

Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2025

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Information for Parents



We are very excited to be working on achieving four different awards to demonstrate how fabulous WFS is.

LPPA

Leading Parent
Partnership Award

- to improve our work even further with families.

BPTAA

Best Practice with
Teaching Assistants Award

The Best Practice in teaching Assistants Award - to make sure we are providing the very best training and progression for our brilliant TAs.

WAS

in partnership with
NATIONAL
CHILDREN'S
BUREAU

Wellbeing Award for
Schools

The Well Being Award to promote emotional wellbeing and mental health across our school.

EPDA

Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

Excellence in Pupil Development Award to continue to develop pupil's skills that last a lifetime.

We may be asking you your thoughts on different parts of these awards by email and/or questionnaire and we would really appreciate your time in completing these. Also, if you have any ideas or thoughts about these awards, please let us know.

I was very happy to award Nicola Byng for 25 years' service to Worcestershire County Council on Monday morning during staff briefing. I am also pleased to say that she is also the Pathway 1 Leader whilst Laura Morris is on maternity leave.



Are meeting 6th October at 9.30am at Russell House (bottom of the drive). They do an amazing job and without them the children at WFS would not be able to have the little extras or plan projects.

They are always on the lookout for new people to join them and you can commit as much or as little time that you can. Any input would be welcomed.

A vertical poster with a white background and a blue border. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout. At the top, it says 'PARENT POP-IN WFS PARENTS & CARERS' in bold black letters. Below that, 'EVERY MONDAY FROM 2PM IN OUR FAMILY HUB' is written in blue. A central image shows two hands holding four small, colorful human figures (blue, yellow, green, red). To the right of the hands, there is a list of support areas: 'COME ALONG TO ACCESS SUPPORT AROUND SEND, FINANCES, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND MUCH MORE!'. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains the contact information: 'THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES TEAM CAN NOW BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL AT SUPPORTINGFAMILIES@WFS.WORCS.SCH.UK'. The background of the poster has abstract blue and purple shapes.



A very big thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest celebration.

A visitor from Wyre Forest Food Bank joined a Post 14 assembly to talk to pupils and to collect our 'harvest'.



Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 3

Oak Class

Oak class have been working very hard this half term. In maths we have been focusing on addition using bar models and the part whole method. Literacy lessons have focussed on different features when writing letters including opening and endings. The pupils have particularly enjoyed world about us lessons relating to different food groups, practically sorting foods into different categories and giving reasons why.



Olive Class

Autumn 1

The Day the Crayons Quit!

We have been busy with our art work this half term in Olive class. We have been making secondary colours and then different shades of them using white.

In Maths, we have been applying what we have learned about place value to shopping in our class Charity Shop and counting in tens and ones using crayons and conkers!

Photos



Olive Class

WFS

More photos!





WALNUT CLASS



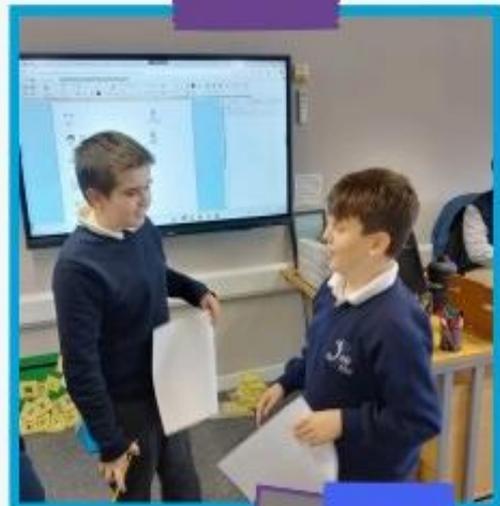
WALNUT CLASS HAVE BEEN HAVING A GREAT FIRST HALF TERM. OUR TOPIC BOOK IS 'YOU SEE A CIRCUS' AND THE PUPILS HAVE LOVED DRESSING UP, ENGAGING IN OUR BIG TOP ROLE PLAY AREA AND MAKING OUR OWN PROPS. WE HAVE PRESENTED OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY ALL ABOUT HARVEST TO OUR FRIENDS IN PATHWAY 3 AND HAVE ENJOYED SETTLING INTO OUR NEW CLASS AND BUILDING LOTS OF NEW FRIENDSHIPS.





Juniper Class

This term so far we have been looking at our book 'Cave Baby' from using descriptive language in Literacy, to some amazing cave paintings in Art. In PE we have been moving in lots of different ways, from hopping on either leg, to moving around various obstacles.



Juniper class have settled in so well, we have made some lovely new friendships, been kind and caring towards each other and supported everyone's differences. We learnt about Black History Month and did a wonderful assembly where we all found out some incredible facts!

Almond Class



Almond Class have had a fantastic start to the term, they have all been working really hard this half term. We have been looking at the Stone Age, the children enjoyed painting animals from the Stone Age. They even designed their own cave drawings.

Spruce Class

What We Have Been Learning

So far this half term Spruce class have spent time getting to know each other. We've been playing lots of games, sharing photographs of our holidays and learning more about each other.



Literacy

In Literacy we have been looking at our book *You See a Circus*. We have spent time ordering the story and making who, what doing and where sentences.

Maths

We have been exploring numbers in maths. Focussing on one more and one less. The children are doing a great job picking this up.

World About Us

In World About Us the children have been exploring different materials and the properties of these. We've looked at bendy, stretchy, hard, soft,



Communication and Interaction News and Information



Turn Taking

Turn taking is an important part of early language learning. When people have conversations, they take turns. If both people talk at the same time the conversation breaks down. Turn taking in games are good practice for understanding the rules of taking turns such as waiting and listening. They are also good for learning how to share.

How can you help? 

- Early turn taking skills should be encouraged early on.
- The rules for turn taking should be clear
- Use visuals to support with turn taking such as signing and pictures with 'My turn' and 'Your turn'
- Model how to take turns
- Give them praise when they do

Here are some fun games to help with improving turn taking skills.

- Pop up toys such as Jack in the box
- Blowing bubbles
- Building a tower
- Board games like lotto and pop-up pirate
- Ball games
- Looking at pop up books
- Taking turns at mealtimes, baking a cake, loading the washing machine



World Mental Health day is Friday 10th October

We know how important well being is to support help children live happy healthy lives. To support with this Widgit.com has produced some symbol books to support with children's understanding of well being and self care. Click on the link below to check them out.

[Wellbeing Pack | Widgit Symbol Resources](#)



Kind regards
Communication team



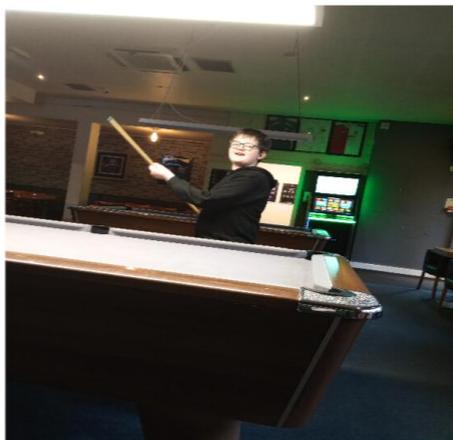
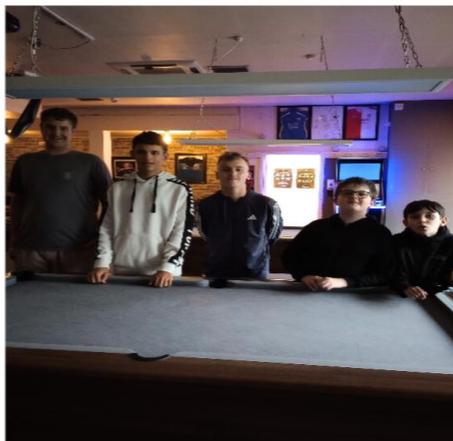
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CENTRE

Accreditation -
Specialist Level
**Speech and
Language UK**



Russell House

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
MONDAY	YOUTH CLUB	PLAYGROUND
TUESDAY	SWIMMING	SYCAMORE CENTRE
WEDNESDAY	WALK TO THE PARK	
THURSDAY	FOREST SCHOOL	POOL HALL





**IMPORTANT
DATES**

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