

NEWSLETTER

End of Autumn 2025 and Start of Spring 1 2026 Happy New Year!

End of Autumn Term message from Mrs Westbury

I would just like to thank each and every one of you that has helped to support our school over the autumn term, whether you have attended one of our workshops, seen your child take part in their performances or attended our Christmas Fair, your input and partnership with us is always appreciated. We could not do this without you! It is an absolute pleasure and privilege to work with your children every day. I hope that you all have a lovely, happy and healthy Christmas holiday and new year!



Staffing - Mrs Dowding

We would like to share the news that Mrs Dowding, one of our long-standing and much-valued staff members, will be leaving us at the end of this term, tomorrow Friday 19th December. She has been part of our team since 2006, during which time she has worked in a number of important roles including Nursery Family Group Leader, supporting children through speech and language programmes, and, for many years, as our trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant).

She is leaving to follow her passion for supporting children with their mental health - a cause that reflects the care, dedication and compassion she has always shown in her work here. We know that she has supported and helped the lives of many children and families over the years, and that her impact will be long-lasting.

We are sure you will join us in thanking her for her incredible contribution to our school and in wishing her every success and happiness in her next adventure.











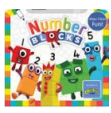

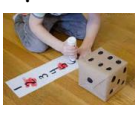


Parent Workshops










Over the next couple of months there will be more opportunities for you to come into school to be involved in your child's learning. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see the curriculum in action and lots of different approaches we use to help your child to learn. We understand that parents cannot always attend but always encourage other family members; e.g. nan, grandad, auntie, uncles etc. to come instead if you cannot.

Little Puzzlers Toddlers Group (0-3 year olds)

Please remember that we have a toddler session in school. If you or anyone you know locally (they do not need to have children in our school) would like to come along we always appreciate people attending. The price per session is £2 - for this you get a child's snack and drink and an adult drink. We meet on Tuesdays during term-time only at 9am-10.15am in the school hall. All children attending must be accompanied by an adult.

Forthcoming events

Date and Year Group	Event
Friday 19th December  All Year Groups	School finishes at normal time today for Christmas. Children can wear their own clothes or something festive if they wish to today. We have a lovely festive day planned for all of the children including a special surprise visit from Santa to give the children their Christmas present.
Sunday 21st December Year 1 and 2 	Our Year 1 and 2 children have been invited to sing a couple of songs at Holy Trinity Church's Carol Service on Sunday 21st December . The service starts at 5pm so any children who are attending will need to be at the church for 4:45pm. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult who can stay for the service please. The church are also putting on refreshments at the end of the service. If your child would like to attend please email Mrs Westbury so that she can add them onto the list and update the church with the numbers of children that we expect to attend.
Monday 5th January 2026 All year groups	Training Day - School CLOSED to all pupils. 
Tuesday 6th January All year groups	School is open at the normal time today for all pupils.
Wednesday 7th January Some of our Year 1 and 2 children who attend Boccia club	Boccia Competition - Children who participate in school in Boccia (an inclusive bowling game) will be taking part in a competition today - Good Luck! Please see Mrs Davis' letter for details. 
Thursday 8th January Some Year 1 and 2 children	Flu Vaccination Catch-Up Sessions - Walsall Vaccination Team will return to school for the morning to provide flu vaccinations for those children who have consent, but were absent from the first session in October. 
Monday 12th January Reception 	Story Hunt Day - As part of their learning about Traditional Tales our Reception children will have an exciting story themed day today which includes a workshop from Freshwater Theatre Company. Children will investigate 'Fairytale' through a range of drama, music and story-based activities, collecting clues along the way to create a delightful story together at the end.  Children can come to school dressed as a favourite book character today.
Wednesday 14th January  Nursery	Our Nursery parents are invited to join in an interactive Maths workshop with your child. 10am - 11am Morning children 2pm - 3pm Afternoon children For children who attend all day a parent can come to either (or both) sessions     

<p>Wednesday 14th January</p>  <p><u>Reception</u></p>	<p>The School Nursing Team will be in school today for the annual Height & Weight checks for Reception. Letters have already gone out to parents with a link for you to access if you wish to opt of of this check for your child.</p>
<p>Tuesday 20th January</p> <p><u>Nursery</u></p>	<p>As part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic Nursery are learning all about shops. Today the children will be walking to our local Tesco to help them with their learning. They will explore the shop, find out what people who work in a shop do and help Mrs Davis to buy some items to bring back to Nursery. Children do not need to bring any money with them.</p> <p>Bumblebee AM group - 9:15 - 10:00 Caterpillar group - 10:00 - 10:45 Ladybird group - 1 - 1:45 PM Bumblebee PM group - 1:45 - 2:30 PM</p> 
<p>Monday 26th January</p>  <p><u>Reception</u></p>	<p>As part of our learning for Safer Internet Day which takes place in February, we will be hosting a parents online e-safety workshop - Want to know more about how to keep your child safe online? We are hosting a short event to help you - staff will meet you in the dining room at 2.15pm then you can join your child in class to see the kinds of age appropriate activities they use at school. Please sign in at Main Reception.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27th January</p>  <p><u>Year 1</u></p>	<p>As part of our learning for Safer Internet Day which takes place in February, we will be hosting a parents online e-safety workshop - Want to know more about how to keep your child safe online? We are hosting a short event to help you - staff will meet you in the dining room at 2.15pm then you can join your child in class to see the kinds of age appropriate activities they use at school. Please sign in at Main Reception.</p>
<p>Wednesday 28th January</p>  <p><u>Year 2</u></p>	<p>As part of our learning for Safer Internet Day which takes place in February, we will be hosting a parents online e-safety workshop - Want to know more about how to keep your child safe online? We are hosting a short event to help you - staff will meet you in the dining room at 2.15pm then you can join your child in class to see the kinds of age appropriate activities they use at school. Please sign in at Main Reception.</p>
<p>Friday 6th February</p>  <p><u>All year groups</u></p>	<p>All children in school can join in for Number Day - children can dress up in anything which has a number on - football shirt, make something with numbers on, come dressed as a calculator?! This is for the NSPCC - anyone wishing to make a donation can do so on School Gateway.</p>
<p>Week Commencing 9th February</p> <p><u>All year groups</u></p>	<p>Children's Mental Health Week - This week we will all be learning about mental health. Children will spend time learning about and talking about their emotions, taking on challenges to learn resilience and learning about ways that they can feel calm and relaxed.</p> 
<p>Monday 9th February</p>  <p><u>Year 2</u></p>	<p>As part of their topic on 'Pioneers', Year 2 will visit RAF Cosford Air Museum today - remember to wear a uniform top and comfortable bottoms with sensible footwear. See RAF Cosford letter for further details. Payments can be made on School Gateway.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th February</p> <p><u>All year groups</u></p>	<p>Safer Internet Day - Children will be completing more learning today through stories and activities about how they can stay safe online and what to do if they do not feel safe online.</p> 

<p>Tuesday 10th February</p> <p><u>Nursery</u></p> 	<p>Nursery Learn Together - Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) focus</p> <p>Come and join your Nursery child and Mrs Davis to explore all the little things that make all the difference; sharing, turn taking, understanding emotions. Activities with your child in the dining room.</p> <p>10am - 11am Morning children 2pm - 3pm Afternoon children</p> <p>For children who attend all day a parent can come to either (or both) sessions.</p> 
<p>Tuesday 10th February</p> <p><u>Year 2</u></p>	<p>Rock-It Music will be in school this afternoon to work with our Year 2 children. As part of children's Mental Health Week the children will be exploring playing drums that are typically used for meditation for an all round calming experience.</p> 
<p>Wednesday 11th February</p> <p><u>Year 2</u></p> 	<p>Parent Workshop for PSHE - Personal, Social, Health Education - Come and join Mr Craig in the dining room for a talk and then join your child in the classroom to explore all the little things that make all the difference; understanding emotions, resilience, emotional coaching, tips and strategies.</p> 
<p>Thursday 12th February</p> <p><u>Reception</u></p> 	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) Parent Workshop</p> <p>Come and join Mr Craig in the dining room for a talk and then join your child in the classroom to explore all the little things that make all the difference; sharing, turn taking and understanding emotions.</p>
<p>Friday 13th February</p> <p><u>Year 1</u></p> 	<p>Parent Workshop for PSHE - Personal, Social, Health Education - Come and join Mr Craig in the dining room for a talk and then join your child in the classroom to explore all the little things that make all the difference; understanding emotions, resilience, emotional coaching, tips and strategies.</p>
<p>Friday 13th</p> <p><u>All year groups</u></p>	<p>School finishes at normal time today for the half-term holidays. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes today, or a favourite outfit or something that celebrates who they are as a person to end our week for Children's Mental Health Week.</p>

Future Dates:

- Monday 23rd February - **School is open** at the normal time today for all pupils.

Once more, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all in 2026!

