



Newsletter

Autumn 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for making the parent consultation day held on Friday 24th October a success. We believe the day allowed you to have quality time with your child's teacher. Your feedback comments emphasised how useful and informative you found the meetings to be and the time element allowed you to have more in-depth discussions with your child's teacher about their learning and progress.

Just to update you on a few other matters - Following the elections for school council, held earlier in the term, representatives were elected from Years 2 to 6. We look forward to our school council members taking an active role and voicing their opinions and views which we value hugely. They did a great job introducing themselves to the whole school and outlining what they hoped to achieve.

Since the start of term, we have held a number of assemblies for you to come along to and enjoy seeing your children participate in. Thank you to everyone, the children really work hard collaborating with each other and performing so please do keep coming along as we want to celebrate and showcase what they do. Your very generous donations for the Harvest Assembly were sent to the local food bank and were greatly appreciated.

Curriculum update – Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are now very familiar with Little Wandle Phonics approach to develop their early reading skills. The teaching of letters and sounds using the structured programme was introduced last year and has been successfully implemented in school. Having seen it in use for over twelve months, we feel it provides children with more scope to practice and secure their knowledge from the very start. Our aim of course remains to ensure children are able to read fluently by the time they join Key Stage 2.

Our curriculum also tries to incorporate a wide range of experiences for the children to enhance their learning so trips, visits, visitors in school, matter a great deal. The children also visit the local library regularly now, which helps to support the strong emphasis we place on reading for pleasure.

In Year 6 the children have started to prepare for SATs and we hope they feel that the little bit of extra focus from now, will support them further. We will be sharing additional information about SATs with parents at a workshop planned for later this term.

The next few weeks are going to be very busy as we lead up to the festive period so please do check the events/activities section. Whilst we continue to deliver all aspects of the curriculum and ensure children's learning continues at the same pace, we have incorporated a number of special activities for the children to enjoy.

Mrs N. Matharu

Executive Headteacher



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Year 5 Visit Grace Academy

We are delighted to be invited to a matinee performance "The Wizz", at Grace Academy on Wednesday 17th December. Please look out for the consent form to authorise this outing.



Monday 24th November is Photo Day

Tempest Photography will be taking sibling and individual photos throughout the day. **Please note we are only taking sibling photos within school.**

Full school uniform should be worn

If you have not yet completed photo consent forms then your child will not be able to have photos taken by Tempest.

Please speak to the school office for the consent

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PHOTOGRAPHY



Will be taking place on

Thursday 18th December & Friday 19th December

for the whole school

Parties will commence in the afternoon in their individual classes

Morning Nursery party will be 8.30am-11.30am

All children to bring in individual party plate of food with their name on it. (Please ensure your child brings in their party plate in the morning at the start of the school day)

Drinks will be provided

Party clothes to be worn

Christmas Lunch Menu

Tuesday 16th December



Juicy Turkey with stuffing

Quorn Roast

Roast /Mash Potatoes



Baby Carrots, Broccoli,

Cauliflower, Sprouts and Yorkshire Pudding

Christmas Sprinkle Cake



A-Stars Bikeability

Year 6 will be visited by Walsall's A* star tutor in school to help promote safer cycling.

Bikeability helps children to develop road sense, the ability to navigate and improve their independence - all of which helps to boost their confidence. Children who have expressed an interest must have both items bike and helmet.

Letters of consent will be sent home in due course.



Term Dates 2025/2026

- **Half term holiday:** Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December 2025
- **School begins:** Monday 5th January

We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 14th November**. Please send your child in with a donation of £1. Activities have been planned by class teachers.





Flu —Monday 10th November & Monday 24th November

The Flu Nasal Spray will be administered in school for Reception—Year 6, please sign the E— Consent form for your child to do so. **Please complete the below link to state whether you wish to consent or decline.'**

Link: <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/walsall>

'Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray's or IM alternative (porcine free injection) soon. It is important that Vaccination UK receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline. Failure to complete a consent form, may result in your child missing their flu immunisation this year. We cannot guarantee that you will be contacted by our team to obtain consent.

Term 2 Activities / Events

We look forward to seeing all students participate in these exciting events and activities. Please be sure to check the school website for any updates or additional information. Enjoy the festive season!

Year 2 Visit to Darlaston Library– Tuesday 4th November

Year 6 Residential Trip Wednesday 5th November to Friday 7th November

Year 5 Visit to Darlaston Library – Wednesday 5th November

Year 3 Remembrance Assembly—Friday 7th November

Vaccination Flu Session 1—Monday 10th November

Year 1 Visit Darlaston Library—Tuesday 11th November

Year 5 Visit Darlaston Library—Wednesday 12th November

Year 4 Visit Darlaston Library—Tuesday 18th November

Photo Day—Monday 24th November

Vaccination Flu Session 2—Monday 24th November

Year 3 Visit Darlaston Library—Tuesday 25th November

Year 6 Visit Darlaston Library—Thursday 27th November

Year 1 Assembly—Friday 28th November

Y6 Bikeability—Monday 1st December

Year 5 Assembly, Y6 Bikeability and Aqua CharityDay—

Friday 5th December

Y6 Bikeability—Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th December

KS1 Pantomime—Friday 12th December

EYFS Nativity—Friday 12th December

KS2 Pantomime—Monday 15th December

Jolly Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch—Tuesday 16th December

Year 5 Visit Grace Academy—Wednesday 17th December

Schools closes for holidays—Friday 19th December

