

*Inspire. Challenge. Learn*

# THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

Good grief! Can you believe 8 weeks of term have already passed? The children are settled into their new year groups and have learnt so much already.

Thank you to those of you who attended parents' evening, whether it was virtually or in person. To those of you who attended in person, I hope you enjoyed the samples of school food. I believe the chicken tikka masala was particularly popular, as was the chocolate cake! It was great to hear children saying they would like some school lunches on certain days. For those of you who aren't sure, the school menu can be found [here](#) and you can order via Scopay.

Thank you to everyone for your generous Harvest donations. The amount of food donated exceeded even last year's! Hands to Help You attended the Harvest Festival and filled their cars to the brim. You have made a big difference to the local community.

As you can see our attendance is improving across school. Thank you for your support with this. Please continue to inform us of any planned or unexpected absences.

Our next Attendance Focus Week begins on 20th November.

Have a wonderful half term break, everyone. We're all looking forward to seeing you on Monday 6th November.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

## Attendance for This Week

### Whole School Attendance

**94.9%**

### Whole School Attendance from September

**95.2%**

### Highest Attendance this Week

**98.1%**  
**Orange Class**

Help us by ensuring your child comes to school as long as they are well enough to attend.



Your amazingly generous Harvest donations - thank you!

*Salus populi suprema lex* - "The welfare of the people is the highest law"

## Diary Dates

**Half Term – Mon 30th Oct to Fri 3rd Nov – school closed**

**6th Nov** – Children return to school

**13th Nov** – Odd socks day – Anti Bullying (uniform with odd socks)

**17th Nov** – Children in Need (non uniform) donations via ScoPay

**20th Nov** – Attendance Focus Week

**13th Dec** – EYFS Christmas Performance at 9:30am

**14th Dec** – KS1 Christmas Performances at 2pm and 5pm

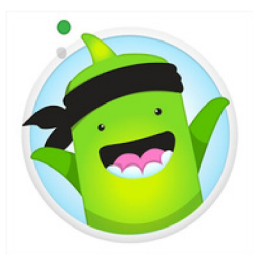
**15th Dec** – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day (non uniform)

**19th Dec** – KS1 Christmas Party

**20th Dec** – PHP Christmas Fayre from 3pm

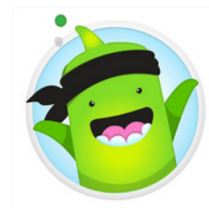
**21st Dec** – KS2 Christmas Parties

**Fri 22nd Dec** – INSET day - school closed until Mon 8th Jan



We are an official Class Dojo school!

Look out for the latest news on Class Dojo. Contact Mrs Vaughan with any out of school achievements you want to share with the PHP family. Please include any photos and let us know whether you want us to anonymise the pictures or to publish them as they are. We love sharing and celebrating your children's achievements with everyone.



## Early Help

Things can get a bit much for most people at times. Have a look at some of the support on offer through Walsall Council for children, young people and families who may be struggling for one reason or another. If you feel we can help you, please contact Mrs. Davis for more information, given confidentially.

[https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children\\_and\\_young\\_people/early\\_help](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/early_help)

## PHP Menu

Remember to check our termly menu to choose a daily meal. There are lots of healthy options each day. Scan this QR code to download a copy.



**Any** child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal. In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, if your child is entitled to a free school meal they can also have one at no cost. Paid meals cost £2.15.



## Contact Details

Please contact the office with new contact details if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. This is a legal requirement.

# Samples of This Week's Work

The children have been inspired, challenged and have definitely been learning!

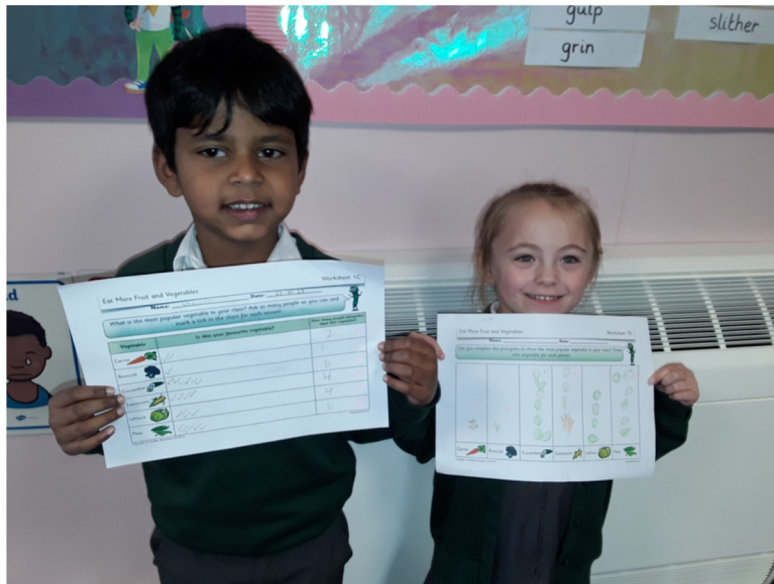


Our Nursery children have been learning all about Autumn. Today they explored pumpkins and enjoyed finding out there were seeds inside. Once the pumpkin was hollow, they turned it into an animal feeder and decided where to put it for the animals to enjoy.



Our Reception class has been learning about birthdays this week. They ended the week with a special party so they made some wonderful party hats to wear on the day. Don't they look great?





In Design Technology, Year 1 have been thinking about healthy foods. They voted on their favourite foods and vegetables and made a pictogram to show the results. Here are Hope and Vihaan with some lovely examples.

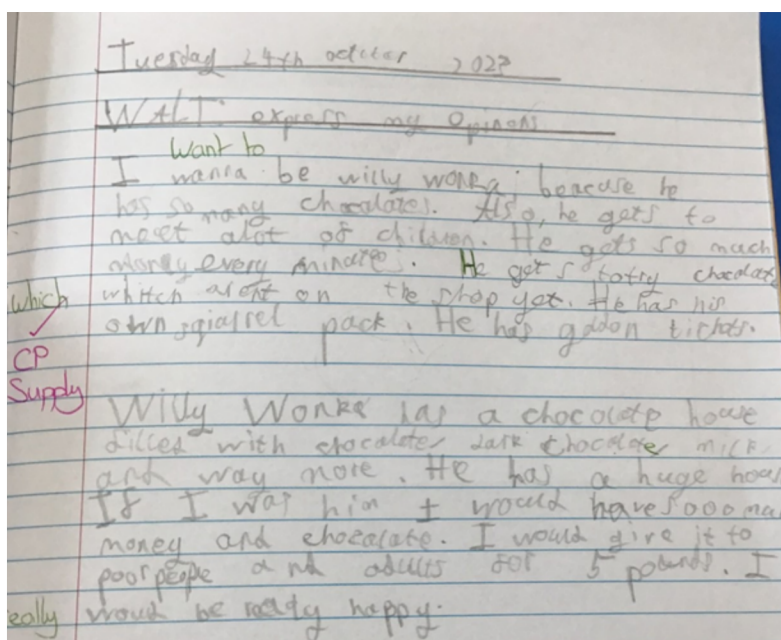


Year 2 has had a Design Technology focus week this week. The children have been improving their cutting and sewing skills. Many of them even learnt to thread needles independently! The children then went on to make winter decorations using their newfound skills.

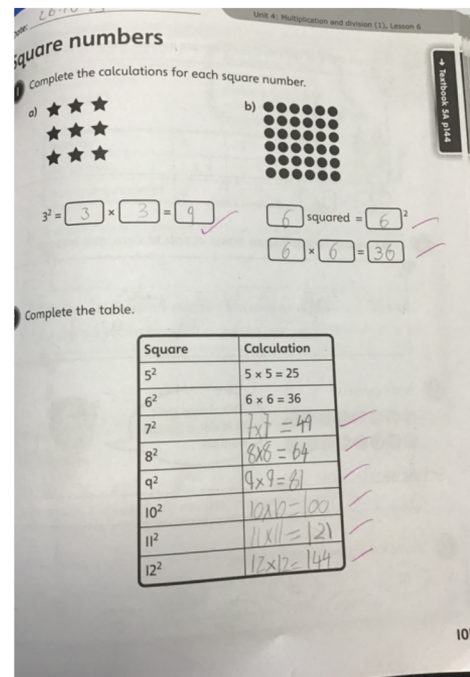
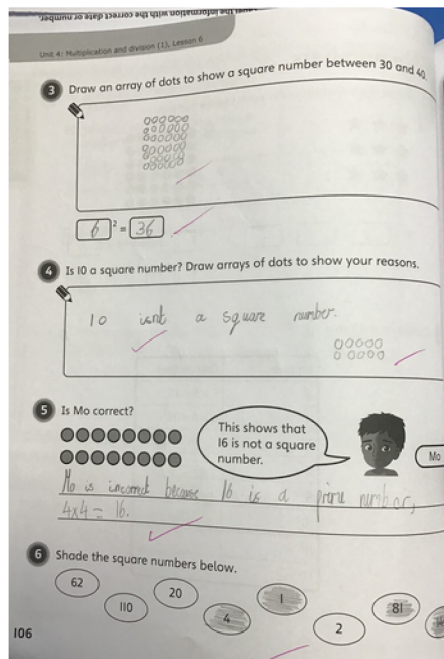




In Year 3 the children have been working hard with Year 4 to rehearse and perform their Harvest Festival. For those of you lucky enough to attend, I'm sure you'll agree all of the children performed amazingly. Well done!



Year 4 children have been continuing their work based on Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Sana has worked hard to express her opinion about why she would like to be Willy Wonka.



Year 5 children have been learning all about square numbers and prime numbers in maths this week. Ava-Grace has worked especially hard as you can see.



Y6 had a very successful end to their Autumn 1 KIRF today, when they completed their final assessment. The progress was phenomenal with most children showing at least 50% progress since week 1 and many showing more than 100% progress. Here are some of them hard at work!



# Out of School Superstars!

Our children continue to be superstars in all areas of their lives



Congratulations to Seth and Harry for winning the cup last weekend with their team Burntwood Dragons! I'm certain both boys are an asset to the team.