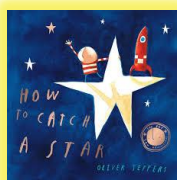


We have been having a wonderful time in the classroom, with the children fully engaged in their learning. Here is an overview of what the children have been working on.

Nursery



The children in Nursery have had a fantastic few weeks. They contributed to our whole school poppy display in the hall for Remembrance Day by making their own clay poppies. They also celebrated Bonfire Night by creating firework pictures and drawings.

We have been busy making a turtle using recycled materials brought in from home. The children have loved sticking and collaging the materials onto the turtle and watching him come to life.

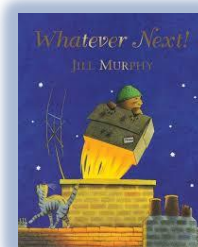
Our new topic this term is *Journey into Space*. The children have really enjoyed reading *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers and *Meet the Planets* by Carly Hart. They have explored the planet where they live, learned about space, and acted out piloting a rocket ship in our role-play corner. They have created some incredible rockets and even made delicious treats in our Alien Café outdoor kitchen. Well done, Nursery!

Reception

What a busy but exciting end to our last half term—and an equally wonderful start to the new one—we have had in Reception! We finished the half term by celebrating Diwali, learning about the festival of light and creating our very own diya lamps. When we returned to school, we explored Bonfire Night, talked about how to keep safe, and took part in lots of firework-themed activities. We also joined the whole of the Infant Academy to create a beautiful display of clay poppies and thoughtful homework projects for Remembrance Day.

As our new learning began, we enjoyed diving into our Literacy story *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. We have been working hard on hearing sounds beyond the initial sound and beginning to spell CVC words. In Maths, we explored finding one more and one less than numbers to 5.

In Understanding the World, we have been investigating planet Earth and its features, as well as exploring the features of our immediate environment. This week, we are excited to build on this learning as we find out how we can look after our planet and local environment for World Geography Week!

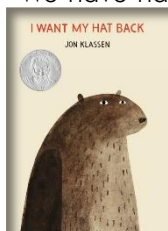


Year 1

We have had another full and fun-filled week in Year One. Last week in English, the children took part in hot-seating activities to explore the rabbit's actions in our class story *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen. They also enjoyed drama and role-play as they imagined what the characters might say in their own innovated versions, which they will be writing this week.

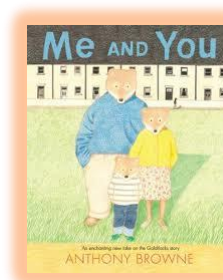
In Maths, the children worked systematically to find different pairs of numbers that make 7 and 8. They have also been busy learning new songs for our Year 1 Winter Performance and have brought their lines home to practise.

This week, we are looking forward to celebrating National Geography Awareness Week. Using our junk modelling materials, the children will create a display of sea creatures to help raise awareness of how our actions can affect the planet.



Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have been developing their understanding of informal written methods for addition and subtraction, particularly through partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones, and have now begun exploring multiples of 2, 5 and 10. In English, the children have written character descriptions of Goldilocks and created WANTED posters using ambitious verbs, while also comparing the traditional *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* with Anthony Browne's modern version, *You and Me*. Their Grammar lessons have focused on recognising sentence functions, identifying word classes and adding suffixes to root words. In Design and Technology, the children have started designing their own tote bags. In Science, they have been learning about the stages of human growth and ageing, and in RE they have explored how different religions celebrate special events.



Remembrance Display

It has been wonderful to see the whole school come together to contribute to our Remembrance display. The range of thoughtful and creative pieces has truly made it something special. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our families who took the time to create and send in contributions for this meaningful whole-school project.



Keeping Our School Smoke and Vape Free



Please be mindful that smoking or vaping is not permitted on or around the school site. We kindly ask all parents, carers, and visitors to support us in setting a positive example and protecting the health of our young children. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the families who supported our effort to raise funds for Children in Need. The children had a wonderful day celebrating and learning about the charity. As a school we raised over £309.81 – well done all!



Acorns Sparkle Day

This year's School Council are excited to be hosting their own tombola event! We will be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 5th December** to support **Acorn Sparkle Day**. We kindly ask for a **£2 donation** (£1 for non-uniform and £1 for a strip of raffle tickets to enter our tombola).

To help make this event a success, we are asking for donations of **unused children's gifts**, which will be used as prizes for the tombola.

We would be very grateful if donations could be sent in **by Monday 1st December**.

Infant Academy Christmas Disco – Wednesday 17th December 2025

We are delighted to share the arrangements for this year's Infant Academy Christmas Discos:

- **Reception:** 3.30–4.15pm
Reception children will go straight to the disco at the end of the school day, so there is no need to collect them at 3.20pm. Please collect your child from their classroom door at 4.15pm.
- **Year 1:** 4.30–5.15pm
Please arrive and collect your child from their classroom door.
- **Year 2:** 5.30–6.15pm
Please arrive and collect your child from their classroom door.



Please note that **tickets will not be available to purchase on the night**, and **children cannot be admitted without a ticket** due to fire safety regulations. Each ticket includes a snack and a drink. Tickets will be distributed before the close of school on **Friday 12th December 2025**.

Please look out for a letter that will be sent home with your child today for further information.

Wednesday 17th December will also be our **Christmas Party Day**. Children are invited to attend school in non-school uniform; however, please ensure they wear suitable footwear for the day.

Important Reminder – PE Pumps



We have mentioned previously - it is essential: **all children must have a pair of named PE pumps (plimsolls) in school for the year.** These will stay in school for every PE lesson.



During the winter months, PE sessions take place in the hall. The trainers children wear outside can often be muddy from the playground, and we need a **clean, dry floor** for safe PE lessons.

Thank you for helping us keep PE lessons safe, fun, and running smoothly.

Holiday Activities Programme (HAF - Walsall Council)

Christmas Fun Holiday Activities now available to book

- To qualify for the activity programme your child needs to be in receipt of free school meals, resides in Walsall and is between the ages of 5-16 years.
- Families need to register on the portal before they can book an activity.



Each eligible child will be sent a letter with a unique code on so you can register. If you are eligible and haven't received one, please email: WR4C@walsall.gov.uk. Every parent who would like to book onto the activities must complete the registration process.

Who are our SUPERSTARS ...



Celebrating the achievements of our children out of school. Lots of children have been busy reading and completing the Summer Reading Challenge. They have also been busy achieving in swimming, dancing, footballing and gymnastics.



Achievements		
Class 2	Mila B	Gymnastics Levels 5,6,7&8 Awards and Trampolining Levels 2 & 3 Awards
Class 2	Irsa S	Swimming – Stanley 3 Award
Class 4	Avani P	Gymnastics – Star of the Week Award
Class 4	Bani K	Swimming – Stanley 3 Award
Class 5	Riya B	Stagecoach – Newcomer of the Year Award 2025 & Certificate of achievement helping to raise money for Children with Cancer
Class 5	Jovan K	Blue Peter Book Badge- Interesting book thoughts and good artwork
Class 6	Dylan S	Swimming – 15 Metres Award
Class 6	Jordan P	Best Behaved Kickboxer Award
Class 7	Aryan P	Swimming – Stanley 5 and Octopus 3 Awards
Class 7	Kai S	Football – Little Kickers player of the week

Gold Star Assembly Award Winners

In recognition of your learning, progress, attitude, effort and upholding the school learning habits and values.

Congratulations!

Pari D - Class 1

Myla G - Class 4

Hayden D - Class 7

Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 3rd November 2025 – 93.4% Highest Attendance Class 8 – 98.6%

Week commencing Monday 10th November 2025 – 94.3% Highest Attendance Class 3 - 98%

Well done Class 8 & 3!

Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 03/11/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 03/11/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 10/11/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 10/11/25
Nur	81.7	5	96.1	Nur	96.1	5	95.7
1	93.7	6	94.4	1	89	6	97
2	94.7	7	93.8	2	96	7	92.8
3	95.7	8	98.6	3	98	8	86.2
4	96.8	9	94.2	4	96.4	9	95.8

High focus on attendance. Please ensure your children are attending daily and on time.

Don't miss the phonics learning at 9.00am!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 5th December 2025 – Acorns Sparkle Day

We would love for the children to wear something sparkly and ask for a **small donation** to support this special fund raising day. This year's School Council are excited to host a tombola! Our non-uniform day will be on **Friday 5th December**, with a **£2 donation** (£1 for non-uniform and £1 for raffle tickets). We would also welcome **unused children's gifts** for tombola prizes.

Tuesday 9th December 2025 - Year 1- Class 5 Parents will be invited into school for a cheerful performance to celebrate the season at 9:30am (a cup of cheer)

Wednesday 10th December 2025 - Year 1- Class 4 Parents will be invited into school for a cheerful performance to celebrate the season at 9:30am (a cup of cheer)

Thursday 11th December 2025 - Year 1- Class 6 Parents will be invited into school for a cheerful performance to celebrate the season at 9:30am (a cup of cheer)

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Party Day (Non-Uniform)

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Jack and the Beanstalk In- School Pantomime

Wednesday 17th December 2025 - Christmas Disco (Further information to follow)

Reception - 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Year 1 - 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Year 2 - 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Friday 19th December 2025 - School closes for Christmas, usual time 3.20pm

Monday 5th January 2026 - School opens, usual time 8.45am

Thursday 15th January 2026 - deadline for applications for Reception and Year 3 September 2026

Tuesday 27th January 2026 – PTA Meeting 9am (in school and online)



Inset Days

Friday 19th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Term Dates

Please click on the link below for the current academic term dates.

<https://www.parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk/term-and-holiday-dates/>