



NEWSLETTER

A message from our Principal

Diary Dates

October

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

19th—Y6 trip Aisha Mosque

20th—Rec trip Lichfield Cathedral

26th— Parliament Visit

27th—Nursery Twycross Zoo **new date*

December

4th—Rec Twycross Zoo

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**



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

Polite reminder to all parents that mobile phones are not to be used once you are on the school site. This is to safeguard all our children and staff.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on a busy and rewarding few weeks at North Walsall Primary Academy.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our Year 2 pupils for their thoughtful and engaging class assembly on Black History. It was a powerful celebration of culture, identity and learning, and we're grateful to the parents who joined us to support the children - your presence means a great deal.

We have seen an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. The most common reasons given are waking up late or delays due to rain. Unfortunately, these are not acceptable excuses. Learning begins the moment children walk through the door, and routines are essential for a successful school day. Please ensure your child is up in good time and ready to start their day promptly.

Over the half-term holidays, our homework focus is reading. Reading is vital at every age - it builds vocabulary, strengthens imagination, and supports emotional development. Sharing stories as a family is a wonderful way to bond and spark curiosity. Whether it's a picture book, a comic, or a chapter from a novel, every page counts.

Here are a few ideas for family activities during the break:

- Visit your local library and choose a book together
 - Go on a nature walk and write a short story inspired by what you see
 - Cook a recipe together and read the instructions aloud
- Create a mini book review corner at home

We've also had some fantastic enrichment opportunities this term, including trips to Tamworth Castle, local farms, and the Stone Centre. Pupils have enjoyed Diwali dance workshops, puzzle challenges, and more - all designed to spark curiosity and build teamwork. After half-term, we're especially excited for the Year 4 and 5 residential - a brilliant chance for children to grow in independence and confidence.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term.

Mrs Khera



Oikos Competition—Celebrating Belonging

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in our recent Oikos competition. I was absolutely blown away by the number and quality of entries - from poems and drawings to thoughtful reflections and creative projects, it was wonderful to see such a wide range of interpretations.

“Oikos” means belonging - it’s the feeling of home, of being safe, valued and connected. Children were invited to share what this means to them, and their responses were heartfelt, imaginative and inspiring. It was incredibly difficult to select just three winners, as every entry had something special. All children who took part will receive special Dojos to recognise their effort and creativity.

Our winners are :

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2nd Anam Year 2

3rd Aizah R Year

We will go shopping together after half term!
Thank you again to everyone who contributed—
you’ve made me very proud!

Mrs Khera

Staff First Aid Training

Staff at North Walsall have been working hard to complete their Emergency First Aid refresher training. Some topics covered were, choking, recovery position, CPR and treatments for bleeding.



Celebrating Mental Health Awareness

On Friday 10th October, North Walsall Primary came together to mark Mental Health Awareness Day with a splash of yellow! Children and staff were invited to wear an item of yellow to show solidarity and raise awareness of the importance of mental wellbeing.

Throughout the day, every class engaged in meaningful activities focused on mental health, helping children understand emotions, resilience, and how to support themselves and others. We also held a whole-school assembly to reflect on why mental health matters, for everyone.

At North Walsall, we believe that mental wellbeing is just as important as physical health. It’s vital that both children and staff feel supported, heard, and valued. Together, we’re building a culture of care, kindness, and connection.



Year 3 Visit the National Stone Centre

The National Stone Centre is a 40-acre site on the edge of the Peak District featuring 330 million-year-old geological formations. The visit perfectly complemented their science topic on rocks and soils, bringing classroom learning to life in a hands-on and memorable way.

The children began the day exploring the ancient rock formations that make the site so special. They were amazed to discover that some of the fossils they handled were over 330 million years old - a remarkable window into the Earth's distant past! Guided by expert staff, the pupils learned how rocks such as limestone and chalk were formed, and how they have been used by people for thousands of years. They also examined how fossils are created and what they can tell us about prehistoric life.

One of the highlights of the trip was the chance to pan for gold and precious gems. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting their hands wet and searching for glittering treasures in the water troughs. There was lots of excitement and teamwork as they compared their finds and identified different minerals.

Throughout the day, pupils asked thoughtful questions, shared their knowledge, and showed great curiosity about the natural world. The trip not only strengthened their understanding of geology but also inspired a real enthusiasm for science and discovery. Everyone returned to school tired but happy, full of stories to share and new knowledge to build upon in their next lessons. It was truly a day to remember!



Year 1 Blists Hill

Year 1 had so much fun exploring the village and learning all about Victorian life. They tried on period clothing and took part in a school experience.



Year 4 Visit Tamworth Castle

Year 4 had a great time at Tamworth castle learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We looked at real gold from Staffordshire hoard and got the chance to be an Archaeologist.



Puzzle Day

Children in Years 3, 4 and 6 recently took part in an exciting Puzzle Day activity, designed to challenge their thinking and encourage team-work. The sessions were full of energy and enthusiasm as pupils worked together to solve a variety of brain-teasing challenges.

These activities not only promoted collaboration but also encouraged children to think outside the box - a vital skill in today's digital age where creative problem-solving and adaptability are more important than ever.

It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they tackled each task with determination and curiosity.



Year 2 Dudley Zoo

The children were so excited to see animals from all around the world and to think about how each one is suited to its habitat. This trip linked perfectly to our science learning about animals and their habitats. The children explored how different animals have features that help them survive where they live.



Diwali Dance Workshop—A Celebration of Culture and Community

All year groups from Reception to Year 6 took part in a vibrant Diwali dance workshop hosted by West End in Schools. The children thoroughly enjoyed being active, getting involved, and learning about the story of Diwali through movement and storytelling.

As a diverse school, we value and celebrate the many cultures that make up our community. Events like this help promote tolerance and mutual respect - essential values in helping children grow into thoughtful, inclusive citizens. It was a joyful day of learning, celebration, and connection.



Halloween Disco

Thank you to all the children who came to the Halloween disco, we had so much fun with party games and arts & crafts.



Pumpkin Winners

1. Alba Year 6
2. Peter Year 3
3. Florence Year 2
4. Layla Year 1

