

Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



As we reach the end of this half term and look ahead to the Easter holidays, there is a real sense of how much has been packed into the past few weeks. The longer days and glimpses of spring sunshine have certainly helped energy levels, even if everyone is more than ready for a well-earned break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in keeping school routines running smoothly.

Easter Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter Fair this week. It was lovely to see the school community together, and the atmosphere was full of smiles, chocolate and just the right amount of competitive spirit. The final amount raised was an amazing £910.94. We are extremely grateful to the PTA and all volunteers who gave their time to make the event such a success.

Eid Mubarak

We hope that all of our families who celebrated Eid last week had a joyful and peaceful time together. It was a pleasure to acknowledge this important occasion in school and to learn more about the traditions and values it represents.



Value of the Half Term

Our value this half term has been collaboration. In assemblies and class discussions, children have explored how working together strengthens communities and achievements. They have learned about figures such as Nelson Mandela, the England women's national football team and Katherine Johnson, considering how determination and teamwork can lead to meaningful change. Next half term, our focus will shift to the value of equity.

Mystery Reader

We had our first mystery reader in Cherry class last Friday afternoon. Over the week we gave the children a set of clues to see if they could work out their identity. On Friday afternoon when she arrived the children were amazed! She read "Snow White in Space" beautifully and spoke about the types of books she likes to read to her grandchildren. It was a roaring success with children commenting that it was the best story they had ever heard! We look forward to doing more!

If you would like to be a mystery reader in school, please get in touch with Mrs Ridley via the school office.



SAVE THE DATE – SEND Information Report Launch

We are excited to announce the launch of our new SEND Information Report developed as part of our work within the PINS project and in consultation with parents. Please feel free to join us in the school hall on

Wednesday 6th May at 8:50am (after drop-off). Everyone is welcome, although this will be most relevant to parents of children with additional needs.

The session will include a presentation of the new report followed by an informal parent coffee morning with members of staff, Dudley Parent Carer Forum and PINS representatives.

Further details will be shared after the Easter break. We hope you can join us!

Special Mentions and House Point Winners

Well done to **Pankhurst**, our House Point winners this half term, who have enjoyed their well-earned non-uniform day today.

On Wednesday, we held our **Special Mentions Assembly**, which was a lovely opportunity to recognise individual achievements and positive contributions. Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us to share in these celebrations.

These moments of celebration reflect the consistent effort shown by both pupils and staff each day and underline the high standards of learning, behaviour and personal responsibility we continue to foster across the school.



Year 1 Trip to Bishop's Wood

Year One had a fantastic time on their trip to Bishop's Wood last week. The children took part in a range of exciting outdoor activities, including bug hunting, pond dipping, creating art using natural materials, and learning all about bees and pollination.

The sun was shining, which made it the perfect day to enjoy a picnic lunch outside together. The children's behaviour was exceptional throughout the visit, and the staff at Bishops Wood were very complimentary about how well they represented the school.



Easter Holiday Reading Challenge

This Easter, we're inviting all children to hop into our Easter Reading Bingo Challenge!

Can you complete a row, a column... or even go for a full house? Take on a range of fun reading challenges and see how far you can get! You might even want to snap a photo of yourself completing your favourite task.

Once you're done, return your bingo card (which will be sent home this week) to your class teacher after the holidays. Every child who takes part will receive a certificate in assembly, so everyone's a winner!

Year 4 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Year 4 had a wonderful time on their trip to Tamworth Castle. They explored what it was like to be an archaeologist looking at different findings from around the castle both Anglo-Saxon and Viking. They then experienced what it would be like as an Anglo-Saxon or Viking warrior. The children looked at different experiences from a poor villager and as a young chief's child. Finally, they explored the wonderful museum they have focusing on the experience of Anglo-Saxon Mercians. Children saw an incredible selection of the Staffordshire Hoard which is on display at the Castle. As staff, we are very proud of their behaviour in and around the castle.



Goodbyes and Welcomes

We say goodbye at Easter to Mrs Hughes from our wraparound provision. We thank her for the care and commitment she has shown to our children and wish her every success in the future. We are pleased that Mrs Kaur will be taking on this role moving forward.

We also say farewell to Mrs O'Hare, one of our longstanding midday supervisors, whose contribution over many years has been greatly valued. At the same time, we extend a warm welcome to Miss Giblin and Ms Hay, who have recently joined our lunchtime team.

PINS Project Update

We have been really pleased with the impact of the PINS project so far and feel it has been a great success for our school community. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already engaged with the project, particularly through our coffee mornings, which have been a valuable opportunity to share ideas and experiences.

A link to the parent survey was sent via email on 26/03, and we would still really appreciate your feedback as this will help us to evaluate the project and plan next steps. The closing date for responses is 12th April, and we encourage as many families as possible to take part.

We also look forward to hosting one final coffee morning after Easter - further details will be shared soon.

Y1 Phonics Workshops for Parents

Thank you to the Year 1 parents and carers who attended our Phonics Workshops yesterday. It was a valuable opportunity to share how early reading is taught in school and how this can be supported at home.

If you were unable to attend, please visit the Parent Workshops section of the school website, where key information and resources from the session are available.

Happy Vaisakhi

We would like to wish a happy Vaisakhi to all who celebrate. This important festival, which takes place shortly after we return to school, marks a time of renewal, community and reflection.

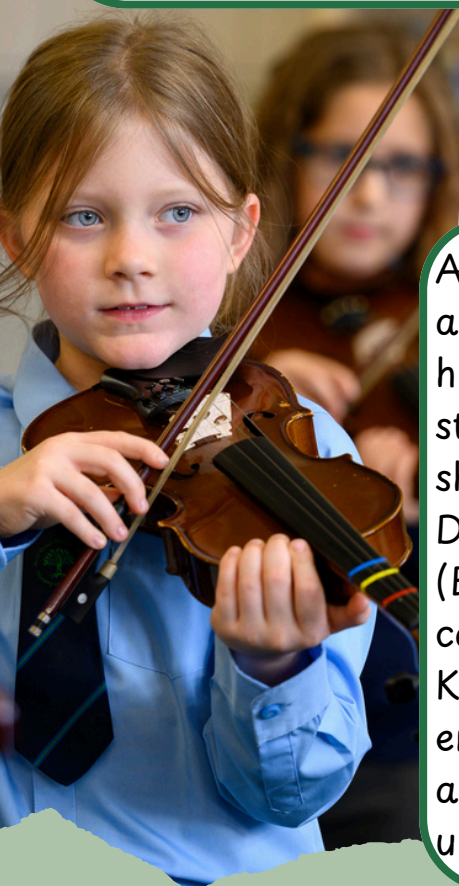


Air Tags and Tracking Devices



A reminder that AirTags or other personal tracking devices should not be brought on school trips. While we understand that these are often intended to provide reassurance, they can create safeguarding and privacy concerns, particularly where they may track groups of children or staff without consent. **In some situations, sharing or tracking a child's location outside of the secure school environment may increase risk.**

Staff carry out thorough risk assessments and robust supervision procedures on all visits. For these reasons, we ask families to support us by not sending tracking devices into school or on trips.



What We Do in School: Emotional Support

As part of giving families a fuller insight into different aspects of school life and provision, we would like to highlight our pastoral support, which remains a genuine strength of the school. Alongside the everyday care shown by all staff, we offer targeted support such as Drawing and Talking Therapy, Play Therapy and ELSA (Emotional Literacy) provision. This work is led and carefully coordinated by our Mental Health Lead, Mrs Karadia, and our Pastoral Lead, Mrs Billingham, to ensure children receive timely and sensitive support. We are proud of the strong culture of nurture and understanding which underpins our approach.

Free Breakfast Survey - Please Respond

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the free breakfast survey for each of your children at school. The survey takes less than one minute per child and will help us to plan our future provision as accurately as possible. Your responses are very helpful in ensuring we can meet the needs of families. **You can respond by clicking here.**



Reception Reading Breakfast


Thank you to the families who were able to join us for the Early Years Reading Breakfast session this week. It was lovely to see children sharing books together in such a calm and welcoming atmosphere. These opportunities help to nurture a love of reading from the very start of school life and strengthen the important connection between home and school.

Have a Lovely Easter Break

We would like to wish a happy and peaceful Easter to all of our families who are celebrating. We hope this special time brings moments of rest, reflection and enjoyment with family and friends. For many, it marks the arrival of spring and a welcome chance to pause after a busy term.

We also wish all of our families a happy and restful holiday. The past few weeks have been full and productive, and the break offers a valuable opportunity for children to recharge and return ready for the new term ahead.












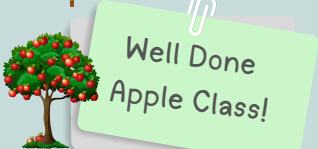



We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school when we reopen on **Monday 13th April 2026**.



Have a wonderful holiday!
Miss Wilson



Attendance 16.03.26 - 27.03.26

 Apple - 97.54%	 Cedar - 94.55%	 Hawthorn - 92.02%	 Pine - 96.73%
 Apricot - 90.7%	 Cherry - 96.32%	 Hazel - 92.63%	 Poplar - 90.35%
 Beech - 96.84%	 Elder - 94%	 Larch - 94.56%	
 Birch - 91.75%	 Elm - 94.9%	 Lime - 92.63%	

House Points



12367



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11932



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Mentions Week 1

Apple - Jujhar
 Apricot - Finn
 Beech - Grayson
 Birch - Keon
 Cedar - Hania
 Cherry - Oscar
 Elder - Jake
 Elm - Harry
 Hawthorn - Ismaeel
 Hazel - Carter
 Larch - Anas
 Lime - Albie
 Pine - Sam
 Poplar - Leah

Special Mentions

Apple - Jaxon
 Apricot - Aoife
 Beech - Luca
 Birch - Abdul
 Cedar - Isla
 Cherry - Ronnie
 Elder - Oreï
 Elm - Avery
 Hawthorn - Louis
 Hazel - Gracie
 Larch - Michael
 Lime - Sophia
 Pine - Ivy
 Poplar - Daniyal