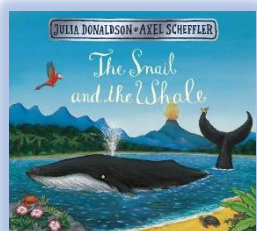


School has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks, with pupils enthusiastically engaging in a wide range of learning experiences. We have been learning about...

Nursery



This fortnight in Nursery, we have continued our exciting topic of '**A Summer Around the World**' by exploring the wonderful stories *Look What I Found at the Seaside* and, this week, *The Snail and the Whale*. The children have enjoyed learning about sea creatures and discussing the importance of caring for our oceans and protecting wildlife. In Literacy, they have been working hard to hear and write simple CVC words, showing growing confidence in their early writing skills. Our new home corner and corner shop have been very popular, providing lots of opportunities for imaginative role play, communication and teamwork. In Maths, we have been comparing objects by size using language such as *big*, *small*, *bigger* and *smaller*, as well as exploring simple addition and subtraction through practical, hands-on activities. We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and the fantastic progress they continue to make each day!

Reception

Reception have had another fantastic week of learning! The children have loved Drawing Club, where our focus story has been Jack and the Beanstalk. They have drawn and written about the giant and his castle before using their imaginations to decide what Jack spent his gold on. We have also enjoyed building large-scale castles, designing and making crowns, and creating mysterious lands that could be waiting at the top of the beanstalk. In Maths, we have been learning to share objects equally between two groups using practical resources. The children have become more confident at recognising when groups are equal and explaining their mathematical thinking.



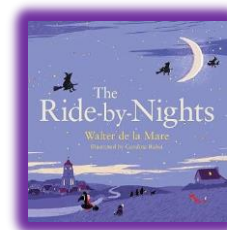
Year 1



Year 1 have had another busy and enjoyable few weeks filled with lots of exciting learning! In English, the children have loved researching and writing their own fact files about famous landmarks from around the world as well as some special landmarks closer to home in Walsall. They worked hard to include interesting facts and challenged themselves to use commands and questions to make their writing more engaging for the reader. In Maths, we have been reinforcing our understanding of time, practising how to tell the time to o'clock and half past using both analogue and digital clocks. We are so proud of the confidence the children are beginning to show with this important life skill. In Computing, the children have been using their growing coding skills to create and animate their own programmes, showing great creativity and perseverance as they solved problems and brought their ideas to life. During the recent spell of very hot weather, we spent two days learning from home to keep everyone safe. We were delighted to receive so many wonderful examples of home learning, including some beautiful poems and fantastic Maths work. Thank you for your continued support at home—it really does make a difference. As always, the children have worked incredibly hard, and we are very proud of all they have achieved.

Year 2

This week in Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of position and direction. They have been using grids to describe and identify positions, as well as following and giving directions using positional and directional language such as *left*, *right*, *forwards*, *backwards*, *above* and *below*. They have also enjoyed creating and following routes, helping to strengthen their mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills. In English, the children have been reading and exploring *The Ride-by-Nights* by Walter de la Mare. They have summarised the poem, explored the meaning of challenging vocabulary and discussed the rich imagery used by the poet. The children have also enjoyed rehearsing and performing the poem, focusing on expression, rhythm and intonation to bring the poem to life.



In Science, the children have continued to revise their learning about plants. They have revisited the differences between bulbs and seeds, explored the conditions plants need to survive and grow, and discussed how different plants are adapted to thrive in a variety of environments.

Transition

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year, our focus begins to turn towards September and preparing for another exciting new beginning. Over the past few weeks, our staff have been busy carrying out home visits and visiting children in their pre-school settings. These special opportunities allow us to get to know our newest children and their families, helping everyone feel confident, happy and ready for the start of school.

Next week marks the beginning of our transition programme, when children will spend time with their new teachers, visit their new classrooms and begin to build relationships for the year ahead. It is always a lovely time of year, filled with excitement as we welcome new families into our school community while supporting our current children as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. A gentle reminder that our current Nursery children are invited to their induction afternoon on **Monday 6th July at 2.00pm**, and our new Reception families joining us from other settings are warmly invited to visit school on **Tuesday 7th July**. We are looking forward to welcoming you all and sharing this exciting milestone together.

REMINDER! The Mini Beast Conga

We are excited to invite our Nursery families to join us for **The Mini Beast Conga** on **Friday 3rd July**. Please arrive via the hall doors at the times listed below:

9.15am (Ducks & Herons group)
2.15pm (Swans & Parakeets group)

We look forward to seeing you and sharing this special event together.

Reception Exotic Zoo Visit



Class 1 had a wonderful day visiting the Exotic Zoo. The children had a lovely time exploring and learning about lots of amazing animals. We saw meerkats, otters, kangaroos and their babies, capybaras, owls, goats, pigs and more! One of the highlights of the day was getting the chance to hold and stroke some fascinating creatures, including a big slimy frog, a lizard, a millipede and even an armadillo! It was a fantastic experience, and we had a brilliant day making special memories together.



A reminder that our rearranged Reception visit to the Exotic Zoo for Classes 2 and 3 will take place on **Monday 21st September 2026**. We are pleased that the children will still have the opportunity to enjoy this exciting educational experience, where they will explore a variety of animals and learn about habitats and life cycles through engaging, hands-on activities. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures and sharing photographs from the day in a future newsletter.

Day of Sport – Tuesday 14th July 2026



Our Day of Sport will take place on Tuesday 14th July. Children will be competing in house teams within their year group and will be participating in a range of events. The timetable of events are throughout the school day and due to there being over 700 children on site, spectators cannot be accommodated.

Photos of the event will be posted on the website for children to share with their families.

All children will need to wear their normal PE kits, footwear suitable for physical activity, with long hair tied back and earrings covered or removed. Please ensure water bottles and caps are sent to school that day and sun cream is applied at home if we are lucky enough to get a sunny day. May the best team win!

Reminder - Year 2 Leavers Disco

The Year 2 Leavers Disco is taking place on **Thursday 9th July, 4:30-5:30pm**. Children will enter through their classroom door and will be taken to the hall by their teacher.



Year 2 End of Year Concert Reminder

A reminder that our Year 2 End of Year Concerts will take place on **Wednesday 8th July** and **Thursday 9th July at 9:30am**. Your child will have brought home their tickets for the concert today. As this is a ticketed event with limited seating, each child has been allocated two tickets.

If you would like to purchase your child's official Tempest Photography photograph, please remember to place your order via **SCOPAY** before the event.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 2 families as we celebrate this special milestone with the children.

Book Look



Thank you to all the parents and children who came to our Book Look on Thursday 18th June. Each classroom welcomed parents to look at their child's work after school. There was a buzz of excitement as children shared their learning and proudly showed off their books.

Summer Holiday Activities



Families who are eligible for Free School Meals can once again enjoy a fantastic range of free summer holiday activities.

The booking portal is now open, and many of the most popular activities are expected to fill up quickly. We encourage families to book as soon as possible to secure their preferred sessions.

Please remember that you must be registered before you can make a booking. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to keep

children active, engaged and having fun throughout the summer holidays!

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Children Achieving out of School



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 Nursery	Jasmine N	Swimming – Stanley 1 Award
Class 5	Riya B	Kickboxing – Yellow Belt Award
Class 5	Eliza M	Swimming – Octopus 3 Award
Class 6	Dylan S	Kickboxing – Black Belt Award
Class 6	Leah D	Kickboxing – Black Belt Award
Class 6	Jordan P	Kickboxing – Green Belt Award and Best Behaved Kickboxer
Class 7	Hana M	Swimming – Stanley Star Award
Class 9	Avneet S	Swimming – Completed the Goldfish Series and 10 Metres Award
Class 9	Amyra S	Kickboxing – Good Kickboxing Cup
Class 9	Milo C	Kickboxing – Junior Black Belt Award

Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 15th June 2026 – 94.2%

Highest Attendance 98.6% Class - 6

Week Commencing Monday 22nd June 2026 – 93%

Highest Attendance 98.7% Class – 5

Well done Class 6 & 5!

Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 15/06/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 15/06/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 22/06/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 22/06/26
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1	92.5	6	98.6	1	91.9	6	95.5
2	95.8	7	96.3	2	94.4	7	88.5
3	94.2	8	96.6	3	90	8	96
4	95	9	96.3	4	90.9	9	96.7

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 3rd July – Nursery Mini Beast Conga
Monday 6th July – Transition Afternoon
Tuesday 7th July – Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 8th July – Year 2 Graduation
Thursday 9th July – Year 2 Graduation
Thursday 9th July – Year 2 Leavers Disco
Friday 10th July – Nursery Transition Morning
Monday 13th July – Year 2 In School Pantomime Performance
Monday 13th July – End of Year School Reports to be shared
Tuesday 14th July – Day of Sport
Friday 17th July – Last Day of Term
Thursday 3rd September – First Day of Term



Inset Days

Friday 19th June 2026
Monday 20th July 2026
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Friday 18th June 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Term Dates

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

<https://www.parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk/>