

It's been a busy and exciting week at school so far! Our classrooms have been full of energy, with lots of learning, activities, and events keeping both children and staff fully engaged. It's been great to see everyone making the most of such a busy week.

### Reception Road Safety Walks



What a busy and exciting week it has been for our Reception families. The A\*Stars Road Safety Team from Walsall Council visited our school, giving our children and their adults the opportunity to take part in a road safety walk around the local area.

During the walk, children learned alongside their adults how to walk safely on pavements and how to cross roads carefully and responsibly. These practical experiences are invaluable in helping our youngest children



develop important life skills.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our families, Walsall Council and to Miss Deeming our A\*Stars Coordinator, for organising and supporting this fantastic opportunity.

### Parent Mini Mash Workshops

It was wonderful to welcome our Reception families into school this week for our Parent Mini Mash workshops. Parents worked alongside Mrs Sembhi, our Computing Lead, and Mrs Jays, who knows everything there is to know about Mini Mash. Together, families learned about internet safety and how to log in using their Magic Badges, before having the opportunity to explore the many fantastic activities that Mini Mash has to offer. These sessions will support our children in accessing Mini Mash confidently at home, alongside their families, to continue their learning in a fun and safe way.



### Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health has been a focus this week. The children have been exploring what it means to feel like they truly belong. As part of our theme, *This is My Place*, we have talked about the different places, people, groups and activities that help us feel happy, safe and accepted. The children created thoughtful "belonging maps" illustrating the spaces and communities that are special to them – from family homes and football clubs to friendships, classrooms and even favourite hobbies. Through discussion and reflection we learned how important it is to be kind, include

others and make sure no one feels left out. We are proud of the children for sharing their ideas so openly and helping to create a school environment where everyone feels cared for, valued and loved because everyone deserves to feel they belong.

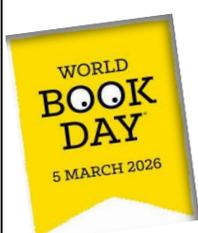
### Safer Internet Day

To mark **Safer Internet Day**, we spent time across the school reinforcing important messages about staying safe online. The children took part in whole-school assemblies, and Lucy Jays led engaging internet safety talks and investigations, helping children explore how to use online world responsibly and confidently. In Reception, children used Beebots to support early discussions around technology and following instructions, while children across the school completed a range of age-appropriate activities on Purple Mash to deepen their understanding of online safety. It was a valuable opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of making safe and positive choices when using technology.



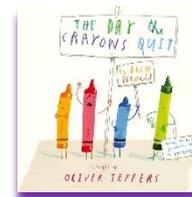
Please see the attached parent guide to continue the conversation about digital lives at home with your child.

### World Book Day



**Reminder** - We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**, with a whole-school focus on our love of reading. This year, our celebrations are inspired by *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt, and children are invited to come to school dressed in one single colour to represent a crayon. All children will take part in activities during the day, including creating a matching headband, ensuring everyone can join in without the need to buy anything special.

You will also receive a letter today outlining an exciting half-term activity for your child to complete at home. We look forward to seeing how the children engage with this and celebrating their efforts together in school.



### Pupil Progress Evening – Tuesday 24th March & Thursday 26th March 2026

We look forward to welcoming you to our Pupil Progress Evenings. Please ensure that you book an appointment to talk with your child's class teacher. It is important that you understand how well your child is doing and how you can support them further. Booking through your child's Scopay will be open from **Thursday 26th February at 7pm. Deadline to book an appointment will be Monday 23rd March at 9am. Further information to follow and we look forward to meeting with you.**

Our Nursery families will also be offered day time appointments on Tuesday 24th March. The deadline to book the appointment will be Monday 23rd March at 9am.

### 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 6	Ayva G	Thai Boxing – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Khan Award
Class 6	Dylan S	Kickboxing – Best Behaved Kickboxer Award & Swimming Stanley 6 Award
Class 7	Druv P	Little Kickers – Full of Energy Football Award
Class 7	Nuha S	Swimming – 20 Metres Award
Class 7	Aryan P	Karate – Award for Completing his first Karate Class
Class 8	Baani S	Thai Boxing – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Khan Award

### Gold Star Assembly Award Winners



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

Congratulations!



Class 1 – Mea H

Class 4 – Azlan S

Class 7 – Jagjeet K

### Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 – 94.6% Highest Attendance Class 5 – 99.6%

**Well done Class 5!**

### Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 02/02/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 02/02/26
Nur	87.2	5	99.6
1	96.4	6	95.2
2	95.7	7	97.2
3	95.3	8	92.8
4	94.4	9	95.5

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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – Last Day of Term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026** – First Day of Term school opens usual time 8:45am

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Class 1 Football Club (Please bring your PE Kit in a bag)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Class 2 Football Club (Please bring your PE kit in a bag)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 1 Cricket Club (Please bring your PE kit in a bag)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 2 Computing Club

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Reception Performance – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 1

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 2

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 3

**Pupil Progress Evening – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**



### Inset Days

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### Please note:

**Year 1 PE will not take place on its usual day of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February this week. Instead, PE will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February for this week only.**

**Please note that Reception PE will not take place on its usual day of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Instead, PE will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February for this week only.**

A huge well done to all of our children and families for their hard work and support this term. Despite a wet and cold January, our children have shown resilience and determination, never giving up – we are so proud of them!

We hope you all have a restful and peaceful half term with your families. Enjoy your time together, have fun, and make the most of a well-earned break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the usual time. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it really makes a difference to our school community.

## **What's On in Walsall – February Half Term 2026**

### **Hearts and Crafts – Valentine's Fun for Little Ones**

Families are invited to free Valentine's Day themed craft sessions for children aged 0–5. Enjoy storytelling, play, crafts, and a free family photo while learning more about Walsall Family Hubs.

Walsall Arboretum (Seedhouse Classroom)

Thursday 19 February | 10:00am–12:00pm

Booking required for some venues: [Book here](#)

### **The New Art Gallery Walsall**

#### **Lunar New Year – Year of the Fire Horse**

Celebrate with lion dances, horse lanterns, traditional stories, glitter tattoos, and chopstick games.

Saturday 21 February | 12pm–4pm | Free, drop-in

#### **Sunday Art Club – Creative Sessions for Kids**

Ages 4+ | Free, drop-in

- 1 Feb: Wish Boxes
- 8 Feb: Clay Icons
- 15 Feb: Monochrome Making
- 22 Feb: Blended Oil Pastel Flowers

#### **Half-term Fun – Galloping Horses**

Free, drop-in activities for all ages, 10am–4pm, 17–20 Feb.

- Mini Makers: Fabulous Fire Horses (2–5 yrs) | Tue 17 Feb | £3.50
- Wednesdays for All: Power Ponies & Fire Horses (4+ yrs) | Wed 18 Feb | Free
- Young Masters: Felt Horse Keyrings (6+ yrs) | Thu 19 Feb | £4.50 – booking essential