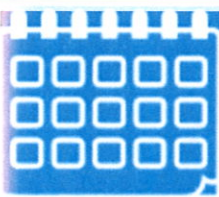




News Letter



Dates for Your

DIARY DATES

November

- 6th --Start of term
Reception Trip to Lichfield Cathedral
- 8th — Flu Vaccination
- 9th — Year 6 Trip Birmingham City Mosque
- 14th — Year 5 Trip Wing Yip Birmingham
- 16th — Year 3 Trip to Thinktank Birmingham
- 22nd — Year 4 Trip to Roman Legion Museum Wales
- 20th — Choir concert at Forrest arts centre

December

- 6th — Year 2 Trip to Coventry Cathedral
- 11th — Reception Santa Safari
- 12th — KS1 Cinderella at Walsall Arena
- 13th — Nursery Santa safari
- 14th — Peter Pan at the Old Rep
- 18th — EYFS Christmas productions
- 22nd — Break up for Christmas



A message from the Principal!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2023/2024 academic year.

Children have settled into their new classes wonderfully. It is lovely to see how they have adapted so quickly, and how staff have worked closely with them to support their transitions. Hopefully the parents evenings that were run over the last few weeks were helpful in you supporting your child's beginning to the school year as well.

Next half term sees us gearing up for many of our Autumn term curriculum trips. This is a busy term for us and we have lots of fabulous opportunities for children to deepen their understanding of the world through these educational visits.

In addition, we will also be running our Theatre trips for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as well as our Santa Visit for Early Years. We will also be running our winter fair and Christmas Nativity in the final few weeks before we break up for Christmas.

We have sent correspondence out this week relating to My Child at School (MCAS). This is a new app that we will be using to improve communication between school and home and to streamline some of the many platforms that we use at the moment. We will continue to support with parents installing this app throughout half term, and by hosting a workshop for parents during the first week back. Please see Dojo posts from Mrs Smith on 24th October for more details.

I hope everyone has a restful break and comes back happy and healthy on Monday 6th November.

Kind regards,



Mr Bradnick-Thompson



Class Celebrations

Reception

Reception have had a great time settling into their new setting this half term. They have explored both inside and outside and particularly enjoy our new outside equipment .



Year 1

Year 1 have had an amazing first term. They have responded very well to the routines in KS1 and all staff are extremely proud of them



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about famous people this half term and took a particular interest in learning about scientist Stephen Hawking and astronaut Neil Armstrong.



Year 3

Y3 have settled wonderfully into their new class and key stage!



Year 4

We have been looking at fundamental skills such as stretching, acceleration and deceleration, stretching techniques and agility. These all culminated into a Romans vs Caledonians game of rounders! The majority of the children showed great support and sportsmanship throughout with the Caledonians achieving victory.

Year 5

In Y5 we have been enjoying learning all about the Ancient Chinese Dynasties. We learned all about the Emperors and Empresses, looked at where the Emperors lived and died and found out all about the ancient Chinese hierarchy.



Year 6 P

6P have had some time in the library to explore different books. The children then wrote a review about what they had read when they got back to class.



Year 6T

We've been learning all about the Slave Trade. The children were working collaboratively in groups to create posters to explain the different stages of the Slave Trade Triangle.



Nursery

A big well done to all of our Nursery children for settling in brilliantly!

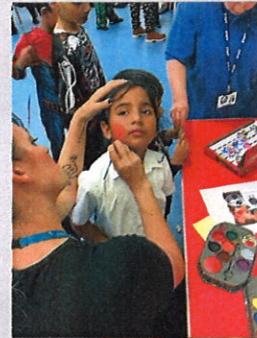
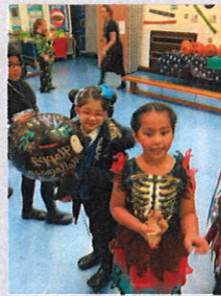


Nurture

Another big well done to Nurture for settling into their daily routines, they have also had a fantastic time getting messy.



HALLOWEEN FUN!








Meeting The Mayor

We were visited by a very special guest. Councillor Chris Towe, The Mayor of Walsall. He presented us with a Gold Award for all of our hard work, ensuring that the children are walking to school safely, riding their bikes and their scooters and putting on their seatbelts.

Thank you all parents and carers supported these activities, and took part in the walk.



Club Timetable for Autumn

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><u>Flute</u> <u>Forest Arts</u></p> 	<p><u>Choir-KS2</u> <u>Miss Sims and Miss Rook</u></p> 	<p><u>Lego—All years</u> <u>Mrs Winwood and Miss Smith</u></p> 
<p><u>Football Club</u> <u>Football Coach</u></p> 	<p><u>Arts and Crafts -Year 1 and 2</u> <u>Mrs Whitelaw and Miss Smith</u></p> 	

Mobile Phones

Reminder to all parents that **mobile phones** are not to be used once you are on school site.

This is to safeguard all our children, parents and staff.



**Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones**

After School Clubs

After school clubs run from **3:30– 4:15pm**

Please continue to collect your child from the office.

There are still spaces in some of our After School Clubs.

Please ask for a

consent form from the School Office.

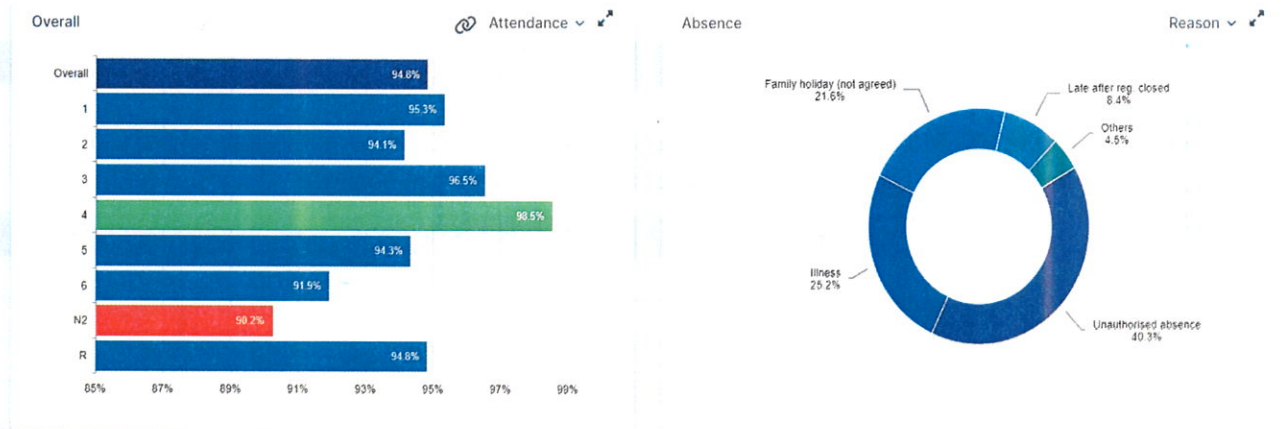
OUTSTANDING MONEY

There is still a considerable amount of dinner money outstanding..

Can all accounts be settled up to date by the end of the Autumn Term **22/12/23**

If you are experiencing any problems please speak to the school office.

Attendance Autumn 1



CHILDREN ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL:

There seems to be a lot of children arriving late for school every day. May we remind you that school starts at 8.30am Prompt.

Being late for school every day not only means your child is missing out on valuable learning, but it disrupts the other children who have arrived on time for School. Please remember that good attendance means being absent from school for **no more than 10 days** in a year; being late after registration closes counts as an absence and that attendance below 90% is classed as 'persistent absence' and any further absence due to medical issues or illness will require medical evidence. If medical evidence is not obtained these absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

PERSISTENT ABSENTEES:

Pupils with attendance of 90% and below are called Persistent Absentees and We will not routinely authorise absence for these pupils. If their attendance does not improve by working with school, they will be referred to the Education Welfare Services and further action will be taken. Please take a look at our website on attendance just to remind yourselves of what is authorised and unauthorised you can see, we have a lot unauthorised absence this is not good and needs to improve.

Holidays/unauthorised leave

Holidays in termtime are not authorised as per North Walsall Primary Academy detailed information around school attendance can be found in the academy attendance policy [Attendance - North Walsall Primary Academy \(attrust.org.uk\)](https://www.attrust.org.uk).

Important information regarding Holidays and unauthorised leave:

10 days/20 sessions of unauthorised absence will be referred to LA for statutory action this means that your child will lose there place at North Walsall and be removed from our register.

Attendance Information				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day = 2 sessions • There are 365 days in a year, pupils should attend 190 days – every day school is open • Being late (after the registers have closed) counts as an absence 				

What is Excellent Attendance?				
97% and above Excellent	95% to 97% Good	Less than 95% Concerning	Less than 90% Persistent Absence/ Critical	Less than 50% Severely Absent/ Critical
No more than 6 days/12 sessions absent in a year	No more than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year	More than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year	19 days/38 sessions or more absent from school in a year	95 days/190 sessions or more absent in a year

Days off school add up to lost learning...
 There are 175 non-school days each year. That's 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

1 or 2 days absent a week might not seem like much, but...			
If your child misses...	That's equal to...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling, that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Think it won't matter if your child is late 10 minutes a day?			
Only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 and a half weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 and a half weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half year

Attendance Autumn 1

1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years
Safeguarding			
Where there are concerns about the safety and well-being of a pupil we may make referrals to the local authority, social care or the police			
Legal Responsibility			
<i>Parents have a legal responsibility to make sure that their child receives an education at school or by education otherwise than at school. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.</i> Department for Education – ‘Working together to improve school attendance’ Sept 2022			

