



# NEWSLETTER

## A message from our Head of Academy

Dear Parent and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It has been another busy and rewarding half-term here at school, with the children enjoying some brilliant learning opportunities. We celebrated Safer Internet Day, Mental Health Day and were lucky enough to welcome an inspiring author who encouraged the children to explore their creativity and passion for writing.

I would like to take a moment to bid farewell to Miss A Smith, our teaching assistant who will be leaving us to pursue a new role. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work and dedication. We wish her the very best of luck in her new position and know she will continue to inspire and support children in her next adventure.



**A gentle reminder 1:** phones are not to be used on the school site. Please greet your child with a smile, not a phone, to show them you are truly interested in them. This simple act helps support their self-confidence and fosters positive relationships with their peers and teachers.

**A gentle reminder 2:** The importance of our school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform is not just about looking smart, but also about maintaining the high standards we set as a school. It fosters a sense of pride and belonging, both for the individual child and the school as a whole. When children wear their uniform with pride, they feel part of our school community and take ownership of their role in it. A consistent uniform also helps to reduce distractions and promotes a focused learning environment. We believe that when children look smart and feel confident in their uniform, it sets the tone for their day, encouraging them to do their very best. Our uniform policy can be found on our school website.

<https://nwpa.atrust.org.uk>

Looking ahead to next half term, we are excited to be celebrating World Book Day— a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their love of books and showcase their creativity. I can't wait to see all their amazing creations!

Wishing you all a safe half-term break

Kind regards,

Mrs S Khera



### Diary Dates

#### Spring 1 Term

##### February

#### Spring 2 Term

24th— Back to school

25th— Workshop QMGs Y5 & 6  
Rec visit Darlaston Library

27th— Year 6 visit Six Peak zoo  
Parent reading workshop

##### March

4th— Y1 visit Darlaston Library

5th—Y5 visit Mount Pleasant  
Farm

6th — World Book Day

#### **Waterstones Visit for Y1,2,3,4,5&6**

12th—Y3 visit Think Tank

13th— Y2 & Y3 visit Darlaston Library  
18th—Y2 visit Walsall Art  
Gallery

19th— Y4 visit Darlaston Library

19th & 20th—Y5 Parents evening  
-Y6 Parents evening

25th— Nurs visit Hoo Zoo

26th—Rec visit Hoo Zoo

27th—Breakfast club Mothers Day

28th— Inset day

##### April

10th—Y5 visit Gurdwara

11th—School closes for Easter

#### **Spring 2 Term**

28th—Back to school

School photographs



## Year 1 Visit to St Matthew's Church

Year 2 went to Visit St Matthew's Church in Walsall.

Here they learned about how the church community encourage the value of friendships. This was a fantastic experience and all the children were a great compliment to our school.

Miss Naseer



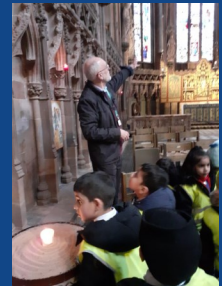
## Reception Visit Lichfield Cathedral



Reception had a great visit to Lichfield Cathedral.

"We looked at all the beautiful stained glass windows and signs and symbols of the church."

Mrs Tuck



## Mental Health Day

Last week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. To raise awareness about this all of our classes, from Nursery to Year 6, joined together in their phases to work together, completing a range of different activities, linked to the theme of 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.'

Mrs Tuck



Unfortunately, Times Table Rockstars usage has slipped across the first half of the Spring term.

Learning your times tables at home as well as in school is so important as they are an essential

building block in math, opening the door to multi digit multiplication when children reach years 4, 5 and 6. Not only will they help to speed up mental arithmetic, making it easier and faster to recall, but working out times tables in the head helps with confidence in numbers and in turn, confidence in being able to tackle more difficult mathematical questions.

The classes with the most engagement are years 3, 4 and 6 however there needs to be an improvement across all year groups— all children should participate for at least 30 minutes a day.

Hopefully we will see an improvement in Spring 2.

Mr Siimmonds

# Sports Competition

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 a small group of children went to Wolverhampton University to represent our school in Boccia competition. The children performed magnificently and demonstrated the North Walsall Way. They competed with other Primary and even Secondary schools. We are very proud, well done!

Miss Pritchard



## Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome into school the Author of "The Lamb Gang saved the Loch Ness Monster."

The children enjoyed this in person story telling and audio book session.

Miss Sims

*'When a mysterious MONSTER washes up on the shores of LOCH NESS in Scotland, the intrepid LAMB GANG jump into action on their first adventure. BOING! BOING! BOING! The poorly monster is barely breathing, when a curious Clover realises there's something stuck in its throat. With the kiss of life out of the question (YUCK!), the Lamb Gang hatches an ingenious plan to save the monster before it's too late.'*

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**Year 5 and Year 6:**  
Would you like the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament?

We have an incredible opportunity at NWP for 30 of our Year 5 and Year 6 children to visit the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. If you have an interest in Politics, History, Debate and Art&Design then this trip is for you!

If you are interested you will need to collect an application form from Mrs Khera or Mrs Smith and return it by Friday 28th February 2025.

Good luck!

## 'Egg'citing Competition

This World Book Day, we are inviting children to enter an eggeiting competition! They will need to create their favourite book character out of an egg! Please bring entries by Friday 28th February.

## After School Clubs Spring 2

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Jigsaw KS1	Art Rec and KS1	Cooking Year 5 and 6
Multisports KS2	Netball KS2	
Touchtype KS2		
Library Rec, KS1 and KS2		



# Attendance

Attendance has significantly dropped since last term as you can see from the charts below. This is not good and needs to improve next term.

Well done to year 5, you are leading the way with the best attendance for this term!

Miss Walters

