



NEWSLETTER

A message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our families— an especially warm welcome to any new families joining us this term. It's been wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy, enthusiasm, and the sound of children settling back into routines, ready for a term full of learning and growth.

As the mornings start to get colder and a little icier, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of arriving at school on time. Being punctual helps your child start the day calm, focused, and ready to learn. Please allow extra time in the mornings for safer journeys in frosty conditions – arriving a few minutes early is always better than rushing.

If mornings are a challenge, don't forget that we offer a free Breakfast Club from Reception class onwards. It's a great way for children to ease into the school day with a healthy breakfast and time with friends. You can sign up for a place via MCAS.

I'd also like to remind everyone about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform each day. Uniform not only brings a sense of belonging but also sets the tone for high standards and positive attitudes. Please do get in touch with the school office if you need support with any part of the uniform policy.

Finally, we're excited to share that there's been a lot of new artwork going up around the school. The children and the staff are so proud of the displays that now brighten our corridors and classrooms. We continue to invest in our school environment because we believe that where we learn matters – and our building should reflect the high standards and creativity of our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to working together over the coming weeks to ensure a positive, productive term for all our children.

Warm regards,

Mrs Khera



Diary Dates

October

- 1st - Height and weight Rec+Y6
- 6th - Secondary application workshop
- 9th - Flu Vaccinations NHS
 - Y1 trip to Blists Hill
 - Football club Competition
- 13th - Y3 trip to National Stone Centre
- 16th— EYFS parent tours
- 20th— Y4 trip to Tamworth Castle
- 23rd –Rec, Y1,2 &3 Halloween disco
- 24th - **Break up for half term**

November

- 3rd— INSET DAY teacher training
- 4th— **Children return back to school**
- 5th - Y5 trip to Black Country Museum
- 6th - Y6 trip to Bewdley museum
- 10th –12th Y4/5 Condoval Hall residential
- 13th - Rec trip to Birches Valley
- 26th— Parliament Visit

December

- 3rd—Nursery Twycross Zoo
- 4th—Rec Twycross Zoo
- 8th—Flu vaccinations NHS Rec-Y6
- 9th—Fantastic Finish
- 10th -Y1 to Y6 Wizard of Oz Walsall Arena
- 11th—Nativity performance for parents
- 12th - Christmas dinner
 - Christmas jumper day (50p donation)
- 15th –16th—School Fayre
- 17th—Christmas Concert
- 18th—Father Christmas to visit all classes
- 19th **Break up for Christmas**

Information Notices

Book Bags

It is not compulsory for children to have a North Walsall school bag, however we do recommend it. We have noticed many children carrying their new books, homework, and reading diaries in their hands. Unfortunately, this means that in bad weather these items can easily get damaged.

Our new books are an important investment and we want to keep them in good condition so that all children can benefit from them. If you are finding the cost of a school bag difficult, please let us know – we can provide a clear wallet to help protect your child's belongings.

We kindly ask that all children respect and look after their school resources.

£6.99 - www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

£7 – www.myclothing.com

£8.49 – Clive Marks



School Dinners

Our school dinner menus are currently being reviewed, with the School Council leading the way to represent pupil voice. There will be some small changes to the current options, and the updated menus will go live from Autumn Term 2.



Mental Health



Good mental health is just as important as physical health. It helps our children learn, grow, and build resilience. When they are emotionally well, they are better able to face challenges, form good relationships, succeed at school, and enjoy life more fully.

What can you do at home

- **Talk regularly and openly about feelings – encourage children to share how they are doing.**
- **Keep routines consistent (bedtime, meal times, screen time)**
- **Encourage physical activity, time outdoors, hobbies.**
- **Show kindness to yourself– parenting can be stressful, and it's ok to need help too.**

Local support in Walsall

If you think your child (or you) need more help, here are some services and organisations that you can contact.

CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services) - Specialist assessment and treatment for moderate to severe or complex mental health difficulties in children and young people. Can be referred via GP, paediatrician or social services. Phone: 01922 607400. Email: CAMHSWalsall.DWMH@NHS.net

Walsall Council Early Help – Mental Health- Information for children, young people & families about understanding mental health, top tips for wellbeing, and support services.

School Health & Parenting Support

Workshops & programmes for parents/carers: managing children's behaviour, supporting wellbeing, understanding emotional health. Also a confidential text service ("Parent Chat Health") to get advice.

To refer or book: phone 01922 423349
or email wellbeing@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk





At North Walsall, we are committed to helping every child develop strong foundational skills in mathematics. One of the tools we use to support this is **Times Table Rockstars** -an engaging, game-based learning platform designed to improve fluency in multiplication and division.

Mastery of times tables is a key part of the primary maths curriculum, and Times Table Rockstars makes practising these essential skills both effective and enjoyable. Through timed challenges, interactive games and adaptive learning, pupils build speed, accuracy, and confidence - setting them up for success in more complex mathematical tasks as they progress in their school lives.

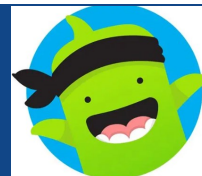
To further motivate and inspire our students, there will be some **inter-class Times Table Rockstars competitions** taking place over the coming weeks. Classes will go head-to-head to see who can achieve the highest scores, with **certificates and prizes** awarded to top-performing students and teams.

This friendly competition not only encourages regular practice but also fosters a sense of teamwork and school spirit. We encourage all pupils to get involved and practice at home as well - every little bit helps!"

Mr Simmonds



Class Dojo



I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone about our ongoing use of Class Dojo as a communication platform between school and home.

Our teachers are committed to keeping you informed and connected with what's happening in your child's classroom. Each week, class pages will be updated with important announcements, celebrations of pupil achievements, and homework information. Please make it a habit to check both your child's class page and the main school page regularly, as we also use Class Dojo to post whole-school news and reminders.

While Class Dojo is a fantastic tool for building our school community, I'd like to gently remind parents that it is not a social media platform. It is not appropriate to publicly air frustrations or complaints on class or school pages. If you have any concerns, please send a private message directly to your child's teacher. This ensures that matters are handled professionally and respectfully and also protects your privacy.

Please also note that teachers are not expected to monitor or respond to messages outside of school working hours. Like all professionals, they need time to rest and recharge in order to give their best to your children during the school day.

We're proud to use Class Dojo as a way to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Many schools do not offer this level of regular communication, and we consider it a privilege to be able to do so. Your continued cooperation in using the platform respectfully and responsibly is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Khera



School Council

We have elected our new School Council representatives and have held our very first meeting. We look forward to sharing our ideas with you soon.

Miss Shoemaker



A sneak Peek at some of our afterschool provision

Net ball

The children have had fun learning lots of new skills such as, accurately passing the ball and positions on the court.

Miss Sims



Girls Football

Our NWPA girls football team are off to a fantastic start and have enjoyed training together so far this term .

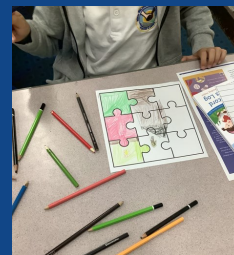
Mrs Helsdon



Jigsaw Club

In jigsaw club we enjoyed creating our own jigsaw puzzles.

Miss Shoemaker



Art Club

In club we created some spooky spiders using black card and wool. We also made squirrels .

Miss Leonard

Debate Club

In debate club, we have been debating lots of fun topics like "should we have 30 minutes of break instead of 15?"

Miss Ali



Lego Club

During our sessions the children built a variety of different things using their imagination.

Mrs Winwood

