

Newsletter Friday 1st May 2026

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Information for Parents



I have written about the staff carpark many times, and the fact that other schools, including special schools do not have parents using the carpark. It really saddens me when people in the WFS family display a lack of tolerance, patience and understanding when trying to pick their child up from school. These are all the things we want from the public when taking our children out and about in the community.

Please be kind to each other. Have patience and try and practice what we want society to be like with our children.

Hoping you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

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.



Calendar Dates

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

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

GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026



This year at Wyre Forest School we have been enjoying the National year of Reading 2026 activities

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION AWARD
THE ROOM



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National Year of Reading 2026

Wyre Forest School have completed the National Literacy Trust's Spring Term Programme and are going all in for the National Year of Reading.

Jonathan Douglas CBE Hon FRSL
Chief Executive, National Literacy Trust

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WyreForestSchool

We have been awarded a School's Participation Award for our hard work in our online sessions and getting involved in reading activities across the school.

Lots of classes will be joining in with our next online session on the 20th May all about Stanley's Stick by John Hegley

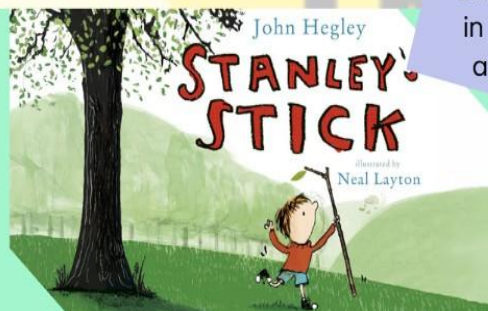
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National Year of Reading 2026



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.



CHESTNUT CLASS



THIS WEEK

Our topic this term is "On the Farm", so far the children have had fun playing in our barn and farm role play area, using masks and dress up to be the animals as well as using the animal toys to interact and play with. Alongside this we have a farm shop where the children can buy different fruits and vegetables from the farm shop, making their shopping lists and collecting their items from the shop. This is really supporting our role play activities allowing us to develop our turn taking skills and allowing our creativity and our imaginations to flourish.

In Maths this week we have been developing our counting skills. Chestnut class are familiar with numbers 1- 10 and are starting to recognise how many there are, matching the amount to the correct number.

To support this we have been counting different spots on ladybirds and matching the spots to the correct number.

For creative we have been using paints to make the ladybird spots and counting how many spots we need to make the number as well as painting different animals for our farm display.

In Literacy, we have been reading the story

"What the ladybird heard and
What the ladybird heard next".

This story supports the children to recognise the animals that live on the farm and the different sounds they make, which Chestnut class are very good at! Our Literacy targets focus on mark making which we are all having a go at holding our pencils/pens aiming for a pincer grip making lines, circles and some are drawing pictures! Well done Chestnut class!









HAZEL CLASS

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Hazel class have been diving into life in the zoo within their new topic. The pupils have been identifying and describing different animals, designing their own zoos and acting out different animals using sound effects! In Math's, Hazel class have been focusing on ways in which we can measure time, such as stop watches and calendars.



Hawthorn Class

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Summer 1 On the Farm

This half term we have started to look at our new topic of 'On the Farm'. We have been looking at mark making and writing within our English learning and focusing on counting and number in Maths. In creative, we have been working on our music skills by clapping and playing instruments to a beat. We have been following key word instructions in Communication, including the use of simple prepositions. We have really been enjoying the sunshine in Forest School too!

Activities this Week

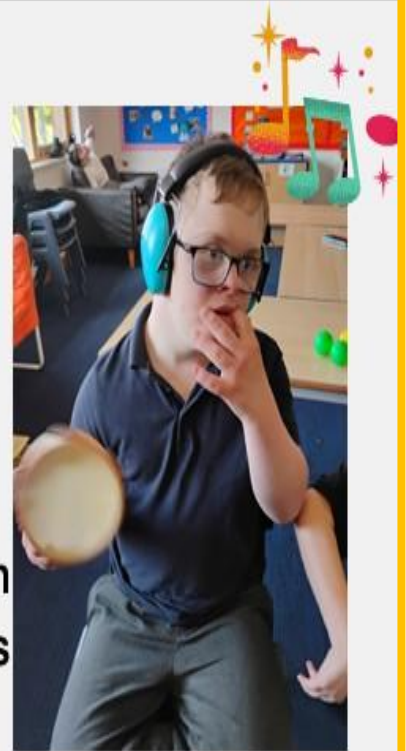


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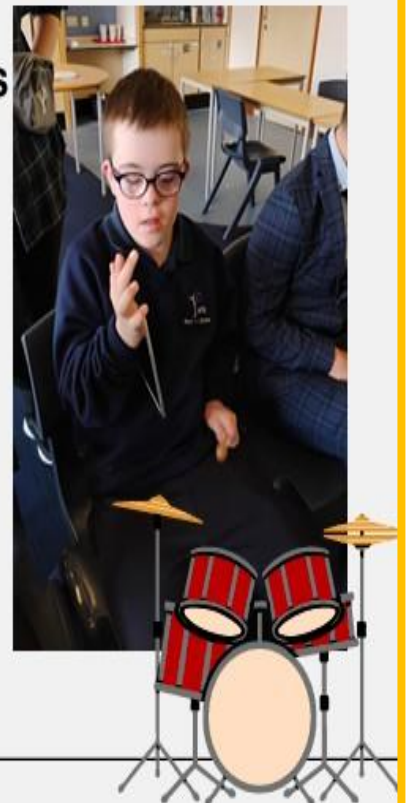
More photos of our busy half term!





Poplar Class

This week we have been exploring different types of instruments. The children have enjoyed playing different sounds and how to play each instrument correctly.





Maple Class



This summer term, Maple Class has been busy exploring our new topic, "Whatever the Weather." From story time filled with sunshine and storms to hands-on weather activities and outdoor adventures, the children have embraced every moment. In our independence sessions, the children have taken great pride in becoming confident sandwich makers. Using the ALD, they've been requesting the tools they need and selecting their favourite fillings, showing fantastic communication and growing independence.

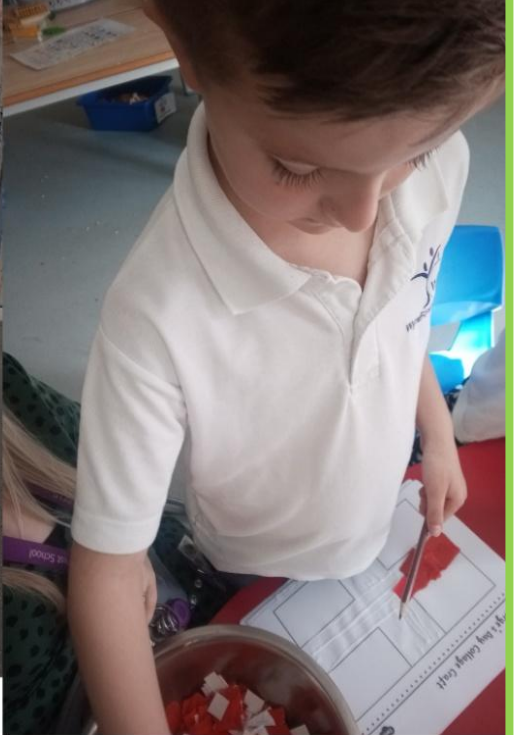




Cherry Class!
We have had lots of fun
building friendships,
practising our writing skills
and number work.

Learning pilates and much
more!





Rowan Class

April 2026

Rowan Class have been very busy after being back from half term. We have been lots of fun in forest school, where we have been looking sowing seeds. In class we have planted our own cress, watering them everyday and watching them grow.

In cooking we are continuing to work on our independence skills looking at making a fruit salad and going to the local shop to buy our own snacks for the pop cafe in poplar class.

In p.e. Rowan class have been taking part in pilates and making jungle animals shapes!

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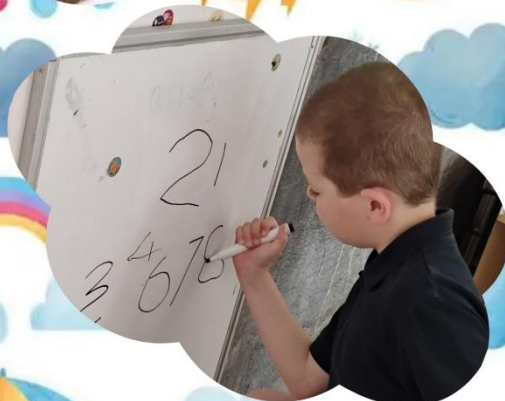


BIRCH CLASS

We have started to learn about the weather and the differences between the types of weather. We are starting to look out the window and identify what the weather is like today.

Communication

We have started to share attention with another, this maybe with an adult or peer. We may copy what others are doing, or interact in different ways. We have started to attend more adult led activities and engage for longer periods at a time.



Cognition and learning

We have been learning to understand that our marks have meaning and can represent objects. We can tell stories through marks and they can relate to our experiences.

We have started to develop our language skills and understand the concept of MORE and LOTS.

Creative

We have started to be creative through music. We are learning how to hold and play instruments. We are listening to adults play music and trying to copy the sounds they have made.



Independence

We have started to explore our cooking skills and are learning how to make sweet and savory sandwiches. We are following instructions and copying adults.



Play

We are exploring imaginary play and role play. We are watching adults model imaginary play and are starting to copy.

Physical

We have been learning pilates skills. We have started to explore the mini support pose. Adults have modelled and we have started to copy.

Willow class



This week in Willow class we have explored our favourite story books, created our favourite characters, explored ice and experimenting with vinegar and bicarbonate soda! We have also practiced our number recognition and danced to our favourite nursery rhymes.



Ash Class

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We are going to the zoo!

This half term we have been exploring our topic "The Zoo!".

The children have enjoyed engaging in books including 'What the lady bird heard at the zoo', 'Poo at the zoo' and 'Hole in the zoo'. The children have completed lots of exciting activities including

- Building a zoo for the toy animals using a range of construction resources.
 - Identifying and finding animals around the classroom.
 - Creating junk model and animals,
 - And creating their own zoo map.
- Well done Ash Class !!!

Key Days

Tuesday
Bike Track

Wednesday
Cooking

Thursday
P.E

Activities this Week





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





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



RUSSELL HOUSE

GROUP 1

GROUP 2

MONDAY Youth club

Habberley
Valley

TUESDAY Sports Hall

WEDNESDAY Arley

THURSDAY Water
fight Football





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

Is This Sunday the 3rd of May , 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.wfrc.org.uk

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	
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
10	The Lodge End of Year Celebration – 1.30pm
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