

# Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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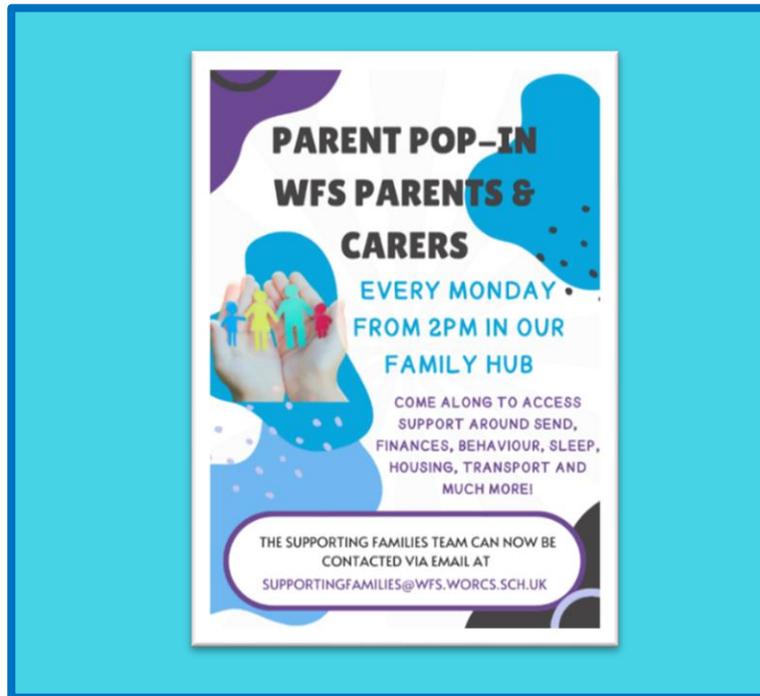
## Information for Parents



It was lovely to see so many of you at the Pathway 2 event this week. It was great to catch up with everyone and see our new parents. Sam Harper has also organised a fabulous Forest School Day today - I can't wait to see the photos of the parents, I mean children, enjoying Forest School!!

Please if you can offer anytime to the Friends of Wyre Forest we would all appreciate it. Budgets are always tough, and you may have heard in the media that this is likely to get even tougher, especially for SEND. The Friends of Wyre Forest do an amazing job and enable us to have the extras we wouldn't be able to give the children.

I can't believe we have nearly completed a half term. If you are starting to think about winter coats for your child, please choose a bright colour so they can be seen when it starts getting darker. If you have coats that your child has grown out of and another child could use, please donate them to us.



### **Paediatric Occupational Therapy Advice Line**

The Paediatric Occupational Therapy (POT) Service operates an advice line; this is aimed to offer support for:

- Health Professionals and those that refer to the POT Service
- Schools, teachers and SENCO's
- Parents and carers
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We will offer information on:

- Strategies and advice around occupational performance and functional concerns.
- Practical advice relating to difficulties in areas of self-help, play and leisure.
- If a referral to POT is appropriate.
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Please note the purpose of the OT Advice Line is not to answer enquiries regarding our waiting lists or check whether a referral has been accepted. These should be directed to our generic email address: [whcnhs.paediatricot@nhs.net](mailto:whcnhs.paediatricot@nhs.net).

To speak to a Paediatric Occupational Therapist please call: 0300 2470017.

The service operates on Wednesday's between 9am-12pm and Thursday's between 1pm and 4pm.

We cannot respond to text messages sent to the advice line.



Just a  
Friendly  
Reminder

**Vaccination UK will be visiting our school for a catch-up flu vaccination session on:**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

This will be their **final** visit to the school. After this date, any children who still require the flu vaccination will need to attend one of Vaccination UK's community clinics.

If you haven't already given consent for the flu vaccination, please click on the link below – **a response is required even if you are declining.**

The form is available in multiple languages and covers both the nasal spray and the porcine-free injection options.

[Click Here - Vaccination UK Flu - Consent or Decline](#)

**If your child has already had the vaccine or you have previously consented, but your child declined at the first session, you don't need to complete the form again. The Team will attempt to vaccinate your child at this session.**

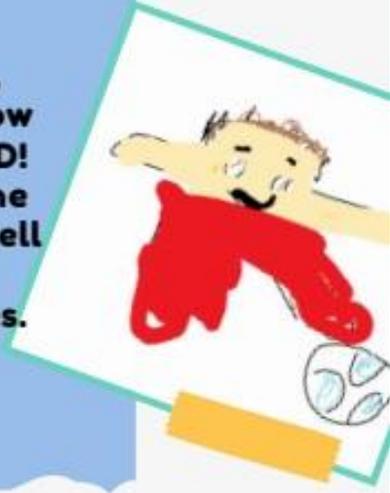
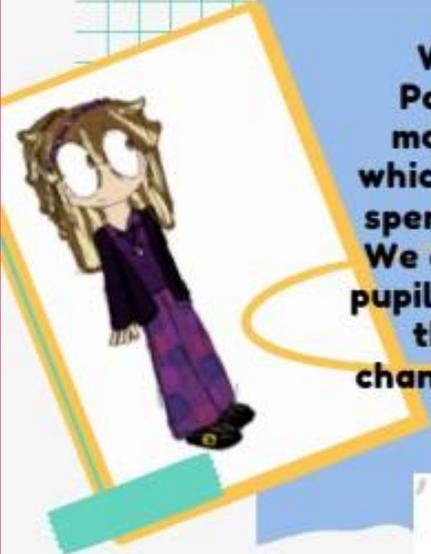
**Anyone that has taken their child to an alternative location, will be required to let us know. We are not notified automatically.**

If you have any questions or would prefer to give consent/decline over the phone, please contact Vaccination UK at: **01527 390030**

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 4

# PATHWAY 4

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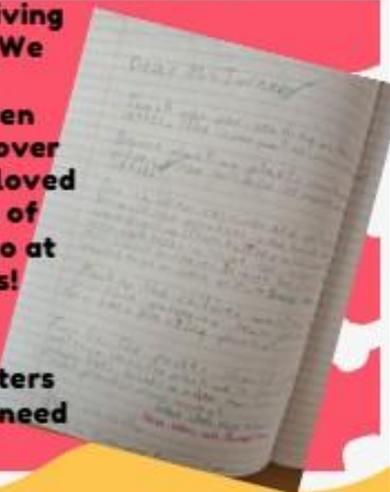
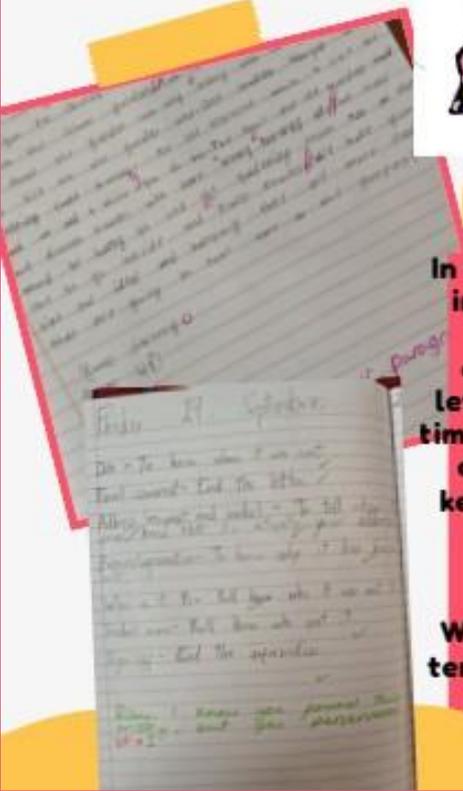


Wow, what a busy half term Pathway 4 have had. We have moved into our new classroom, which was lovely and we have now spent our first week as 4C and 4D! We are extremely proud of all the pupils in the Pathway with how well they have all coped with the changes and the classroom moves.

Well done Everyone!



### English

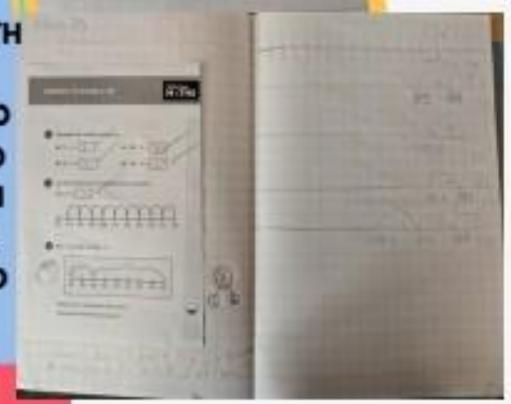


In English, Pathway 4 have been diving into the world of formal letters. We explored how people used to communicate through handwritten letters and how this has changed over time with the rise of emails. Pupils loved comparing the old and new ways of keeping in touch and even had a go at writing their own formal letters!

We have looked at how postal letters tend to now be formal letters and need responding to appropriately.

## MATHS

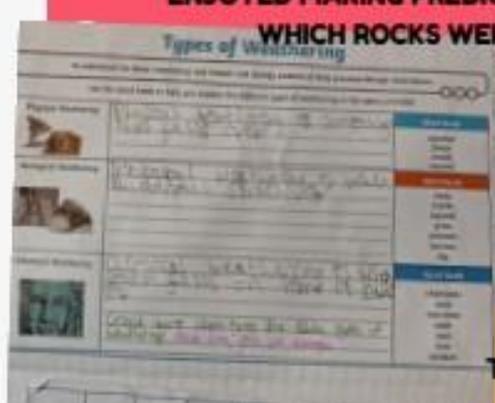
IN MATHS, PUPILS HAVE BEEN BUSY BUILDING THEIR NUMBER SKILLS BY LEARNING ABOUT PLACE VALUE. SOME HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH NUMBERS UP TO 100, WHILE OTHERS HAVE STRETCHED THEIR LEARNING ALL THE WAY TO 1000. THIS HAS REALLY HELPED EVERYONE TO IMPROVE THEIR ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION USING FORMAL WRITTEN METHODS. THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF GREAT PROBLEM-SOLVING AND NUMBER WORK HAPPENING IN CLASS!



## SCIENCE

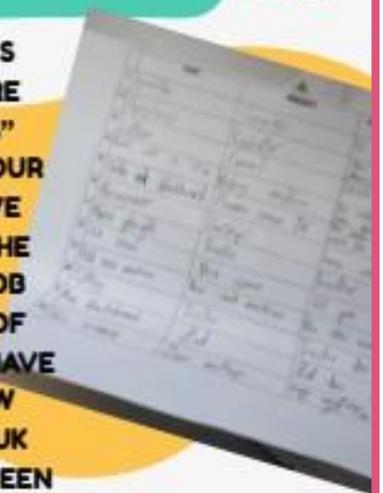
SCIENCE HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT ROCKS THIS HALF TERM! PUPILS HAVE EXPLORED DIFFERENT TYPES OF ROCKS AND THEIR UNIQUE PROPERTIES. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WAS A HANDS-ON EXPERIMENT TESTING HOW HARD DIFFERENT ROCKS ARE, THEN COMPARING THE RESULTS LIKE REAL SCIENTISTS. EVERYONE ENJOYED MAKING PREDICTIONS AND DISCOVERING WHICH ROCKS WERE THE TOUGHEST!

Rock Type	Color	Texture	Hardness
Granite	Light grey	Crystalline	Very hard
Marble	White	Crystalline	Hard
Slate	Dark grey	Fine grained	Hard
Limestone	Light grey	Crystalline	Hard



## MANTLE OF THE EXPERT

OUR NEW TOPIC LEARNING USES MANTLE OF THE EXPERT, WHERE PUPILS BECOME THE "EXPERTS" THEMSELVES. THIS HALF TERM, OUR THEME HAS BEEN "WHEN I LEAVE WFS". PUPILS HAVE TAKEN ON THE ROLES OF RESEARCHERS AND JOB SEEKERS, EXPLORING A RANGE OF LOCAL JOBS, HOW THESE ROLES HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME, AND HOW SIMILAR JOBS COMPARE IN THE UK AND IN NON-EU COUNTRIES. IT'S BEEN FANTASTIC TO SEE THEIR CURIOSITY AND AMBITION SHINE THROUGH!



## PE

**IN PE, PUPILS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THEIR FITNESS, COORDINATION, AND STAMINA THROUGH A MIX OF ATHLETICS AND CIRCUIT ACTIVITIES. THEY'VE SHOWN FANTASTIC EFFORT AND DETERMINATION, PUSHING THEMSELVES TO IMPROVE EACH WEEK AND HAVING LOTS OF FUN ALONG THE WAY!**



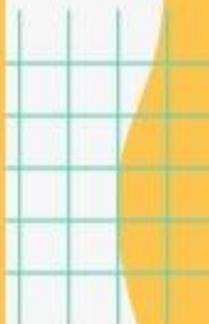
## 4C

**HOW EXCITING IT IS TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN A SMALLER CLASS AGAIN THIS YEAR! THIS MEANS PUPILS CAN ENJOY MORE FOCUSED SUPPORT AND HAVE EVEN GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. WE'RE ABSOLUTELY LOVING OUR NEW CLASSROOM AND HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING IT FEEL LIKE OUR OWN SPECIAL SPACE. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL THE FANTASTIC THINGS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BRING!**

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## 4D

**THE NEW CLASS, 4D HAS HAD A GREAT START WITH THEIR NEW TEACHER, IMOGEN. THE CLASS HAVE BEEN GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BY CREATING NAME SIGNS WITH DRAWINGS OF FUN FACTS ABOUT THEM AND THEIR LIKES AND DISLIKES. OUR WOW MOMENTS OF THE WEEK HAVE BEEN SCARLETT'S DETAILED COMPARISONS OF THE TECHNOLOGY OF ACTORS IN THE PAST AND PRESENT FOR MANTLE OF THE EXPERT. SHE COMPLETED TWO A4 PAGES COMPARING THE TWO ERAS! THE SECOND WOW MOVEMENT WAS FROM DEANNA, WHERE SHE CAUGHT UP ON THE LESSONS WHERE SHE WAS POORLY AND JUMPED STRAIGHT INTO HER DRAFT LETTER. GO DEANNA! THE CLASS WILL CONTINUE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND THRIVE. AS WE SAY, THE CLASS IS LIKE A 4D RIDE! FULL OF ACTION, CAN FEEL A LITTLE SCARY WITH NEW CHALLENGES BUT FULL OF FUN!**





We are currently recruiting for a new Treasurer and would love to hear from you if you would be interested in taking on the role – please contact us via [friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com) for more information.

### **What's the main purpose of the Treasurer?**

To ensure accurate financial records are kept and that best practice procedures are followed when counting money, making payments and banking. The Treasurer should keep the Friends of WFS committee updated with regular reports and ensure end-of-year reports are completed for our AGM. As the Friends of WFS is a registered charity, the Treasurer will also be required to coordinate the Charity Commission's annual return.

### **And the responsibilities?**

- Keeping accurate and up-to-date financial records
- Presenting financial updates at each committee meeting
- Managing the Friends of WFS bank account and holding the cheque book/debit card
- Monitoring and managing online payment platforms
- Preparing floats
- Ensuring best practice procedures are followed for counting and banking money, making payments and claiming expenses by all committee members
- Making any approved payments on the committee's behalf
- Preparing the annual Treasurer's report for the AGM
- Completing the Charity Commission's annual return
- Managing Gift Aid

### **What qualities does a good Treasurer usually have?**

- Knowledge of finances
- Organised
- Attentive to detail
- Able to meet deadlines
- A good understanding of spreadsheets or accountancy software

**PLEASE KEEP SAFE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

## **HANSEL & GRETEL SUPPORT GROUP**

**Reg. Charity No. 518349**

We are a registered charity providing mutual support and friendship to children with special educational needs & disabilities and their families in the Wyre Forest Area.

We provide the opportunity for families to meet, share ideas and experiences, build friendships and overcome isolation.

For more information, please contact us on 07525-668608, check our Facebook page (Hansel and Gretel Support Group @HandGSupport) or visit [www.hanselgretel.org.uk](http://www.hanselgretel.org.uk)

### **SATURDAY FAMILY CLUB DATES**

10am-12pm at Kidderminster Youth House, Bromsgrove Street, DY10 1PF

Please use Public Pay & Display Car Park Opposite (Free with Blue Badge).

Parking also available in KDYT car park – please pay & display.

Sign in for name labels on arrival.

No entry charge but £5 family donation appreciated.

No diagnosis required.

Please note,  
parent/carers take  
**FULL** responsibility for  
supervising their own  
children at **ALL TIMES**  
(extra helpers are  
welcome!)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 2025**

**SENStation – Sensory  
Tent and Activities**

Various crafts and  
colouring

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
October 2025**

**Anthony Arnold Circus  
Skills**

Halloween crafts and  
colouring

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 2025**

**Pottery with Liz Clarke**  
*1 Item per child only (Collect  
at December club)*

Various crafts and  
colouring

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December 2025**

*10am-1pm Christmas Party*

**Major Mustard's  
Travelling Show**

Bring wrapped and named  
present for Santa's Sack

Christmas crafts, card-  
making and colouring

Bring your own picnic lunch  
(cakes, crisps and drinks  
provided)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026**

**Art Session with Mr A-B**

Various crafts and  
colouring

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026**

**Pottery Wheel with Alan  
Murphy (TBC)**

Valentine's Day crafts  
and colouring

**Join us for our AGM on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
7pm @ Kidderminster Youth House, Bromsgrove Street



**Supporting Special-Needs  
Families in Wyre Forest**

Charity No. 518349

The Limitless Disabled Cycling Hub, For all ages & Abilities.

Is This Sunday the 12th of October , 11 am till 1 pm

We have a wide range of adapted bikes including recumbent trikes, ice trikes, hand cycles, trikes with side supports and sandal pedals, mountain bikes, racing bikes and tandems. All ridden on our traffic free cycling circuit.

**It's £5 per rider and a carer can ride for free. Cash only please.**



**This Sunday 11am till 1pm, at Stourport Sports Club.**

**Limitless - Wyre Forest Inclusive Cycling**

**For more info call Paul on 07843020406 / [www.wfcr.org.uk](http://www.wfcr.org.uk)**

**A BBC Midlands Today reporter  
will be at this weeks  
Limitless Cycling Hub  
at Stourport Sports Club ahead of the  
2025 UCI Para-track Cycling World  
Championships in Rio de Janeiro.**

**Please brush your teeth,  
and comb your hair,  
you may be asked for an interview  
We hope to see as many of you there as possible.**

# Russell House

Group 1

Group 2

Monday Springfield Park

Sports Hall

Tuesday Swimming Sycamore Centre

Wednesday Baking "Our Way" Bike Track

Thursday Top Barn Playground



FUN



Baking With "Our Way"



# Pumpkin Season

TOP BARN



**IMPORTANT  
DATES**

October 2025	
	Black History Month
	Walk to School Month
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 <b>more information to follow</b>
24	Early Years Halloween Stay and Play - <b>more information to follow</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Half term

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

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