

Newsletter Friday 5th December 2025

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Information for Parents



We have had a lovely but busy week. We officially had the opening of our new Sensory Room by the amazing Wooden Spoon - The Children's charity of rugby, and Liam one of our pupils was able to demonstrate just how much it means to us. Thank you Liam, you stole the show and hopefully they'll give us some more money to refit the old bigger room now!!! A big shout out to Chris White our IT Manager who was instrumental in this project.



PRESS RELEASE WOODEN SPOON WORCESTERSHIRE PROJECT VISIT TO WYRE FOREST SCHOOL, KIDDERMINSTER

2nd December 2025

Yesterday, Steve Biggs, Lance Turner and Jon Fraser from the **Wooden Spoon Worcestershire** Committee together with Anita Hennessey from sponsors Harrison Clark Rickerbys Solicitors attended the grand opening of a new facility at Wyre Forest School in Kidderminster. A donation of £12,000 has enabled the school to build a new Sensory Room. The space provides a secure environment to enhance imagination and creative play, assist physical development and develop sensory experiences.

The room, which is fitted with the latest technology, was created by Peter Tidmarsh from TFH Worcestershire Limited, who was also on hand for the opening ceremony.

Anita Hennessey, from sponsors **Harrison Clark Rickerbys Solicitors** said, "I am a huge supporter of Wooden Spoon and am delighted to sponsor schemes such as this. It's always fantastic to see to see the projects come together and the reactions from the children is incredible to see."

Rebecca Garratt, Headteacher at Wyre Forest School added, "A heartfelt thanks to Wooden Spoon for providing the funding to create this rich multi-sensory environment. This transformation has given our children a safe, stimulating and enriching space that will support their development."

Committee Member Steve Biggs said, "Wooden Spoon is the children's charity of rugby and seeing first hand the difference that projects like these make to children's lives is truly wonderful; we couldn't do it without our fantastic members and sponsors, and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing support."

We hope you will all be able to come to the school fair on Saturday 13th December. I have heard that because the children of WFS are so amazing, we might even get a visit by Father Christmas. The site team are preparing a landing strip for his sleigh!

On Friday 12th December children can wear own clothes and bring in a donation to the fair.

Parking is and will always be a problem at WFS. We don't have enough spaces for the staff, let alone parents and visitors. We have over 50 taxis and buses bringing children to and from school. We therefore have to develop patience if we are to use the car park and a lot of consideration for each other. PLEASE be mindful of vehicles where children are in wheelchairs and require a ramp, especially when the vans are too long with a ramp for the disabled bay, so park along the pavement so as not to stop traffic flowing. Parents are parking so close that the children cannot be safely taken off. Give and take, peace and harmony everyone please.

Finally, WhatsApp parents groups. We pride ourselves on being accessible, listening and trying to sort out problems before they get too big. If you have a problem, please see class teacher in the first instance and then escalate if not happy. Please don't be a keyboard warrior on a WhatsApp group - my staff have no right of reply on these platforms. Remember I am on the gate most mornings and evenings so come and have a chat.

Please don't forget to pre-book your child's dinner choices for next week through

MyChildAtSchool

Calendar Dates

Please find below, information and times of school events in December.
2026 information to follow.

December 2025	
8	School Photograph Catch Up
8	Pathway 3 Christmas Scrooge Performance – 1.30 – 2.30pm
9	Pathway 2 Christmas Stay & Play 1.30 – 2.30pm - Chestnut, Cherry, Willow, Birch, Hazel – in the Sports Hall
10	Pathway 2 Christmas Carols & Crafts 1.30–2.30pm - Hawthorn, Poplar, Rowan, Maple, Ash – in the Sports Hall
11	Post 14 Coffee Morning – 9.30 – 10.20am
11	Early Years Nativity – 1.30 – 2.30pm
12	Pathway 4 Christmas Event – 1.40pm – Christmas crafts with tea and coffee
12	Early Years Nativity – 9.30 – 10.30am
12	Dress Down Day
13	Christmas Fair
15	Hanukkah Early Years Parent Support Group at Russell House – 9.30 – 10.30am
16	Pathway 1 Christmas Stay and Play – 9.20am-10.20am – Lime, Yew, Fir, Pine 10.30am-11.30am – Holly, Beech, Fig, Elm 11.30am-12.30pm – Cedar, Alder, Larch
17	Christmas Dinner Day
18	The Lodge Stay & Play – 1.45 – 2.30pm
19	Christmas Jumper Day
19	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note: all the above dates / times are subject to change.



Please don't forget to order your child's Christmas dinner on MyChildAtSchool



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

Is my child too ill for school?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

For guidance on when a child should or should not attend school due to illness, the NHS provides helpful information at:



www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone school on the first day of your child's absence and let us know the reason they are absent.



Government guidelines explain when children need to be kept off school for certain illnesses and when they can return. These rules help protect everyone's health and make sure children don't miss school unnecessarily.



Autism Friendly Christmas Tips

Whilst many look forward to Christmas it can be a challenging time for those with autism.

Some of the tips below may help this Christmas:

- Don't feel pressured to do things just because it is what other people do. Think of the ways to enjoy Christmas that work for you and your family.
- When possible, try to keep to your daily routine in the next few weeks and on Christmas Day. Use visuals to support any changes e.g. calendars / schedules/ lists / Now and Next etc
- Gradually introduce Christmas activities / traditions e.g. put up the tree one day and decorate it later in the week. Add a few decorations each day.
- Create a quiet space or areas in the house that are completely free of Christmas decorations for your child to access, particularly around the main days of Christmas, if needed.
- Be aware that scented candles, flashing lights etc can be overwhelming to the senses and may need to be avoided / limited.
- Some may find presents overwhelming and it can help if the element of surprise is removed by leaving presents unwrapped or showing your child their present before wrapping it. This can lower anxiety and ensure there are no unwanted surprises, which can support a calmer start to Christmas Day.

Enjoy **YOUR** Christmas
in **YOUR** own way.

CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEERS

**DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?
Even 1 hour will be appreciated.**

FRIDAY 12TH
DECEMBER- FAIR
SET UP

SATURDAY 13TH
DECEMBER- STALLS AND
3 ELVES NEEDED

MONDAY 15TH-
PACK DOWN

IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME TO HELP US PLEASE CONTACT...

FRIENDSOFWYREFORESTSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM



Friends of Wyre Forest School

presents

Christmas Fair

Saturday 13th December
11:30am to 2:30pm

Please join us for craft stalls, children's games, raffle, tombolas, hot food, Santa's Grotto & much more!!

friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com



Parentkind
Member Association



Dress Down Day - Friday 12th December

We will be situated in reception between 8:45-9:15am, if you would like to drop any donations for the Christmas Fair. 🎄 🧑🏻

We are kindly asking for:

- 🍷 Bottles (Alcohol, squash, bodywash etc) for our Bottle Tombola.
- 🍫 Chocolates, biscuits, toiletries for our Tombola
- 🧸 If you are donating toys may we please ask that these are complete and unbroken.
- 👕 School Jumpers for our Uniform Stall.

Please remember we are a nut free school and cannot accept any donations with nuts.

Many thanks

The Friends of Wyre Forest School.





Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

***Draw Date: Saturday 13th December 2025 at 2pm
at the Christmas Fair***

- Severn Valley Railway family pass
- Tickets to West Midlands Safari Park
- Swim party voucher for up to 30 children at Bromsgrove Sport & Leisure Centre
 - Family Pass to Attwell Farm
 - Family pass to Hartlebury Castle
 - Tickets for The Buzz, Worcester
 - The Island Pool carvery voucher
 - Butcher's voucher, Stourport
 - Frozen turkey from Tesco
 - Foley's Fish Bar vouchers

Tickets £1 each

***Please return ticket stubs & cash
to the School Office***

by 3pm on Friday 12th December 2025

Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 4

Autumn 2

Newsletter 4C

Dec 2025 Week 5

This term in 4C...



Science

This half term we have been exploring fossils and soil. We have learned about what fossils are, the different types of fossils we might find and what fossils teach us about prehistoric plants and animals.

We have also learned about different types of soil and what they are made from. We have investigated soil and what organisms we can find in it. We found millipedes, worms, a woodlouse, flying ant and a spider!



Religious Education

After reading about the story of Creation in the Bible last term, we have read the story of Noah's Ark. The story raised lots of questions and pupils explored the ideas of faith and punishment.



We made fossil models!



We explored what we could find in soil



Autumn 2

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Week 5

This term in 4C...

Digital Literacy

Pupils have absolutely loved our topic of animation this half term. We began by creating our own physical flip book animations and then progressed onto using an animation app to create 2D line drawing animations and then 3D animations using figures and play doh.

Their creativity was amazing!

PSHE

This half term we have been learning about diversity in our community and what social groups we are part of. We have learned about what stereotypes are and how to recognise and get support when someone is discriminated against.

We are animators!



We are scientists!



We tested the absorbency of different types of soil and recorded our results. We were surprised by what we found.



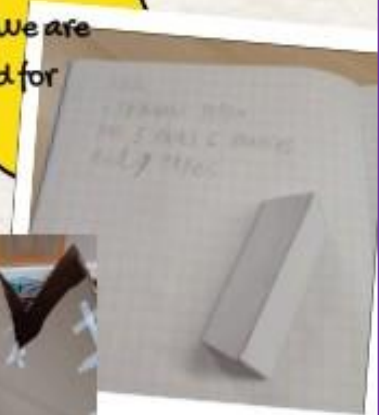

4D

NEWSLETTER



Our highlights

In English, we have been building up our skills to create our own short stories based on the Titanic. In Maths, we have been whizzing through our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, making 3D shapes out of nets and finding out their number of faces, edges and vertices. Riley made a dodecahedron! Woohoo! In Science, we have been reflecting and evaluating our soil absorbency experiment gearing up to do another. In mantle of the Expert, we have found our roles towards creating a devised performance about the Titanic. We have dancers, set designers and even a music technician! We are gearing up for the end of term and are so excited for holiday-based activities in the last week.



CHARITY EVENT



10H are “Stepping for Santa” where they aim to step up and down on a bench 5198 times! This is the amount of miles to the North Pole and back from school!

DATE: FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

PLACE: FRONT OF SCHOOL

CHARITY: FOREST DOG RESCUE

10H Prepare for their Charity Event "Step for santa".

Excitement is building here at School as the class get ready for a special event on Fri 5th December. The event will raise money for Forest dog rescue.

They hope to make the event unforgettable as they aim to step on a bench 5198 times (The miles it is to North Pole and back).

The pupils are asking for sponsorship money to support their efforts. Families, friends, and local businesses can sponsor them by donating.

Every £ raised will go towards helping. They care for dogs and help rehome hundreds every year. To donate, please bring your contribution to the office and address it to Mr Harper.

The pupils chose the charity because every dog needs a home.

The charity event promises to be a huge success, and the pupils can't wait to step for Santa.





Russell House



Group 1

Group 2

Monday

YOUTH CLUB

SENSORY ROOMS

Tuesday

SWIMMING

CHERRY LANE
GARDEN CENTRE

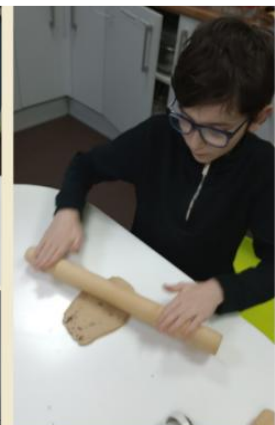
Wednesday

CHRISTMAS LIGHT
ADVENTURE

Thursday

CRICKET

LIGHT SHOW







WYRE FOREST SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIP

CHRISTMAS WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

As 2025 comes to a close, it's a great time to reflect, reset, and prioritise our physical and mental wellbeing. This newsletter offers tips, resources, and activities for the whole family—adults and children alike—based on the '5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

Wyre Forest School Sport Partnership wishes all schools and families a very **Merry Fitmas and a Happy New Year!**



Connect with other people

Make and send a pop-up Christmas tree card: Christmas is a time to show kindness and think of others, especially those who may find the season difficult. Have fun creating a pop-up Christmas tree card for someone who might be alone or struggling—it could really brighten their day. Add a few kind words to lift their spirits! Follow the simple steps that can be found here:

<https://jmp.sh/2IOX2Pfg>

Take time each day to be with your family: Check out our '25 days of Christmas family activities'. How many activities can you do during December? Or get outdoors and have fun with this outdoor Scavenger Hunt!

Connect with your friends/family: with this fun Christmas Quiz! The whole family can get involved answering questions across the themes of Christmas including traditions, films, books, Carols and food! [Simply download](#), print and in teams find out who knows the most Christmas trivia!

25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Family Activities

1 Make a hot chocolate	2 Write Christmas cards	3 Go Christmas shopping	4 Watch Christmas film in pyjamas	5 Decorate Christmas tree
6 Listen to Christmas music	7 Have a game night	8 Sing Christmas carols	9 Decorate gingerbread	10 Wrap presents
11 Read a Christmas book	12 Write a letter to Santa	13 Christmas jumper day	14 Go ice skating	15 Make paper chains
16 Make paper snowflakes	17 Visit Santa Claus	18 Bake Christmas cookies	19 Make homemade gifts	20 Eat mince pie
21 Have a Christmas party	22 Put Christmas cards	23 Have a Christmas race	24 Dress a room so you can't find one	25 Random act of kindness

Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Outdoors

How many decorations will you find?

CANDY CANES	DECORATED NAUGHTY OR NAUGHTY	SNOWMAN	GREEN CANDY CANES
SPIN A CHRISTMAS TREE	REINDEER	WREATH	STAR
CHRISTMAS TREE IN A WINDOW	SLEIGH	MULTI-COLOURED CANDY CANES	SANTA CLAUS
GREAT PRESENT	RED CANDY CANES	GINGERBREAD MAN	ICICLES
AN ANIMAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION	MRS. CLAUS	SOLDIERS	NATIVITY SCENE



Learn new skills

Learn to draw: Check out 'Art for Kids Hub' YouTube Channel. Lots of art lessons, perfect for any age and even more fun to do together as a family. All you need are a few basic supplies! Click here to make a start on your [Winter and Christmas Art projects](#)

Learn a dance: Have a go at learning a new festive routine with [dance-along videos](#) from groups like KIDZ BOP Kids, which offer simple, fun moves the whole family can follow and master!

Santa's Magic Milk experiment: Why not give this fun Science experiment a go and make some of [Santa's magic milk!](#)

Santa's Magic Milk

Science Experiment



Method

1. Pour some milk in the shallow dish.
2. If you would like the experiment to swirl, add some peppermint essence.
3. Sprinkle the eco-glitter on top of the milk then add small drops of food colouring towards the edge of the dish.
4. The food colouring will sit on top of the surface.
5. Dip the lolly stick in the liquid soap then place that end of the lolly stick in the centre of the milk.
6. This is when the magic happens!
7. The food colouring will slowly begin to swirl.
8. The eco-glitter will jump to the edge of the dish.

You will need:

- Whole milk or half fat milk
- Green food colouring
- Red food colouring
- Green eco-friendly glitter
- Red eco-friendly glitter
- Peppermint essence
- Liquid soap
- A lolly stick
- A shallow dish



Give to others

Reverse Advent Calendar: This year, local foodbanks are inviting families to join the spirit of giving with a [Reverse Advent Calendar](#). Simply find a box and, each day, add an item—either from the suggested list or something of your choice. Once your box is full, deliver it to your local foodbank and help ensure that everyone can enjoy a worry-free Christmas with plenty of food to share!

Delivering joy with Dunelm:

Dunelm has kick-started their 2025 Delivering Joy initiative! Helping to provide gifts to those most in need this Christmas! Customers simply pick up a tag in store, with a gift request from a local cause, and drop the gift back to store where Dunelm will make sure it is delivered in time for Christmas. Check out how to get involved here and make someone's Christmas:

www.dunelm.com/info/delivering-joy-at-christmas





Be physically active

Christmas at Hartlebury Castle: Join on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December for a magical festive day out! Meet Santa, enjoy entertainment, crafts, biscuit decorating, and a Festive Trail. Explore the Castle in its Christmas splendour, stroll the winter moat walk, and refuel at Hayley's Kitchen. To book, visit the [Hartlebury Castle website](#)

Christmas at Churchfields: Step into the magic of the season as Churchfields transforms into a festive wonderland! Whether you're joining for a joyful Breakfast with Santa filled with sparkle and smiles, or indulging in a cosy Festive Afternoon Tea packed with seasonal delights, they're here to make your Christmas moments truly unforgettable. Gather your loved ones, soak up the twinkling atmosphere, and let the celebrations begin! To book, visit the [Churchfields website](#)

Check out the Christmas Tree exhibition at Worcester Cathedral! A stunning display of Christmas trees are on show at Worcester Cathedral from 4th December – 6th January (excluding 24 & 25 December). Each tree is individually designed by members of the community, local schools and organisations. The display will be on show in the Medieval Cloister and is set to be a perfect photo opportunity with dazzling Christmas lights and colours.

Christmas at Hanbury Hall: Step back to the 1970s and 80s for a nostalgic festive celebration! Enjoy tinsel, bright lights, and classic tunes as the Hall transforms into a colourful Christmas past. Revisit retro toys and explore rooms decked out for the season. Open daily between 29th Nov 2025 – 4th Jan 2026. This is free for National Trust members. No booking required—just turn up and join the fun!

Little Owl Farm Park Christmas Grotto 2025: Experience the Magic of Christmas at Little Owl Farm Park! If you're searching for a festive family day out this Christmas, be sure to put Little Owl Farm Park at the top of your list. Join for a day filled with the perfect mix of festive activities and a whole lot of farm fun too! To find out more and to book, visit the [Little Owl Farm Park website](#).

Christmas at Attwell: New this year, Attwell Farm proudly presents their Father Christmas & The Chronicles of Christmas Experience! Begin your festive adventure at Candy Cane Customs before meeting Father Christmas in his twinkling grotto. Enjoy a private visit with Santa, receive a special coin to choose a gift from his Toy Workshop, and explore the magical Chronicles of Christmas experience included with your ticket. To find out more and to book, visit the [Attwell Farm website](#).

Christmas day Parkrun: Start your Christmas day with some Christmas cheer at your local festive Parkrun! Have lots of fun completing the course with friends and family. To add to the festivities, why not wear something Christmassy to mark the special day! To find out where you can take part, visit the following link - www.parkrun.org.uk/special-events/



Play attention to the present moment (mindfulness)

Holiday Senses Walk: Go outside and notice festive themed things...

- 5 you can see;
- 4 you can touch;
- 3 you can hear;
- 2 you can smell and;
- 1 you can taste.

Festive Feeling Jar: Decorate a jar and each day write down one happy feeling or something you notice during the holiday season. Focus on that moment when you read it.

Mindful Ornament Making: Have a go at making some Christmas decorations. Take the time to notice the colours, textures, smells, and shapes.

Christmas mindfulness colouring party placemats: Try making some festive placemats for the dinner table on Christmas Day? Here are 6 different designs: <https://jmp.sh/lvKPUih>

Christmas wordsearches: Test your logic/puzzle skills with these Christmas themed wordsearches – there are 3 puzzles to complete! <https://jmp.sh/QezBP5D>

Yoga in a Winter Wonderland: Bend like a candy cane! Balance like a Christmas tree... Enhance your physical and mental wellbeing through some winter-themed yoga - <https://jmp.sh/XLe7GHm>



5 Ways to Wellbeing

Get in touch...

We welcome your feedback on this newsletter and would love to see any photos or videos of families participating in our Wellbeing activities. Please share them with us via a post on Instagram or by email:



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