

Newsletter Friday 24th April 2026

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Information for Parents



Finally, we have had some sunny weather! Let's hope it is here to stay. This week Pathway 2 had a great Stay and Play with a focus on books and reading, and 6th Form held their coffee morning. Molly the school dog also enjoyed hearing Pathway 2 readers for the first time this year. They all did so well.

Please remember the Spring Fair is 9th May 11am to 1pm - please note the change of times and also the doors will not be open until 11am. We will be having an own clothes day 8th May for bringing in bottles for the bottle tombola.

The Friends of Wyre Forest are always looking for helpers - without them the school would not be able to buy selection boxes, Easter eggs etc for the children. Unfortunately, we could not run the Mother's Day event due to lack of volunteers, let's hope we can keep the Fairs going.

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

MyChildAtSchool

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.



**PARENT POP-IN
WFS PARENTS AND
CARERS**

Every Monday
from 2pm
in our Family
Hub

Come along to access any support that you may require around SEND, finances, Behaviour, sleep, housing, transport and much more!

With Donna Lester – Senior Family Support Worker

Calendar Dates

Please find information and times of school events for 2026 at the end of the newsletter.

Wyre Forest School Term Dates Academic Year 2026 - 2027

These dates will be sent to you on a separate document,
for September 2026 to July 2027



Join us for our Spring Fair on
Saturday 9th May between 11am- 1pm

Get involved with our popular raffle which include prizes such as:

- . Tickets to West Midlands Safari Park
- . Tickets to Attwell Farm Park
- . Tickets to 360 Play in Redditch

and much more for just £1 per ticket!

Raffle will be drawn Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 2pm.

Tickets can be purchased from the fair and will also go out in student bags.

Please bear in mind doors will remain closed until 11am to ensure everyone gets a fair chance to purchase what is available.

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Exciting News.....

On Wednesday 15th April, 10H had the amazing opportunity to visit Forest Dog Rescue and present the money to them that we raised back in December when we took part in a Step Up for Santa.

Step Up for Santa was an event where we all took part in doing step up's on a bench to the equivalent amount of miles Santa travels from the North Pole to Kidderminster.

From doing this we raised an amazing £451.

Whilst at the Forest Dog Rescue, we learnt how the money we raised would be used to help look after the dogs in their care and we were lucky enough to get a guided tour around the kennels and learn about all the hard work it takes to care for these dogs.

Thank You all who donated and Thank You Forest Dog Rescue for allowing us to learn from you!





Well done to Blossom Tree Cafe for receiving another No Barriers Award from Wyre Forest District Council.

We are also really pleased to see that our friends from Mikey's Boxing Gym in Kidderminster received an award after being nominated by our sixth-form students, to thank them for the work they do with us.



Please enjoy articles this week from classes in Pathway 1

Cedar Class

Pirates & The Sea

We've started our term with a splash. In sensory tennis the parachute was amazing and got us giggling. We've enjoyed our new story, Pirate Pete. The music is fab, it has plenty of ear-worm songs!

Things to remember!

Summer Picnic
10/06/26



FIG CLASS SUMMER 1



This half term, we are continuing to develop our independence skills through food activities. We have been practicing hand washing, with visual support. We are working towards making fruit salads with less support and have really enjoyed practicing chopping soft fruits, such as bananas and oranges.

The theme for this half term is "Food". We have been exploring stories such as "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Handa's surprise", showing interest in props and pictures in the books. We are also using ALDs to comment during stories, as well as using PECs to request specific books and songs.

We have also been exploring patterns through songs with lots of repetition/repeated actions. We have enjoyed songs such as "pat-a-cake" and are growing more confident with copying familiar actions.

We are also enjoying lots of music and dancing! We have explored moving our bodies along to different songs and copying actions.





Larch Class

Last week we had a delivery of tiny caterpillars, we have been looking at them each day, watching them grow and turn into Chrysalis hanging down from the lid- looking forward to seeing them turn into beautiful butterflies at some point over the next few days.





Larch Class

We have read the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and used objects from a story sack. We explored symmetry by painting half a butterfly then taking a print to see the full picture, We attempted a tricky puzzle, threaded pictures from the story in order, cut and stick mini caterpillar pictures, and really enjoyed a sensory story and song about caterpillars.



Pine Class

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Summer 1 Wild Animals

This term in Pine Class we are focusing on Wild Animals and have focused on stories "A view from the Zoo" and "Dear Zoo" so far, where pupils explored these through engaging sensory activities, songs, and PE to develop gross motor skills. Communication targets focused on purposeful requesting, while fine motor skills were strengthened through hands-on activities such as dough disco, puzzles, and messy play. Pupils also continued developing independence skills as this term we are focusing on making our own drinks!

Key Information

Forest school is on Friday morning!

Activities this Term



Pine Class

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More activities this term



Next week's
'Story of the Week' is:

We're going to the zoo

Holly Class

Holly Class have been working really hard this week.

Holly Class have been working hard whilst exploring their independence target. We have been looking at making cold drinks - we have started this by practising pouring into different cups and stopping when the cup is almost full.

Holly Class have also enjoyed exploring Forest School. They have enjoyed exploring the environment and sharing resources with peers.





Beech class



Beech class have settled back to school well and have been working really hard on their individual targets building confidence and developing skills in communication, interaction and relationships. Keep up the great work.



THE LIME CLASS ADVENTURES!

Summer 1 in Lime Class

WE ARE HAVING A SUPER FIRST SUMMER TERM IN LIME CLASS!

OUR THEME FOR THIS HALF TERM IS PIRATES AND WE CANNOT WAIT TO EXPLORE!

WE WILL BE EXPLORING COMMUNICATION, READING, COUNTING AND CARDINALITY, SHARING, REGULATING EMOTIONS AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE EXPLORING DANCE AND MOVING TO THE MUSIC WE ENJOY.

WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE HAVING A MUSIC FESTIVAL AT SCHOOL DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF THE TERM (MONDAY 18TH MAY - FRIDAY 22ND MAY) SO WE CAN CELEBRATE, LEARN AND EXPLORE LOTS OF DIFFERENT MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES.







Elm Class

This half term Elm class are focusing on the topic and story 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.



Elm Class

We have enjoyed lots of different activities planned around our individual targets. This half term we are focusing on turn taking and playing together.



Elm Class

Our Summer Timetable:

forest school on a Monday, PE Tuesday, bike track on Wednesday and the new playground on Thursday.

Through the week we also visit other sensory suites within the school.



SUMMER TERM 1

Yew Class Newsletter

What We've Learned

This half term we are learning all about what is inside our garden, looking at insects, animals, plants and trees. The children have loved starting their learning by looking at ladybirds and bees, making some wonderful crafts and immersing themselves into our theme using treasure baskets, visuals, stories and insect toys.







Russell House

MONDAY Forest School Disco

TUESDAY Swimming Bowling

WEDNESDAY Bike track

THURSDAY Cricket Party

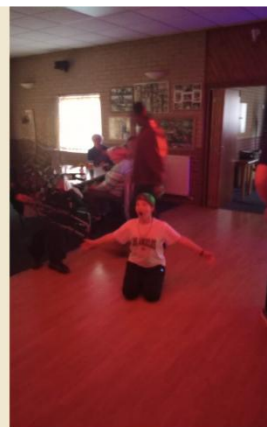
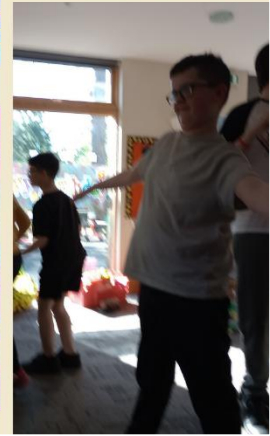
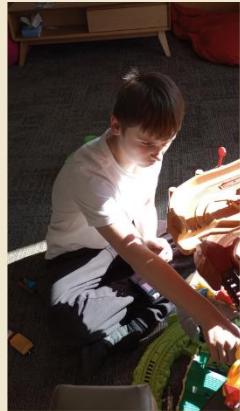
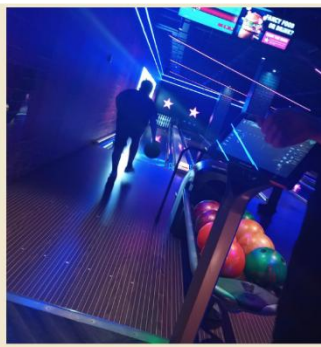
Worcestershire Cricket Foundation host a free SEN cricket club every other Thursday at the Kidderminster cricket club. The next one is 7th May 5pm-6pm.
Please feel free to come along
www.worcestershirecricketfoundation.co.uk/





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

Is This Sunday the 26th of April , 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.wfcrc.org.uk



Special Steps
SEND Provision

SEND Summer Holiday Scheme

Limited spaces available!

- Runs weekdays 9am - 4pm
- 3rd - 28th August
- £75 per day

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per day



- Use of playroom, sensory room & garden
- Daily themed crafts & messy play
- Breakfast & afternoon snack provided (bring a packed lunch)
- Suitable for children up to the age of 8 years old

Ratios are 1 adult: 2 children.
We are unable to support 1:1 at this time

The Cornerstone Rooms, Minster Road,
Stourport, DY13 8AS

Tel: 07459 771351

specialsteps2023@yahoo.com





May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm



SENDIASS Training at your Family Hub

FREE SEND Workshops

**Supporting your child to cope with change
School Readiness**



10am-12pm

A FREE 2 week workshop for parents/ carers of children due to start school in the next few years.

- **Brookside Family Hub- Kidderminster**
Tuesday 21 and 28 April 2026
- **Holly Trees Family Hub- Redditch**
Thursday 7 and 14 May 2026
- **WANDS Family Hub- Droitwich**
Thursday 11 and 18 June 2026

Find out more and
book your free space



Understanding your Child

9 week programme, term time only



WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS

Tuesday's 21/04/26 - 30/06/26

12.30 - 3.30 pm



We all know being a parent can be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles you will ever take on as an adult, and sometimes we could all use a little extra help.

Come along to this relaxed, fun group to explore issues including developmental needs, having fun, communication, sleep and behaviour difficulties.

The group is suitable for families with children aged 2- 11 years.

**Venue: Best Start Family Hub - Half Crown Wood. Princess Way,
Stourport on Severn, DY13 0EL**

To book your place please scan the QR code or visit
[.https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDHR](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDHR). For any queries please
email admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk or call 01562 827207.



www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Please can we remind all Parents & Carers to keep the school office updated with any change of details, i.e, telephone numbers, addresses, list of contacts. Thank you

May 2026	
1	Vesak- Act of Kindness Day (Buddhism)
6	Early Years SALT input at Russell House – 9.30 -11.00am
9	Spring Fair – 11.30am – 2.30pm
13	Pathway 4 Jobs Event – 1.25pm (pupils only, Year 7 upwards)
14	Post 14 Coffee Morning – 9.30am – 10.20am – Parents/Carers invited
18-22	Pathway 1 WYRE FEST Music Week
21	Early Years Teddy Bears Picnic – 1.30 – 2.30pm
21	Supported Internships talk – 9.30 – 10.30am (Post 14 and Post 16 parents and students)
22	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
25 th -29 th	Half term

June 2026	
1	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
1	Early Years Parent Support Group at Russell House with Sophie Keyte – Paediatric OT – 9.30 – 11am
2	Pathway 3 & 4 Music Festival – 1.30pm, in the Orchard outside area, Parents invited.
3	Eid
4	Early Years Sports Day – 1.30 – 2.30pm
5	Y8 HPV vaccines – more information to follow
8	Pathway 2 Sports Day – 9.30 – 11.00am – Ash, Poplar, Willow, Rowan, Hazel 1.15 – 2.45pm – Birch, Chestnut, Hawthorn, Maple, Cherry
10	Pathway 1 Sports Day – 1.15 – 2.15pm Secondary Playground - Cedar, Alder, Larch, Holly, Elm 1.15 – 2.15pm – Primary Playground - Lime, Beech, Fir, Pine, Fig, Yew
12	PRIDE - 6 th Form
17	Pathway 3 & 4 Sports Day – more information to follow
17	New Reception Parents Meeting – 5pm
19	Sparkle Day Father's Day Gift Shop
23	Post 14/16 Sports Day
26	Year 11 & 6 th Form Leavers Party – 1.45pm
29	Early Years Pathway information, resources and support for summer holiday at Russell House – 9.30 – 10.30am

July 2026	
2	Early Years Sports Day and support from SALT– 1.30 – 2.45pm
7	Pathway 2 End of Year Celebration – 10.30 – 11.30 – Ash, Poplar, Willow, Rowan, Hazel 1.30 – 2.30pm – Birch, Chestnut, Hawthorn, Maple, Cherry
8	Early Years End of Year Celebration – 1.30 – 2.30pm
9	Parents new to 6 th Form meeting – 9.30-10.30am
13	Pathway 1 End of Year Celebration and Summer Picnic – 1.15 – 2.30pm Secondary Playground – Cedar, Alder, Larch, Holly, Elm 1.15 – 2.30pm – Primary Playground – Lime, Beech, Fir, Pine, Fig, Yew
14	Post 14 End of Year Celebration – 1.30 - 2.30pm
15	Pathway 3 Celebration Assembly – 1.30pm
16	Pathway 4 End of Year Celebration - more information to follow
17	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER