

# Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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## Information for Parents



The last two Fridays Molly and I have had a lovely time - last week with Sam Harper's class walking the big Wyre Forest walk, and today with Fir class following the Gruffalo trail. All the pupils did exceptionally well and made me very proud.

As you all know, places for our school are in huge demand and we currently have 310 pupils. From September, we will be taking over the whole of the EYFS Hub from St John's (which we will rename) and expanding by a further four classes. The places for these classes have already been filled by Worcestershire Children First (WCF) with the most complex of learners and we are looking forward to welcoming them and their families to the WFS family. We are also increasing the number of places we have in reception to 30, and there will be some building work in the summer holiday to accommodate this.



At the end of this term, I will have been headteacher here for 8 academic years and we will have doubled in size, but everyone still comments on the lovely family feel to the school, the fact we know all our children as individuals and the high standards we place on ourselves every day. Exciting times ahead.

JUNE 2023	
16	Father's Day Gift Wrap with Friends of WFS – leaflets after half term
23	Own Clothes Day and bring a Donation for Friends of WFS Summer Fayre Event (not monetary).
23	EYFS Sports Day – 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
30	Leavers event at Russell House – 1.45pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
JULY 2023	
6	10.30am – New Sixth Form Parents Coffee Morning ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
6	Pathway 3 & 4 Sports Day 9.30am ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
8	Friends of WFS Summer Fayre ***NEW DATE***
10	Post 14 & Sixth Form Sports Day – <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
11	Willow, Sycamore, Beech, Hazel Sports Day – 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
12	Fir, Cedar, Alder Sports Day – 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
13	Chestnut, Birch, Elm, Maple, Yew Sports Day – 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
14	10SW End of year celebration (pm) ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
17	EYFS Celebration 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
18	Pathway 3 Celebration – 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
19	Pathway 1 Celebration – 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )
20	Pathway 2 Celebration – 1.30pm ( <b>Parents invited</b> )

## ROWAN Class

Rowan Class have been really enjoying art lessons this half term. We have been focusing on line and tone work and learning how we can just use pencils to create thick and thin lines, patterns, textures and light and dark colours through our line and tone work. The pupils have focused and worked hard on all of the activities to develop their skills, before using what we have learnt to create a beautiful patterned 'quilt' for the wall and 'hairy', 'fluffy', textured images of the Wild Things in our story.



Dance lessons continue to go well, and the class are almost ready to perform their dance of Where the Wild Things Are. Everyone is working together to remember and perform each part of the dance. Well Done Rowan Class! It is fantastic to watch, and we are excited to perform it to Poplar Class on Friday.



## CHESTNUT Class

This week in Chestnut class the children have loved exploring our new playground. They have all demonstrated their preferences and engaged in being alongside their peers in the outdoor environment. They have also been developing their relationships within the classroom with their peers and familiar adults by beginning to take turns.





## POPLAR Class



Over the last few weeks in Poplar Class, we have been learning about different types of materials. We have sorted different objects according to which material they are made of, which led us onto how we can recycle our rubbish or reuse it for different purposes. This week we have finished our topic by making watering cans out of recycled milk bottles. After decorating them, the children enjoyed watering the tree saplings that they planted last term.



Scarlett in Rowan Class had an exciting weekend at the Stepping Starz in Spotlight Festival.

She danced in two shows, following all of the instructions and working hard all weekend. She even received a medal.

Congratulations and well-done Scarlett.



## HOLLY Class

Holly class have really enjoyed their free play PE session this week, they got stuck into the activities on offer and had a go at everything discovering new skills and likes.



Also this week Holly class have been reporting the weather to their friends and looked at what clothes they would wear and what activities they could do in different weathers.



### Communication Team News



Hi Everyone,

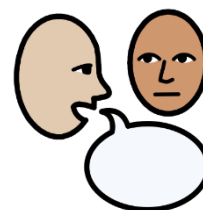
#### Talking about feelings.

A new and free Well Being resource can be found on [Widgit.com](http://Widgit.com)

Check out the website:

#### Here's a Communication and Interaction top tip for this week:

- Talk about everyday things as you go through your day.
- If you and your child talk a lot to each other this will help when there are difficult issues.



Have a lovely half term,  
The Communication Team



## YEW Class



Yew class have loved dressing up for our assembly all about what we want to be when we are older. Can you guess what we want to be?



We have also loved using the new playground.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Newsletter

[26th May 2023 Newsletter \(office.com\)](#)

## WILLOW Class

This half term willow class have been making a window box in forest school!! During our time making this window box, willow class have experienced using lots of different tools such as a saw, hand drill and screwdriver!

We have also been learning about the lifecycle of frogs and helped move tadpoles to their new home in the pond!

Thank you for a really fun and exciting term Rich!



## 11H

11H have been busy working on their John Muir award. They have been working very hard making beautiful fairy doors for the Flamingo Garden.

11H also enjoyed listening to David Hale from Harlow Timber who came to tell us lots of interesting facts about wood, all the things we use it for, and all the different types of jobs people do working with wood.





## CHERRY Class

Cherry Class have had a lovely sunny week! We have been preparing for our assembly by discussing sun safety and the different ways to keep us safe when it's hot!



We had an exciting trip to the bike track, and we carried on making our papier mâché Viking helmets in world about us!



In literacy, we used our knowledge of 'doing words' and 'describing words' to plan our missing dinosaur posters!

## FIR Class

This week Fir class enjoyed forest school in the sunshine. They enjoyed exploring the area. Having cart rides and making music.



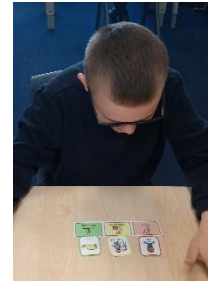
## ASH Class

Ash class have been enjoying the last week before half term.

In Maths they have continued with measuring different items with a ruler, this week they have looking at different objects and estimating how long they think they are. They have then used the ruler to see if they were correct or how close they were.



In literacy they have been making their own sentences using “who” “what doing?” “what” “” where” and “when”.



In PE they have worked really hard on football ball skills, they have all been controlling the football while travelling around cones.





## Safeguarding News

### Family Support through the Holidays



Donna Lester has recently been promoted to Senior Family Support Worker. This means she will be available for support throughout the school holidays. You can contact Donna between 9am and 3pm. Please ring the school office and choose option 7 on the phone system to be put through to Donna.

### Introducing...



Please welcome Lauren to the team!  
Lauren will be the new family support worker for early years when she returns from maternity leave after half term.  
Lauren will be available at the early year's hub in the morning and afternoon for parents to speak to her about any concerns.

**If you're worried about how gambling makes you feel, we can help**

What would you like help with?

#### I'd like to feel more in control of my gambling

See how others have gained control of their gambling and take our tests to get the tools that are right for you.

#### I'm worried about my gambling

Explore information, advice and support services that have helped others to regain control, or stop gambling altogether. You can also access useful tools to help you feel in control again.

#### I want to help someone who's gambling

It can be hard to know what to say or do. Learn how to help someone who's gambling and get support and advice so you can look out for you too.

**GambleAware**

Freephone 24-7 National Gambling Helpline: **0808 8020 133**

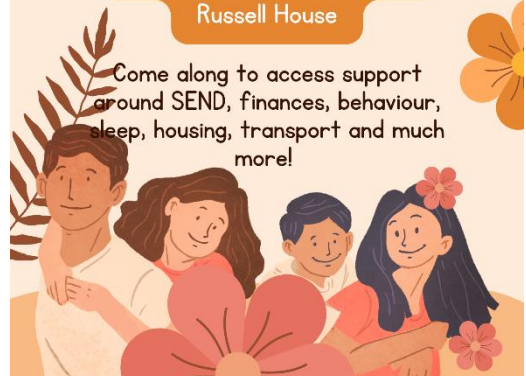
## WFS Parents,

Join Hannah, Donna and Lauren for a Family Support parent pop in session.

2pm Wednesday 21st June

Russell House

Come along to access support around SEND, finances, behaviour, sleep, housing, transport and much more!



### The Families and Safeguarding Team



**Donna Lester - Early Intervention Family Support**  
I am situated at the front gate at the start and end of each school day, please come and speak to me about any concerns. Alternatively, email me on [dml31@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:dml31@wfs.worcs.sch.uk)



**Hannah White - Challenging Behaviour Family Support - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs**  
I am working closely with the schools' behaviour lead to support families with concerns around behaviour. Please don't hesitate to contact me on [hwhite@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:hwhite@wfs.worcs.sch.uk)



**Lauren Gillam - Early Years Family Support - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri**  
I will be available at the early year's hub in the morning and afternoon for parents to speak to me about any concerns. [lgillam@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:lgillam@wfs.worcs.sch.uk)

## PINE & OAK



This term in Oak and Pine we have been learning about 'people who help us'. As part of this topic, we have been going on a walk to the local Police Station and developing our skills to safely cross a road.



We have been very lucky and have seen many police cars, police vans and spoken to police officers. Some of us were even lucky enough to see the flashing lights on a police car.



We then walked to the post box and posted our own identity sheet home.



## HAZEL Class



Hazel class have continued to work on their topic 'knights and castles' and have ended this week with a knight's party in the hall!

They made shields and helmets for the occasion and dressed as a dragon so we could add their picture to their fabulous shields (photos to follow next term!)







This term the children have also been learning about colour mixing, directions and continued to build on their phonics, number and mark making skills.

What a busy term, well done Hazel Class!



## ACORNS Reception

This week the children in Acorns Reception have been reading the story, Planting a Rainbow to continue our topic, How Does Your Garden Grow topic. Reggie and Kallon have been busy sorting colours of fruit and vegetables, and everybody has had lots of fun making our crafty bumble bees!



Last week, we enjoyed learning about the insects as our "Garden Friends" so much that we looked at bees this week and watched how they buzz about the flowers in our gardens using the big screen in the classroom. We hope to find some in our outdoor area soon! Later in the week, the children enjoying opening packets of seeds, planting them into the soil and using a spray bottle to water them. We're excited to watch them grow!



## Russell House News

This week we have had lots of fun. Monday, we visited Habberley park that had a fab zipwire, Tuesday we went to the splash pad at Brinton Park, we enjoyed cooling down and spraying the staff with the water gun. Wednesday, we had an Italian theme night, we made a spaghetti Bolognese and had an ice cream parlour with yummy toppings. Thursday, we celebrated Lily's 18th birthday with a trip to get donuts and a party. Happy birthday Lily.

