

Academic Year 2024 - 2025



WELCOME NEWSLETTER

12TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Head Teacher: Mr Paul Prigg

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

WELCOME BACK AND HERE WE GO INTO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to the 2024-25 academic year!

It has been wonderful to see children and families return last Wednesday. Everyone has embraced the fresh start and we've been blown away with our Reception children who have made a fantastic start to their schooling! I would just like to welcome all new parent's and carers- it's great to have you as part of our school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you give your children and our school. A new school year is always an exciting time. A list of events will be included in next newsletter along with more information regarding clubs. I'm really looking forward to all that this year holds, and keen that we continue to work closely together to make our school the best it can be!

As you will be aware from the letters that went out last Friday, there have been significant changes issued by Government regarding unauthorized absence. Our school stance is to continue to work closely with you and ensure we offer all support we available. If you have any worries or questions, please come and talk to us. We have added a small section to the newsletter to help.

Have a lovely weekend,

Paul Prigg

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NURSERY

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful having Nursery back in school following a lovely summer break. I would like to wish a very warm welcome to our new friends in Nursery – this is where the adventure begins!

This term in Nursery, our topic, 'What is special about me?' will consist of learning all about ourselves, our peers, our families as well as getting to know our Nursery environment.

Let the fun commence!



Mrs Hawkes

RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic start to their time at school. They have loved meeting all of their new friends and teachers. Reception have spent lots of time playing and exploring the inside and outside areas of their classroom. They have loved building with the blocks and being creative.

The children have started phonics lessons, where they have been learning set 1 sounds and practicing their letter formation. Look out for the sounds in their bags to practice daily at home and support them in their early reading.

We have lots of exciting things to learn this term: all about our life milestones, our family and house pets.

We love engaging in stories and we will be learning the story 'Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle' which we can't wait to show you!



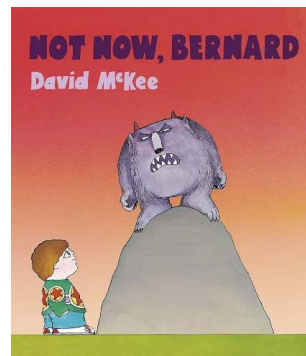
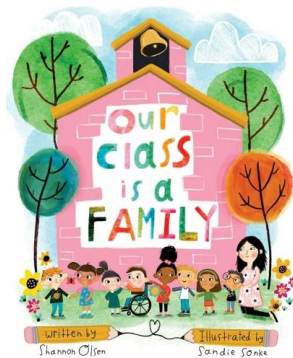
Miss Hemming

YEAR 1

What a fantastic week we have had settling into Yearn 1. It has been great to get to know the children and we can already tell what an amazing year we are going to have. We have started off by learning about Arcimboldo in Art and drawing our own portraits using different thickness of lines, shapes and even fruit! Next week we will be moving onto DT where we will be making some delicious healthy smoothies! We can't wait for that.



Our class text over these 3 weeks is *Our Class is a Family*. It is all about celebrating everyone's uniqueness and how we come together as a class. The story talks about having respect and kindness towards each other which is a key discussion point when settling into a new class. Our next story which we will be moving on to is *Not Now Bernard!* We love re-telling stories in year 1, using our own story maps to help us.



Keep an eye out for a letter about our upcoming trip to The Black Country Living Museum (coming soon!).



YEAR 2



It has been a brilliant week back in Year 2! We have explored our new classroom and are becoming more confident in accessing all of the areas and resources we have. Sunny the class meerkat has already started his adventures and has had a wonderful first weekend! All of the Year 2 children will have the opportunity to spend time with Sunny over the year.

This week we have been learning about the artist Anthony Browne and exploring his drawings. He likes to make artwork of different monkeys and includes these as illustrations in his books. They have experimented with different drawing techniques and how the pressure they put on their pencil affects the lightness or darkness.



We have also been learning about living things and their habitats and have set up an investigation to explore the question: Do plants need light to grow. We put one plant in the windowsill to get light and one plant in a cupboard to see which one grows. We made predictions on what we thought would happen to the plants. We will observe them over time and record what we notice.

We have many exciting plans for this term, including making our own 'healthy pizzas' in DT and experimenting with different instruments in Music. We also have PE every Thursday, so please make sure all kits are in school!

Miss Jones

YEAR 3

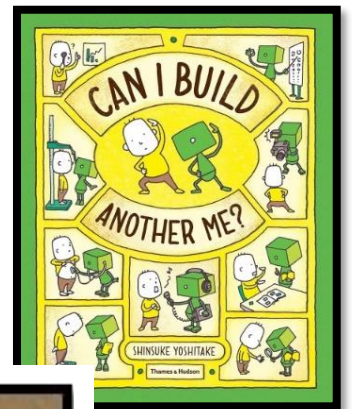
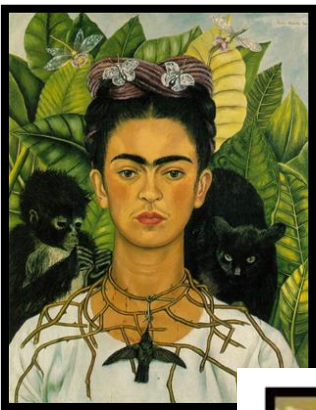
Welcome to Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the year!

We have been reading 'Can I Build Another Me?' by Yoshtake Shinsuke and using the story to do some brilliant writing using adjectives and conjunctions.

In D.T we have been thinking about where food comes from and using the Eatwell plate to design healthy meals. We have researched different soups and ingredients in preparation for making our own.

In Art we have been learning about the artist Frida Kahlo. We have been using a variety of pencil grades to do our own observational drawings.



Miss East

YEAR 4



We have had a fabulous start to our year with the children showing an excellent attitude towards their learning – we are going to have such a great year.

We have started a lot of topics including drawing in art, our digestive system in Science, cooking in D.T and The BFG in our reading sessions. We have also been looking at the book Little Mouse's Book of Fears which we will use to create some amazing writing – watch this space!



Here are some of the things that we have enjoyed so far and what we are looking forward to:

I like maths because we are learning new things - Oliver

I am looking forward to the residential to be with my friends- India-Mai

I've enjoyed being back to school seeing and playing with my friends - Elijus

I have enjoyed going swimming this week where I could put my head under - Cooper

Plans for this term:

For this term every Wednesday we will be going to Perdiswell Swimming pool so don't forget your towel and swimming costume/trunks.



Every Friday we will be participating in P.E – please make sure that you have your P.E kit and trainers with you.

We will be going to Wardon Library on the 7th October to check out are local library and get some books linked to our topics. We will also listen to a story by our local librarian, Julie.



Democracy week is coming up where we vote for others in our class to represent us. If we would like to represent our peers we can write a speech outlining why to try and persuade others to vote for us!

The 3rd of October is World Poetry Day – be prepared to share your favourite poem!

We are also looking forward to whole school events such as the Halloween Disco!

Ms Ferguson

YEAR 5

Welcome to Year 5!

Welcome back to school and to your new class in Year 5!

We have a lot to look forward to in our year in upper Key Stage 2 and we're looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and experiences. It has been wonderful starting to get to know the class and giving them the chance to get to know their new teacher.



We have lots of exciting learning coming up this term! We have begun our English topic exploring a fantastical world within "How To Live Forever" expanding on our knowledge and skills using key writing techniques. We have also been building our comprehension skills with our DEAR text "The Wreck of The Zanzibar" exploring the diary of adventurer Laura Perryman.

As we continue to settle into Year 5 and our "This Is Me" topic we will explore living things including humans withing Science, drawing inspired by S.L Lowry in Art, the importance of families and relationships in PSHE and having the opportunity to bake bread in DT.



This half term we will be putting our talents in Netball and Dance to work in PE on Tuesdays!

Miss Wall and Mrs Beck can't wait to have a brilliant year learning and growing with you.

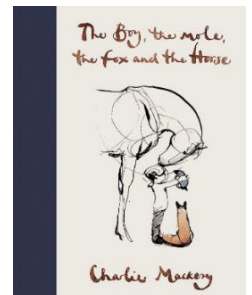
Miss Wall

YEAR 6

Welcome back Year 6! What a wonderful start we have had.



We began the year by looking at the book 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' where we have identified that it is important to focus on positivity and offering positive affirmations to others. Using this book, we have been looking at how descriptive features can be used to create a setting description. We are looking forward to creating our own setting description.



As readers, we have immersed ourselves into the book 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom' and have enjoyed using reader's theatre to act out parts of the story. We had a giggle as this was some of our first time acting out in front of our peers.

As scientists, we have been exploring how the circulatory system works and the key parts of the heart. We thoroughly enjoyed creating a chamber of the heart and watched as we beat the blood from the chamber. Don't worry it wasn't really blood or a chamber of the heart, just a jar, balloon, straws and water!

We were thrilled to help reception with their topic by measuring them and are super looking forward to getting to know our reading buddies and showing them how to read fluently.

Mr Cox



ROLES IN SCHOOL

Congratulations to the children who have secured a very important role within school:



Daniel



Dene

Deputy Head Boy : **Jai**

Deputy Head Girl : **Bianca N**

School Council Chair : **Isabella**

House Captains : Abberley – **Kyle & Riley**

House Captains : Bredon – **Bailey & Faith**

House Captains : Client – **Edward & Kaisha**

House Captains : Malvern – **Bianca B & Lois**

Prefects :

Mojeeb

River

Preston

Lexie

Veronika

Joseph

Gracie-Leigh



WORCESTERSHIRE
SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
2025-26

Starting School in September 2025?

- If you live in Worcestershire
and
- Your child was born between
1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.

You need to apply for a school place by **15th January 2025.**

For more information and to apply, visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Visit your local library to use a computer and apply
for free. Or call us on **01905 822 700.**

Find out more online:
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2025-26

Transferring to Secondary School in September 2025?

- If you live in Worcestershire
and
- Your child is in their final year at Primary School.

You need to apply for a school place by **31st October 2024.**

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Bishop Perowne
Church of England College

Open Day & Evening
Wednesday 18th September 2024
9am to 10:30am / 6:30pm to 8:30pm



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OPEN EVENING

Tudor Grange Academy Worcester
THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Pre-bookable slots available at
5pm, 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 7pm
(Subject demonstrations will finish at 8pm)

[Click here to reserve your place](#)

Applications for a school place **must** register for
Fair Banding
via the admissions tab on www.worcs.tgacademy.org.uk

ATTENDANCE



2024/2025 Class attendance to 12/09/2024 : 92.94%

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	94.67%
Year 1	97.62%
Year 2	96.31%
Year 3	87.27%
Year 4	92.03%
Year 5	83.93%
Year 6	98.57%

Please remember that if your child(ren) are unwell and will not be attending school, please make sure you contact the school to inform them **each** day they are absent.

Excellent attendance at school matters.

Good attendance is classed as **“at least 95%”** - that is less than 9 days off across a school year. A letter was sent this week outlining national changes to poor attendance. In summary:

- Parents must inform school of every absence and the reason for this.
- Schools must inform parents of their children's attendance rate and work with families to improve attendance.
- Holidays should not be authorised.
- **Unauthorised absences of 5 days+ (either 5 continuous days or 5 separate days in a 10-week period) are liable to a fine of £160 per parent, per child. (reduced to £80, if paid within 21 days)**
- **If there is a second period of 5 days+ absence in 3 years an increased fine of £160 per child, per parent is charged and not reduced.**
- **A third period of unauthorised absence could lead to legal prosecution. This is also likely if fines are unpaid.**
- Fines are per child, per parent. This means that a biological parent of a child is fined, even if he/she does not live with that child.

We will always provide as much support as we can to parents who are struggling to ensure their children attend school regularly. However, if we do not see improvements or holidays are taken, we will have to follow Government guidelines in issue fines.

SCHOOL AWARDS

We have changed our award system this year and are no longer using Rainbow Points.

The children will now earn and collect success stones in their reading diaries. These work in a very similar way to the previous rainbow point system and stones are collected on an individual basis.

The order of the success stones are as follows:



Emerald

Sapphire

Platinum

And the collection is complete by reaching

DIAMOND



TIMINGS AND DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS

As we begin to establish new routines, please can I remind you that the school day begins at 8.45am. At this time, lessons have started and the children are in classes learning. If you wish to talk to the class teacher, please allow time before this or alternatively organise an appointment through the office, and we will be happy to accommodate your request. Children who arrive in school after 9.30am are recorded as absent for the first session. Please be mindful that missed sessions directly link into government policy on fining.

Whilst we appreciate that parking is challenging around the school site, we are unable to offer use of the centre as a car park for drop-offs. The school has a handful of spaces available for staff, but we have been asked to ensure that the car park is free for people who are using the centre. Where possible, sharing lifts or walking are effective options, however, if you need to drive, please can we ask that you do not park in centre. Staff will be monitoring this.



School Lunch Orders and sQuid

Thank-you to everyone who has managed to order lunches via sQuid. We are so sorry that the technology has had so many problems.

The following groups of children need their parents/carers to order EVERY DAY and preferably at least a week in advance.

- **All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**
- **Children who are entitled to Free School Meals in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

If you pay for your child's meal, please only order for the days that he/she is eating. If you order and they don't eat, you will still be charged as you are required to pre-pay.

THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO ORDERS. Last week, we were able to allow children to eat what they wanted, but this will not continue as too much food must be over produced and then wasted.

Children without orders will be fed, but this will only be a jacket potato or sandwich.

If you are still having problems, check that you have updated the sQuid app with the latest version – you may need to uninstall and reinstall again.

Outstanding payments:

Please can we ask that you check and clear any outstanding payments on sQuid.

As we move forward, this is a reminder that booking functions require prepayment.

In order to book in future, all outstanding payments must be cleared.

LETTERS HOME

If you haven't received any letter that is relevant to your child's year group, please call into the office.

All year groups : Attendance Government Guidelines

All year groups : DEAR Time parent letter

All year groups : Warndon Library letter

FREE

Device & MIFI loans
available

Must have secured a place on programme and need a device/mifi unit to take part

Maths and English tuition for Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils



Fully-trained
tutors



Small
class sizes



Supports
school work



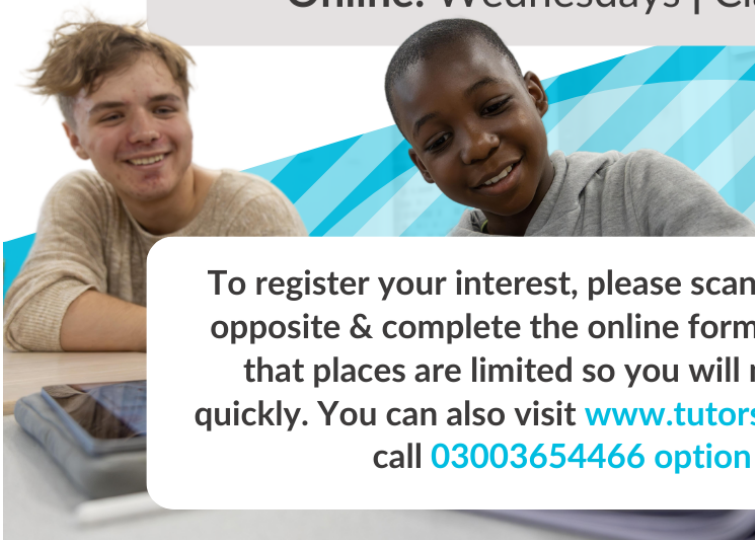
Weekly pupil
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Eligibility: Must be a Platform resident & household
income must be below £35k

Dates: From 2nd Oct 2024 - July 2025

Online: Wednesdays | Classes at 4pm or 5pm

To register your interest, please scan the QR code
opposite & complete the online form. Please note
that places are limited so you will need to act
quickly. You can also visit www.tutorsunited.org, or
call **03003654466 option 1**



WHO'S WHO IN SCHOOL 2024/25?

MR PRIGG : HEAD TEACHER

MRS FINNEGAN : DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

MRS V SMITH : SENCO

OFFICE : MISS WALTERS & MRS RANSCOMBE

MRS HAWKES : NURSERY MANAGER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS ARANYOSI

MISS HEMMING : RECEPTION TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MRS NEWTON-SMITH, MISS SMITH & MRS BEGUM

MISS L JONES : YEAR 1 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MISS BURNHAM

MISS K JONES : YEAR 2 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS HOLLAND & MRS KENWRICK

MISS EAST : YEAR 3 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS L RICE

MS FERGUSON : YEAR 4 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MRS AKHTER, MISS J JONES & MR TEAL

MISS WALL : YEAR 5 TEACHER

HLTA : MRS BECK

MR COX : YEAR 6 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS PARKES

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS:

MRS J JONES, MRS PEGRAM, MISS LORD & MR JEFFERIES

CARETAKER:

MR JEFFRIES