am 07/10/25 - 09/12/25 (not including half term)</p>	<p>Self -weigh Bewdley Library Dog Lane, Bewdley DY12 2EF 10 - 11 am 2nd Wednesday of the month No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Healthy Start Vitamins.. Available from Brookside and Half Crown Wood Family Hubs To check your eligibility: www.healthystart.nhs.uk</p>  	<p>To find out more and to book a place on of our groups/workshops for parents/carers please go to our TryBooking page www.worcestershire.gov.uk/groups</p>  <p>Some groups and services are provided by external partners /agencies and are subject to change</p>
<p>What's coming up... Support with accessing funding for childcare:   We can help you to apply for nursery and childcare funding, please call : 07738 860812</p> 	<p>Understanding Your Baby A bookable group for parents with babies aged 0 - 6 months Treetops Early Years Hub Woodbury Rd, DY11 7JJ 9.30 - 11.30 am 21/10/25 - 09/12/25</p>	<p>Find us on Facebook... Family Hubs - Wyre Forest</p>  	<p>www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs</p>	

Groups for Parents and Carers

September to December 2025

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For more information, or to book your place please contact us...

Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road, Kidderminster DY10 3ED

Phone : 01562 827207

Half Crown Wood Family Hub, Princess Way, Stourport DY13 0EL

Phone: 01299 877920

email: admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk

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 worcestershire county council

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs

Brookside Family Hub - Autumn Term Timetable (2025)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Stay and Play 9.30 - 11 am Suitable for babies and children aged 0 - 5 years No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Breast Buddies Peer Support Group 10 - 11.30 am To book your place email whcnhs.breastfeeding.support@nhs.net</p>	<p>Midwife Clinic Booked appointments</p>	<p>Midwife Clinic Booked appointments</p>	<p>Speech & Language Booked appointments</p>
<p>Well Child Clinic 9.30 am to 3 pm Bookable appointment with a Community Nursery Nurse To book call 01905 520032</p>	<p>Men United Dad's and Male Caregivers Peer Support Group every other Tuesday 1 - 3 pm No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Birth and Beyond 9.30 - 11.30 am A 4 week preparation for parenthood group for first-time parents Running on a monthly basis A bookable programme, to book call 01562 827207</p>	<p>Time for Baby Stay and Play 10 - 11 am A postnatal stay and play group for newborn and non-movers and parents/carers. No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Kinship Carers Peer Support Group 9.30 - 11.30 am Second Friday of each month</p>
<p>Physiotherapy Drop-in 9.30 - 11 am 1st Monday of each month For parents/carers with children aged 0 - 5 years with concerns around their child's motor skills</p>	<p>Find us on Facebook...  Family Hubs - Wyre Forest  </p>	<p>SEND Peer Support Group 1 - 2.30 pm For parents/carers of children and young people with additional needs 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month</p>	<p>Understanding Your Child A bookable group for parents 12 - 2 pm 18/09/25 - 23/11/25 (not including half term)</p>	<p>You can book onto any bookable course using the link and QR code: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/groups </p>
<p>Understanding Your Child / Teen A bookable group for parents 5 - 7 pm 03/11/2025 - 02/02/2026 (not including Christmas holidays)</p>		<p>Twin Time 1 - 2.30 pm A group for twins and multiples every other Wednesday</p>	<p>Some groups and services are provided by external partners / agencies and are subject to change</p>	
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs				

Half Crown Wood Family Hub - Autumn Term Timetable (2025)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Speech & Language Booked appointments</p>	<p>Midwife Clinic Booked appointments</p>	<p>Well Child Clinic 9.30 - 11.30 am 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month Bookable appointment with a Community Nursery Nurse To book call 01905 520032</p>	<p>Stay, Weigh and Play 1 - 2.30 pm Suitable for babies and children aged 0 - 5 years. No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Half Crown Wood Family Hub is closed on a Friday For support, please contact Brookside Family Hub : 01562 827207</p>
<p>Kinship Carers Peer Support Group 9.30 - 11.30 am on the following dates: Monday 14th July 25 Monday 13th Oct 25 Monday 8th Dec 25 Monday 9th Feb 26 Monday 13th Apr 26 Monday 8th June 26 Monday 14th Sept 26 Monday 9th Nov 26</p>	<p>Men United Dad's and Male Caregivers Peer Support Group every other Tuesday 9 am - 12 pm No need to book, just turn up!</p>	<p>Volunteering Would you like to volunteer with us? We have lots of volunteer opportunities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay, Weigh and Play volunteer Peer support volunteer Administration support volunteer and much more!</p>	<p>You can book onto any bookable course or Workshop using the link and QR code: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/groups </p>	<p>Healthy Start Vitamins. Available from Brookside and Half Crown Wood Family Hubs To check your eligibility: www.healthystart.nhs.uk </p>
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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 - 2.30 pm
on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the
month starting from the 10th
of September**



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

This group is for parents/carers only.

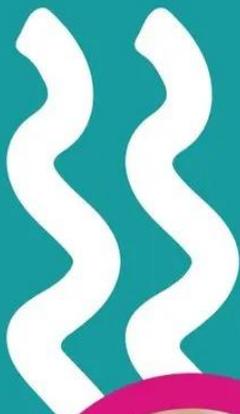
No diagnosis is required to attend these drop in sessions.
For more information, please contact us on 01562 827207/01299
877920 or email us at admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk



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SUPPORT GROUP

Free Sessions available every Wednesday, to offer practical advice, emotional support and opportunities for connection, ensuring that no family feels alone in their journey. We will also be providing a 2 course meal, the food choices are on a 6-week rotation menu. Please let us know in advance of any allergies you may have.



 4.15pm - 5.45pm

Address:-

Brookside Children's Centre,
Borrington Road,
Kidderminster,
DY10 3ED

hello@thenigelprosserfoundation.org

Free session, booking is essential, please email us to secure your space, due to limited availability each week.

Healthy Steps

Starting 31st October 2025

Fridays 10 - 11.30 am

Brookside Family Hub



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- Session 1 - Eating Well
- Session 2 - Cooking Well
- Session 3 - Children's oral health
- Session 4 - The importance of sleep
- Session 5 - Getting active



5 week rolling programme.

No need to book all sessions just the one of interest.

For more information and to register your interest
call 01562 827207 or ask in reception.



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