

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WALSH:

We have had a lovely term with the children learning all about how to stay safe online during **Safer Internet Day**. The themed school lunch went down a storm (**Pirate Day**) with another planned on **World Book day, 7th March 2025**.

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the **Brilliant Brushers** Workshop, with the roll out starting when we return to school on the 24th February.

Wishing you all a wonderful break and looking forward the next half of spring term.



Best Attendance Pizza Party

Well done to Class 8 for having the best attendance last term. To celebrate they attended a pizza party held by our Kitchen staff.



The children designed their own pizza box and then made their very own pizza.

Even Miss Jenkins created her own pizza!

WELL DONE CLASS 8



SENDIAS Coffee Morning



Walsall SENDIAS are holding a ***SEN coffee morning on Tuesday 25th February from 9.30 in the Main hall*** for our parents whose children have special educational needs.

They offer free impartial information, advice and support on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) for children and their families in the Walsall area.

Children and young people aged up to 25 with SEND and their parents/ carers can access this service. Please call 01922 612 008 or access their website —

<https://family-action.org.uk/services/walsall-sendias>



World Book Day Friday 7th March 2025

This years World book day theme is

“The Hungry Caterpillar”

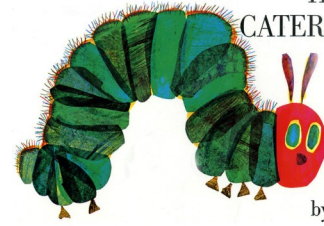
Children and staff can get dressed up as The Hungry Caterpillar or as piece of food.

Children can dress up as other characters if they wish.

Here are some ideas that you could use to make a costume.



THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR



by Eric Carle



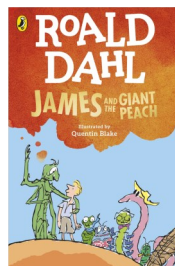
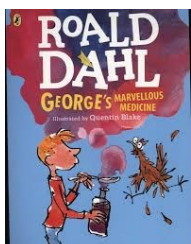
World Book Day Themed lunch Friday 7th March 2025



This year the Kitchen have created a wonderful themed lunch to celebrate World Book Day.

Please share this menu with your children.

We look forward to tasting this marvellous food.



CELEBRATE WITH US
Friday 7th March
WORLD BOOK DAY

Main Dish
George's Marvellous Hot Dogs (v)
Captain Underpants Quorn Dippers (v)

Sides
Where's Wally Wedges

Dessert
James and the Giant Donut

FOODSMART
FIBRE BODY AND BRAIN

A healthy food meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance

AIP
GROUP OF COMPANIES

PE DAYS—Changes for this term

This years PE days are:

Monday: Year 1

Tuesday: Year 2

Wednesday: Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday: Nursery and Reception



Please can they come to school in their PE kits

After School Clubs—Please come in PE Kits on their selected day



Street Teams are visiting our school again this term to work with all classes on e-safety.

Bertie and Blossom are Street Teams Puppets that tell a story to the children on how they can keep safe online.

If you are concerned about your child and online safety, you can contact Street Teams on 01922 621 208 to discuss ways of helping and support.

Reception Stay and Play Sessions

Reception will be inviting parents to work with their child in class, focusing on Reading, Writing and Maths.



All Sessions will be from 2pm—3pm.

Please add the following dates to your diaries:

- Wednesday 2nd April 2025
- Wednesday 14th May 2025
- Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Nursery Parent Stay and play Sessions

Nursery will be inviting parents to work with their child in class, focusing on Reading, Writing and Maths.



All sessions will be from 10am—11am and 2pm—3pm

Please add the following dates to your diaries:

- Tuesday 1st April 2025
- Tuesday 13th May 2025
- Tuesday 1st July 2025—Graduation Picnic

Nursery are Brilliant Brushers



Nursery will be starting this exciting new scheme to learn how to brush their teeth this term.

They will have their very own toothbrush in school, learn how to brush their teeth and look at how to keep their teeth healthy.

We do ask parents to continue to support their children to brush their teeth morning and night to help keep the teeth clean and healthy.

For more information please see the Brilliant Brushers website.



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Free School Meals 2024/5

Could your child be entitled to a
FREE school meal?



We would like all parents to sign up for the Free School Meals within school. Your child may be entitled to the pupil premium funding. This is a grant given by the government to schools in England to decrease the attainment gap for the most disadvantaged children, whether by income or by family upheaval.

Please access the link and complete the online form here: [Free school meals | Walsall Council](#)



New School Times

SCHOOL TIMES from SEPTEMBER 2024

NURSERY SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

NURSERY	AM GROUP	PM GROUP
Kingfisher, Robin, Owl	8.30am-11.30am	12.30pm-3.30pm

RECEPTION SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

	Classes 1, 2 & 3		
	Start Time	C2 & 3 End Time	C1 End Time
Monday- Friday	8.45am	3.15pm Main Gate	3.15pm Nursery Gate

YEAR 1 SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

Classes 4, 5 & 6	Start Time	End Time
Monday- Friday	8.45am	3.15pm

YEAR 2 SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

Classes 7, 8 & 9	Start Time	End Time
Monday- Friday	8.45am	3.15pm

Please be mindful we have a 10 minutes period for safe entry to school, there is no need to push and overcrowd the gate, this causes the children to be frightened and is unnecessary. After the initial rush there is plenty of time to enter calmly. Once children have gone through the gate, please clear the gateway for other children to enter, do not linger.

If you wish to get a message to the class teacher please speak with the school adults who are on the gate: Mrs Walsh, Mrs Adams.

Whitehall Road Entrance will be closed at 8.55am.

Try not to be late as this creates issues.

Any late pupils need to enter via the Bescot street entrance (entrance opposite Palfrey Garage)



Dates for your Diary:

- 24th February—School Open to Reception to Year 2—Normal times
- 24th February—Nursery Closed—Parent Meetings
- 25th February—Nursery open—Normal times
- 25th February—SENIAS Walsall Coffee Morning 9.30am
- 26th February—Year 1 Eye Tests
- 7th March—World Book Day and themed Lunch.
- 28th March—Severn Trent Workshops for Year 1 and 2
- 31st March— School Closed for EID
- 1st April — EID Themed Lunch
- 11th April—Easter Themed Lunch
- 11th April—School Closes for the Easter half term
- 14th April—25th April—Easter Half Term**
- 28th April—School opens for Children—Normal times

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days		Weeks		Lessons	
	Absent	Missed	Absent	Missed	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Days	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	50 Lessons	100 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Days	4 Weeks	8 Weeks	100 Lessons	200 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Days	6 Weeks	12 Weeks	150 Lessons	300 Lessons
80%	38 Days	76 Days	8 Weeks	16 Weeks	200 Lessons	400 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Days	10 Weeks	20 Weeks	250 Lessons	500 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Days	11.5 Weeks	23 Weeks	290 Lessons	580 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Days	13.5 Weeks	27 Weeks	340 Lessons	680 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for
concern

100% - 96%
Excellent

