

Headteacher's Newsletter



8th November 2024 - Edition 5

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Welcome back to a new half term in school. We hope you all had a wonderful half term and are ready for a busy but exciting term ahead.

Congratulations!

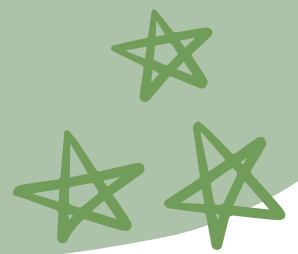
Firstly, I would like to send massive congratulations to Mr Rees and his wife who recently welcomed their beautiful new daughter, Niamh, into their family. Also, congratulations to Mrs Hinton and her husband who also welcomed their adorable new daughter, Poppy, just last weekend. Mums and babies are all doing really well and I am sure you will join me in wishing both families lots of joy and happiness with their new, fuller families.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' evening will be held over the two evenings of **Wednesday 20th and Wednesday 27th November.**

The Parents' Evening booking system is now open. Please log into your SCOPAY account to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please only make one booking per child. We do not have enough slots to cater for two appointments per child.

Can You Help?



Request for Help - Calling all DIYers

We are seeking a volunteer who is handy and experienced with DIY tasks to help us re-felt the roofs of two sheds in our playground. If you have the skills and time to assist, we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

We can either cover the cost of materials in advance if you let us know what's required, or we can reimburse you for any materials purchased.

We are also looking at potentially painting some of our classrooms and corridors on one of the school holidays so if you're handy with a paintbrush, get in touch.

If either of these are something you think you might be able to help with, then please contact the school office.

Logic Games/Puzzles

If any families have any children's logic puzzle games they are looking to rehome, we would gratefully receive them in school. Many thanks.



Hamper Baskets

We would love any hamper boxes and baskets that you would like to donate to school. Please bring any in to the office.

Forest Schools Equipment

We are working hard to develop our Forest School Provision. If you can donate any of the items below, we would be very grateful!

- Metal pots and pans, large spoons
- Metal rack for pans
- Books about birds/insects/trees/leaves
- Bug hunting equipment
- Tarpaulins/parachute/army netting
- Oilcloth/wipeable tablecloths
- Large storage boxes with lids (watertight)



My Happy Mind

Next week we are starting our new module across the school called 'Celebrate'. This unit is all about teaching children about 'character' and distinguishes what we can do, from who we are. In this module the children will learn to recognise their own character strengths and those of others too.

Please sign up to our **My Happy Mind Parent App** and support our work in school on improving mental health and wellbeing. To sign up, please click the following link, and use the code 103807

PTA Christmas Cards

Please take a look at the email sent home this week about the PTA Christmas card/gift project. Artwork and order forms **MUST** be back in school by **Monday 11th November**.

All artwork will also be entered into our class Christmas card competitions, and the overall winner will be our school entry for the Halesowen Christmas card competition.



Book Fair/Book Vouchers

The Book Fair will be in school between **19th November and 2nd December**. Books will be available for all to browse and purchase in the hall after school.

We will be giving a book voucher to every child in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. This will be sent home on the week of the Book Fair.

Research shows that children who own their own books are more likely to develop a love of reading, and therefore experience better life chances, which is why we have introduced this initiative. If you are not sure whether your child is eligible for pupil premium funding, please contact the school office and they will be able to help.

New Reception Intake - September 2025

We have now completed half of our open days for prospective parents who are applying for Reception places in September 2025.

Details of how to apply for a place can be found by clicking on the following link. Applications are now open online and will be closed at midnight on **January 15th, 2025** (5pm for postal applications).

Decisions will be posted and emailed to parents on **16th April 2025**.





Roblox - Safety

Roblox is a gaming platform that allows users to create and play games created by other users. While it can be an enjoyable and creative outlet for children, it is important to be aware of the potential risks associated with online gaming, including exposure to inappropriate content, online interactions with strangers, and the possibility of cyberbullying.

To ensure a safe and positive experience for our pupils, we encourage you to:

1. **Monitor Usage:** Please keep an eye on your child's gaming activities and discuss the games they are playing.
2. **Set Boundaries:** Establish clear rules around gaming time and online interactions.
3. **Discuss Online Safety:** Talk to your child about the importance of not sharing personal information and how to report any inappropriate behaviour.
4. **Explore Together:** Consider playing Roblox with your child to better understand the platform and its features.

We believe that with proper guidance and communication, children can enjoy Roblox safely. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.



Upcoming Events



Please make sure you check the school calendar, on the website as this is our primary way to share dates. Not all dates will be shared on my Newsletter. However, below are some key events happening this term.

Reception Parents Phonics Workshop

We will be holding a phonics/early reading workshop in school for our Reception parents which is aimed at helping you to support your child with their phonics and reading at home. This will be held on Tuesday 26th November at 9:00am, in the school hall.

Reception and Y1 Nativity

Reception and Year 1 will perform their nativity on Thursday 12th December.

- 9:20am Reception parents
- 2:15pm Performance for Year 1 parents.

Each family will be sent two tickets so that we can ensure everyone gets to see the nativity. We will send these home a week or so before the performance.

Non-Uniform Days/Raffle

We are holding a big **Christmas Bonanza Raffle** and a **Secret Santa** event this term to raise much-needed funds in the school. We are saving up for a new library, and to purchase 'physical' phonics reading books.

Therefore, we will be holding three non-uniform days over the next few weeks in return for contributions to our Christmas/Festive hampers which we will raffle.

Friday 15th November – Bottles (please can adults hand glass bottles to staff)

Friday 22nd November – Festive sweets/chocolates or savoury treats (crackers/nibbles etc).

Friday 29th November – Gifts (e.g. toiletries, candles, gift sets etc).

We will send out more information about how to enter the raffles closer to the time. In the meantime, if you have any **hamper baskets or boxes** that you could donate, please send them into the school office.

If you know of any business owners or employers who might like to donate raffle prizes, please get in touch!
















Other Upcoming Dates

- **Year 1 Trip** - 26th November at 8:45am
- **Pine Class Assembly** - 28th November at 9:05 am
- **Year 2 Trip** - 4th December at 8:45am
- **Larch Class Assembly** - 5th December at 9:05am
- **Open Days** - 18th November and 3rd December at 9:30am and 4:00pm

Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Class Attendance - Week Beginning 04.11.24

 Apple - 94.53%	 Cedar - 95.50%	 Hawthorn - 93.80%	 Pine - 92.68%
 Apricot - 92.26%	 Cherry - 91.03%	 Hazel - 97.28%	 Poplar - 95.08%
 Beech - 95.79%	 Elder - 95.50%	 Larch - 95.42%	
 Birch - 96.28%	 Elm - 95.57%	 Lime - 93.33%	

Class Attendance - Week Beginning N/A

 Apple -	 Cedar -	 Hawthorn -	 Pine -
 Apricot -	 Cherry -	 Hazel -	 Poplar -
 Beech -	 Elder -	 Larch -	
 Birch -	 Elm -	 Lime -	

well done!

Jupiter 

223

Neptune 

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Saturn 

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Mercury 

106

WELL DONE

Mentions - Week One

Apricot - Jade
 Apple - Rittal
 Beech - Lucy
 Birch - Haadiy & Tate
 Cedar - Oreï
 Cherry - Eli
 Elder - Mason
 Elm - Lucas
 Hawthorn - Will
 Hazel - Wali
 Larch - Ben
 Lime - Jack
 Pine - Adam
 Poplar - Jaya

Mentions - Week Two N/A

Apricot -
 Apple -
 Beech -
 Birch -
 Cedar -
 Cherry -
 Elder -
 Elm -
 Hawthorn -
 Hazel -
 Larch -
 Lime -
 Pine -
 Poplar -

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