

A Message from Mrs Naffati

I hope that you have all had a wonderful time during our sunny summer break. It has been lovely to see everyone again and welcome you all into school over the past week. Children in Year 1 and 2 have been very studious and calm which is brilliant to see. Our newest children are settling in well and we welcome you all to our New Invention Infant School family. I hope you will enjoy your child's learning journey with us over the next few years - if you have any questions just ask.

We have many events planned for the Autumn Term so below are the key dates for your diary.

Reminder - No Backpacks

As a reminder to our previous communications, we no longer have space for backpacks in school. All children **MUST** have a reading folder (book bag) instead and should carry their water bottle separately (so books are not damaged). No other bag is needed. Spare clothes should be in a pump bag and left in school on your child's peg. If any families have difficulties, please come to the School Office. Reading folders can be purchased from **Clive Mark school wear shops** and **myclothing.com**

Get ready for the weather!

As the weather is constantly changing at the moment, please ensure your child has a coat and clothing suitable for unexpected rain every day.

Drop-Off & Collection Routines

Morning Nursery: Gates open at 8.25am and are closed at 8.35am after this time you will need to take your child to the school office to register them as late. **Collecting Morning Nursery:** Gates open at 11.25am and are closed at 11.35am. After this time, you will need to collect your child from the School Office with a reason as to why you are late.

The main playground for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Gates open onto the playground at 8.40am with senior staff on hand to take messages. As soon as your child goes through the gate or up the ramp, please step back for other children to go into school safely too. Morning gates **will then close promptly at 8:55am** when teachers take the register in class. If you arrive at the gates after this time you will need to go to the School Office to sign in as late, even if there is a staff member outside. All senior staff are teaching at 9.00am and must get back with messages to get to class on time themselves.



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Afternoon Nursery: Gates open at 12.25pm and these are closed at 12.35pm, after this time you will need to take your child to the School Office to register them as late even if there is a staff member outside. **Collecting Afternoon Nursery:** Gates open at 3.25pm and are closed at 3.35pm, after this time you will need to collect your child from the school office with a reason as to why you are late.

Home time on the main playground: There is a staggered collection to ease congestion on the playground.

ONLY RECEPTION PARENTS on the playground first. **All other year groups please wait by the entrances on to the playground until you are called.** This ensures our youngest children get to their

parents safely which is harder with lots of other parents on the playground. When you come onto the playground to collect your child please make sure you **join the queue for their class** so every parent/carer can be seen by their child's class teacher.

Reception will leave first from 3.15pm (Y1 & Y2 parents wait until your year group is called)

Year 1 are next (all Y2 parents must wait until called by a staff member with posters)

Year 2 then follow at around 3.25pm which is our official home time.

Keeping Information Up To Date

If there are any changes to yours or your child's details then this must be updated (e.g. home address, email, telephone number, collection list, medical changes etc.) You can pop into the School Office or email postbox@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk. This will help to make sure that all records are up to date and that we can contact you in an emergency.

Medical Information & Injuries At Home

If anything changes for your child - new medication, referrals to hospital departments, new allergies or a change of their medical needs we ask you to tell school **immediately** so we are always up to date with the correct information. You can speak to the Class Teacher at the end of the day when all children have been dismissed or speak to our School Office.

If your child has an accident or injury at home you **MUST** tell a staff member on the gate when your child goes into school - this is to ensure our safeguarding procedures are always followed and injuries explained. A follow up phone call may still occur if we need further details.

If your child has a significant injury (e.g. broken bone etc.) outside of school, we must complete a detailed Risk Assessment before your child can return to school. For this reason, the earlier you contact us to let us know the better, so the necessary information can be shared and safety plans put in place. Your child will not be able to attend school until this Risk Assessment has been completed.

Benedict's Law & Allergies - We are a NUT-FREE school

Due to the nature of some complex allergies children have in school, our policy is to be 'nut-free'. This includes **no Nutella spread** (other nut-free chocolate spread is available), no snack bars with nuts, no nuts in lunchboxes. We understand many products say '*may contain nuts/nut traces*' - these are fine to be in lunchboxes.

In line with Benedict's Law which came into force on 1st September for schools - **EVERY member of our school staff have now passed Allergy and Anaphylaxis training.**

We are a Cashless School

For a few years now, we have been a cashless school. All activities, events (only a few cash stalls at fairs), trips etc. are paid for via the School Gateway app. If you have any queries about School Gateway, please email postbox@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk.

Tuesday's Little Puzzlers Toddler Group sessions are cashless too - sessions are all paid on the day via bank transfer. Bank details will be provided at the session.

Remaining Training Days for 2026-2027

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Forthcoming Events - September - December 2026

Date and Year Group	Event
Tuesday 29th September Year 1 	Parent Reading Workshop - Year 1 - 9:00 to 10:00 Come and join your child for a phonics and reading session this morning. See how your child learns to recognise and read sounds in words and how we work on developing comprehension and fluency. Pick up some top tips for supporting their reading at home by learning with them in their lessons today!
Wednesday 30th September Year 2 	Parent Reading Workshop - Year 2 - 9:00 to 10:00 Come and join your child for a phonics/reading session this morning. See how your child learns to apply sounds to read words and how we work on developing comprehension and fluency. Pick up some top tips for supporting their reading at home by learning with them in their lessons today!
Thursday 1st October All Year Groups 	Black History Month Children are invited to come to school wearing something red, yellow or green for the Black History Month logo. During the month of October, our children across school will be taught about Black History Month at an age-appropriate level through looking at identity, music, culture and influential people in Britain and the wider world. Mrs Naffati will lead a KS1 assembly, share stories and set activities for the children across school throughout this time.
Friday 2nd October Year 2	Pirate Day - Year 2 Year 2 children are invited to come to school in pirate-themed outfits or fancy dress! Children will enjoy a range of activities during the school day. 
Week beginning 5th October All Year Groups 	Harvest Donations Children in Year 1 and 2 will have a special assembly this morning with church leader Mr Lloyd from Grace Church Wolverhampton. The children will learn about food, sharing and helping others as part of Harvest Festivals. Our younger children in Reception and Nursery will watch videos and share stories linked into Harvest. We are also asking for Harvest Food Bank donations from all children during this week. Our local support centre are in need of donations including long-life milk, jar/tinned foods, tea and coffee, biscuits, sugar, cereal and toiletries. Please ensure all donations are in date.
Tuesday 6th October Reception	Parent Reading Workshop - Reception - 9:00 to 10:00 Come and join your child for a phonics session this morning. See how your child learns to recognise sounds, say them and begin to put sounds together to read words. Pick up some top tips for supporting their reading at home by learning with them in their lessons today! This year we have changed our Phonics scheme in Reception to Little Wandle (this will be rolled out across school over the next year). Our previous scheme was not working well for our youngest children, it was too formal in many ways. The Leadership Team spent time in the Summer Term visiting other schools to look at other schemes and the successes of other children in schools similar to ours. We found Little Wandle is interactive, very structured, moves at a faster pace and has lots of support materials for children and training videos for staff. 

Week beginning 5th
October
All Year Groups

Wednesday 7th
October
Year 1

Thursday 8th
October
Year 2



Library Week

To celebrate National Library Week we will be taking part in different activities through the week. All Year Groups will set up their class 'Lending Libraries' where children will be able to choose a book to bring home to share with you.

Our Year 1 and 2 children will be walking to The Hive at The Square New Invention - if anyone is available to walk with classes, please let the Class Teacher know on collection.

Day and Class	Time to leave school	Arrival at The Hive	Ready to Leave The Hive	Approx time back at school
Weds AM Seahorse	9:35	9:50	10:20	10:35
Weds AM Jellyfish	10:05	10:20	10:50	11:05
Weds AM Stingray	10:35	10:45	11:15	11:30

Thur AM Dolphin	9:35	9:50	10:20	10:35
Thur AM Monkey	10:05	10:20	10:50	11:05
Thur AM Bear	10:35	10:50	11:20	11:35

All children will be set the challenge of going to visit a library in their own time during the week. Anyone who manages to visit can post a photo at the library on Seesaw and they will be sent for a special sticker and to be entered into a draw to win a book!

Monday 12th
October
All Year Groups



Parents' Evening - 3:45pm to 5:30pm

Please use the **online booking system on our school website** to arrange your slot for Parents' Evening, you will receive a separate email for this and can book up until 12:00 noon on the day of Parents' Evening.

Parents' Evening will take place in the school hall for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - enter the school hall via the doors on the car park.

Nursery Parents' Evening will take place in Nursery. Enter through the school hall doors on the car park and a member of staff will escort you to Nursery.

Each slot is for 5 minutes per child; if times go over you will be asked to continue the meeting on the phone at a later date.

Tuesday 13th
October
Year 1 only

Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church - Year 1 parents and families are invited to Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am to celebrate Harvest. Children have learnt songs and poems to share. If anyone is available to walk with classes, please let the Class Teacher know.



Wednesday 14th
October
Year 2 only

Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church - Year 2 parents and families are invited to Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am to celebrate Harvest. Children have learnt songs and poems to share. If anyone is available to walk with classes, please let the Class Teacher know.

Wednesday 14th
October
All Year Groups

Parents' Evening - 4:30pm to 6:00pm

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Teacher Contact Details

These are the details below for your child's Class Teacher.

Please bear in mind we have a 48 hour window for teachers to return emails to parents, so please email queries in plenty of time for a reply.

Nursery Ladybirds - Mrs Wood - lwood@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Nursery Caterpillars - Mrs Imran - rimran@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Nursery Bumblebees - Mrs Davis - sdavis@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Reception Leopards - Mrs Batth - mbatth@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Reception Tigers - Miss Raybould - braybould@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Reception Lions - Miss Falvey - kfalvey@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Year 1 Seahorses - Mrs Ishaq - sishaq@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Year 1 Stingrays - Mrs Verney - lverney@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Year 1 Jellyfish - Miss Shinton - vshinton@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Year 2 Monkeys - Miss Salter - csalter@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Year 2 Bears - Mrs Hughes - ahughes@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Year 2 Dolphins - Miss Gee - agee@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Penguin Hub - Mr Craig - acraig@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk

Friday 16th
October
All Year Groups



Photograph Day

The school photographer will be coming to take all individual pictures of our children today. **NO PE or PE CLOTHES TODAY** please.

If you wish to have a family photo with brothers and sisters from ours or any other school these can be taken **after school only** in the school hall. **Please queue on the car park but be aware that staff will be going home at this time so please keep your children next to you at all times.**

Tuesday 20th
October
Reception

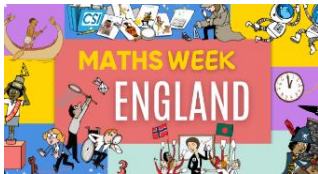
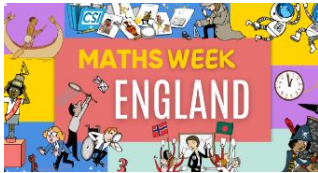
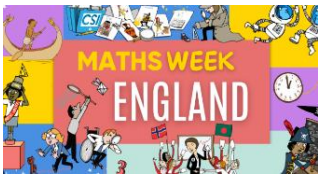


Autumn Disco & Spooky Story Session - 3:15pm to 4:15pm £2 per child on School Gateway app

Children can wear anything on the themes of Halloween (a costume), Autumn (colourful outfits) or Bonfire/Diwali (bright, sparkly or traditional dress) today. Children attending will be taken straight to the hall by their teachers.

Parents please collect promptly from the playground at 4:15pm from the usual spot.

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Thursday 22nd October <u>Year 2</u> 	Autumn Disco & Spooky Story Session – 3:15pm to 4:15pm £2 per child on School Gateway app Children can wear anything on the themes of Halloween (a costume), Autumn (colourful outfits) or Bonfire/Diwali (bright, sparkly or traditional dress) today. Children attending will be taken straight to the hall by their teachers. Parents please collect promptly from the playground at 4.15pm from the usual spot.
Friday 23rd October <u>Nursery</u> 	Autumn Disco & Spooky Story Session This will take place during the Nursery session. No charge for this event. Children can wear anything on the themes of Halloween (a costume), Autumn (colourful outfits) or Bonfire/Diwali (bright, sparkly or traditional dress) today.
Friday 23rd October <u>Reception, Year 1 & Year 2</u>	Non-uniform today – we ask for a donation of any bottles in readiness for the Christmas Fair. 
Friday 23rd October <u>Reception, Year 1 & Year 2</u> 	Flu Vaccinations Vaccination UK will be in school for the morning to administer flu vaccinations to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Vaccination UK will send E-consent links, reminders and text messages directly to parents and carers. You will be able to opt out via the link if you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccine.
Friday 23rd October <u>All Year Groups</u>	Break up for half-term today at normal time. 
Monday 2nd November <u>All Year Groups</u>	Training day for teachers – no children in school today. 
Tuesday 3rd November <u>All Year Groups</u>	All children return to school today. 
Thursday 5th November <u>Nursery</u>	Nursery Learn Together Sessions – 10:00am to 11:00am & 2:00pm to 3:00pm Come along and join your Nursery child for Learn Together! AM parents please attend the AM session PM parents please attend the PM session 30 hours parents can attend either session 2:30pm finishers please attend the AM session 

Monday 9th - Friday 13th November <u>All Year Groups</u> 	Book Fair is in school - The Book Fair will be in Nursery Monday 9th November from 11:15am and again from 3:15pm. From Tuesday 11th November to Friday 14th November, the Book Fair will be in the dining room from 3:15pm. Please access the dining room via the blue gate on the playground. Please do not bring cash. Payments are via a QR Code, which will take you to the Travelling Books website, and you will need your bank card/card details to make your payment whilst at the Book Fair. Any purchases that you make generate money for school to buy books from Travelling Books!																				
Monday 9th November <u>Year 2</u>	Remembrance Walk to Short Heath Cenotaph We are taking our oldest children to the memorial Cenotaph at Short Heath as the children have been learning about Remembrance, writing poems and thinking about the idea of memories and remembering. If anyone is available to walk with classes, please let the Class Teacher know. <table><tr><th>Class</th><th>Time to leave school</th><th>Arrival at the Cenotaph</th><th>Leave the Cenotaph</th><th>Approx. time back at school</th></tr><tr><td>Dolphins</td><td>9.30</td><td>10.00</td><td>10.20</td><td>10.45</td></tr><tr><td>Monkeys</td><td>10.00</td><td>10.30</td><td>10.50</td><td>11.15</td></tr><tr><td>Bears</td><td>10.30</td><td>11.00</td><td>11.20</td><td>11.45</td></tr></table>	Class	Time to leave school	Arrival at the Cenotaph	Leave the Cenotaph	Approx. time back at school	Dolphins	9.30	10.00	10.20	10.45	Monkeys	10.00	10.30	10.50	11.15	Bears	10.30	11.00	11.20	11.45
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Tuesday 11th November <u>Whole School</u>	Remembrance Day We will be marking this day with a minute silence at 11:00am. Children will also watch the 'Poppies' animation video from Cbeebies. https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b04p4zsl/poppies 																				
Friday 13th November <u>Year 1</u>	Victorian Day - Year 1 Year 1 children are invited to come to school in Victorian-themed outfits or olden day clothing. Children will enjoy a range of activities during the school day. 																				
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Friday 20th November <u>Whole School</u>	Children in Need we invite all our children to come to school Spotacular for an amazing day of challenges in support of BBC Children in Need. Children can wear Pudsey or spotty clothes if they have them. Donations can be made on School Gateway. 
Monday 30th November <u>Reception</u> 	Santa at The Hive Lions leave at 9:05am, back at school approx. 10:20am Tigers leave at 9:50am, back at school approx. 11:05am Leopards leave at 10:35am back at school approx. 11:50am Reception children will be walking to The Square at New Invention to meet a very special man at The Hive. If you are available to walk with your child for this special visit, please inform your child's Class Teacher.
Tuesday 1st December <u>Nursery</u> 	Santa at The Hive Times to be confirmed. Nursery children will be walking to The Square at New Invention to meet a very special man at The Hive. If you are available to walk with your child for this special visit, please inform your child's Class Teacher.
Wednesday 2nd December <u>Year 1</u> 	Santa at The Hive Stingrays leave at 9:05am, back at school approx. 10:20am Jellyfish leave at 9.50am, back at school approx. 11:05am Seahorses leave at 10:35am, back at school approx. 11:50am Year 1 children will be walking to The Square at New Invention to meet a very special man at The Hive. If you are available to walk with your child for this special visit, please inform your child's Class Teacher.
Thursday 3rd December <u>Year 2</u> 	Santa at The Hive Monkeys leave at 9:05am, back at school approx. 10:20am Dolphins leave at 9:50am, back at school approx. 11:05am Bears leave at 10:35am, back at school approx. 11:50am Year 2 children will be walking to The Square at New Invention to meet a very special man at The Hive. If you are available to walk with your child for this special visit, please inform your child's Class Teacher.
Thursday 3rd December	Flu Vaccinations - Catch-Up Session 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. 
Friday 4th December 	Dress Rehearsal at Holy Trinity Church Year 1 leave school at 9:15am (return approx. 11:00am) Year 2 leave school at 10:30am (return approx. 12:00pm) Children will be walking in Year Groups to Holy Trinity Church this morning to practise their Christmas Carol Concert. If any family members are free to walk with the children, please let your Class Teacher know.
Monday 7th December <u>Nursery</u>	Ladybirds Christmas Performance Times to be confirmed. Children will sing some Christmas songs to their families and then watch a short Christmas animation with a hot chocolate treat. 
Tuesday 8th December <u>Year 1 only</u> 	<u>Year 1 families</u> are invited to Holy Trinity Church for our Christmas Carol Concert - leave school 9:15am, performance 9:45am, back to school 11:00am Year 1 only will be performing at the Church this morning - to help parents and families to see their child, we ask for <u>ONLY YEAR 1</u> parents and families to come

	today. Any parents who can walk with us, please inform the Class Teacher. Please note, the first few rows will be reserved seats for those who walk with us.
Wednesday 9th December Year 2 only 	Year 2 families are invited to Holy Trinity Church for our Christmas Carol Concert - leave school 9:15am, performance 9:45am, back to school 11:00am Year 2 only will be performing at the Church this morning - to help parents and families to see their child, we ask for <u>ONLY YEAR 2</u> parents and families to come today. Any parents who can walk with us, please inform the Class Teacher. Please note, the first few rows will be reserved seats for those who walk with us.
Thursday 10th December Whole School  	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day Today we have a double celebration! Children can wear a Christmas jumper or top and you can donate on School Gateway for <i>Save the Children</i> . It is also Christmas Dinner Day - a slip will be sent home asking if children would like a free traditional Christmas dinner (turkey or a veggie roast) and festive pudding on this day. <u>Lunches must be pre-ordered for this day only. The deadline for order forms is Tuesday 1st December.</u> Any child who has not ordered a Christmas lunch will need to bring a packed lunch from home for today.
Thursday 10th December Nursery	Bumblebees Christmas Performance Times to be confirmed. Children will sing some Christmas songs to their families and then watch a short Christmas animation with a hot chocolate treat. 
Friday 11th December Nursery	Caterpillars Christmas Performance Times to be confirmed. Children will sing some Christmas songs to their families and then watch a short Christmas animation with a hot chocolate treat. 
Monday 14th December Whole Community 	Christmas Fair in the School Hall 3:45pm to 16:45pm Bring along any friends, family as well as your children to our Christmas Fair! A £5 Game Card can be purchased on the School Gateway app and this will provide a turn on every game as well as a drink and a Christmas treat. Game Cards can be collected from the School Office from Monday 7th December. Please bring cash for the stalls - the Bottle Stall, the Raffle, our guest traders, and for the sale of any additional drinks/snacks for family members.
Tuesday 15th December Reception 	Reception Christmas Nativity All three Reception classes will be performing this morning at approximately 9:15am (as soon as they are changed). Due to space restrictions, only 2 adults per child - 2 on one day or 1 on each day (Tuesday or Thursday).
Wednesday 16th December Reception 	Party Day - Reception Reception children can wear party clothes for school today and bring in a few snacks just for themselves on a named party plate; their party will be in the school day during the afternoon - after their lunch. Please do not send nuts or nut products.
Wednesday 16th December Whole School	Reports Sent to Parents In our school, parents receive a termly report with assessments of where your child is at in their learning journey. Your Autumn Term report will be emailed to you. Please ensure your email address is up to date with the School Office.

Thursday 17th December <u>Reception</u> 	Reception Christmas Nativity - a re-run of Tuesday's performance. All three Reception classes will be performing this morning at approximately 9:15am (as soon as they are changed). Due to space restrictions, only 2 adults per child - 2 on one day or 1 on each day (Tuesday or Thursday).
Thursday 17th December <u>Year 1</u> 	Party Day - Year 1 Year 1 children can wear party clothes for school today and bring in a few snacks just for themselves on a named party plate; their party will be in the school day during the afternoon - after their lunch. Please do not send nuts or nut products.
Friday 18th December <u>Year 2</u> 	Party Day - Year 2 Year 2 children can wear party clothes for school today and bring in a few snacks just for themselves on a named party plate; their party will be in the school day during the afternoon - after their lunch. Please do not send nuts or nut products.
Friday 18th December <u>Whole School</u>	School closes at the normal time for the Christmas break. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 
Monday 4th January	Staff Training Day - School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 5th January	School re-opens to all pupils.