

*Inspire, Challenge, Learn*  
Dear Families,

Brr! While you're reading this, I hope you're wrapped up warmly. It's good to see so many children coming to school wearing warm coats and gloves. Please remember to label hats and pairs of gloves with names as things do get misplaced and children get upset when they aren't sure if something belongs to them or not.

Year 5 have been out and about this week. The children visited Cadbury World to enhance their learning linked to their history topic of Ancient Maya. The children had a wonderful time and had a great deal of information they were bursting to share when they came back. For some reason there were lots of staff members volunteering to go on this trip and a lot of disappointed ones when they weren't asked to go!

It was the Year 2 Inspire Workshop this week. Thank you to all of you who came. It makes such a difference to your children when they have an adult who can be part of their learning experience. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to school this week. I particularly enjoyed seeing those of you who were able to help others, pitching in and supporting the children who didn't have an adult able to attend. Thank you. It says a lot about how kind all of you are.

Some of you may have noticed that the stage is up in the hall. Rehearsals for Christmas performances are fully underway. I'm certain your children have been coming home and singing their songs over and over again. You'll enjoy them even more when you see all of the children singing together.

I hope all of you have a wonderful weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again on Monday morning.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

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

## POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Attendance for This Week

#### Whole School Attendance

**94.8%**

#### Whole School Attendance from September

**95.3%**

#### Highest Attendance this Week

**98.6%**  
**Orange Class**

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

### Mobile Library Bus



The library bus visits school every Wednesday for children from Y1 to Y6 to select from a wider range of books than we have at school. Next week is the turn of **Y3** and **Y4**.

Any families who have children from Y1 - Y6 without a library card can get an application form from the school office.

The library cards can be used in any Walsall library.

## **Autumn Term Diary Dates:**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - EYFS Christmas Performance - 9:30am  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - KS1 Christmas Performance - 9:30am  
**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** - KS1 Christmas Performance - 14:15  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day (non uniform) and Christmas Lunch Day  
**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** - KS1 Christmas Party  
**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - PHP Christmas Fayre from 3pm  
**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - KS2 Christmas Parties  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** - End of term  
**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Children return to school

## Absences

Please report your child's absence to school using Professor Attendance on Class Dojo or contacting the school office. You can use Class Dojo or the school absence line. This is part of our attendance and safeguarding procedure.



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.

## Walsall Family Hubs

Did you know about all of the activities, advice and information available to families who have children up to the age of 19? Have a look at some of the resources available through Walsall Council for children, young people and families using the link below.

If you feel we can share more information with you, please contact Mrs. Davis and she will speak to you confidentially to share the most appropriate resources.

[Walsall Family Hubs](#)

## 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.

# P.E. Stars Of The Week

Our P.E Stars of The Week are as follows;

Nursery

**Finley**

For super arm movements during our scarf dance



Reception

**Shanaya**

For her enthusiasm in PE lessons

Year 2

**Mason**

For being an active participant in physical activities

Year 3

**Leo**

For his much better focus in p.e this week during gymnastics. He worked sensibly with his partner and had a great attitude to his learning

Year 4

**Seerat**

For being a great learning partner and team player during our gymnastics lesson on creating routines with different balances

Year 5

**Charlotte**

For her effort and great demonstrations in gymnastics

Year 6

**Lillie**

For joining in and getting involved with both sessions this week

## PHP's TT Rockstars and Maths Stars

Nursery

**Myla**

For recognising 2 and not 2

Reception

**Chester**

For finding one less than numbers to five

Year 1

**Amisha**

For using the correct vocabulary when describing the 3D shapes

Year 2

**Brooklyn**

For working hard to solve missing number problems

Year 3

**Charlie**

For really persevering with his maths work on addition and subtraction! He is really working hard on remembering to exchange when needed

Year 4

**Josie and Mia**

For their utter determination to improve their recall speed of their multiplication skills

Year 5

**Kyron**

For his wonderful explanations in our fraction lessons

Year 6

**Aryan**

For working hard to improve his score on TT Rockstars



## Kindness Champion Awards

Our team of Kindness Champions have been out and about spotting acts of kindness

**Lada**

For being very kind to her friends

**Oliver**

For always playing nicely with his friends and helping someone who was injured get First Aid

**Prabhsahib**

For building good friendships at PHP

**Kindness  
MATTERS**

# Stars of The Week Rainbow Writer

## Our Stars of The Week are as follows;

### Nursery

#### Eden

For trying really hard with nativity song practice

### Reception

#### Kaizon

For his beautiful singing when learning our Christmas songs

### Year 1

#### Ava

For showing good listening skills when using algorithms to make the Bee-Bots move

### Year 2

#### Ezra

For his enthusiasm in the Christmas play

### Year 3

#### Gitaz

For her exceptional behaviour - always! She is the perfect role model

### Year 4

#### Sofia

For being ready to learn and having a wonderful attitude towards her learning all week

### Year 5

#### Rhea

For her persistence in lessons and following the Golden Rules

### Year 6

#### Harry

For enormous enthusiasm for learning

Our Rainbow Writers for this week are as follows;

### Nursery

#### Hendrix

For a lovely mark making in the sensory tray

### Reception

#### Bobby

For working hard on his letter formation

### Year 1

#### Rabnoor

For holding his sentence really well in phonics

### Year 2

#### Logan-Lee

For using adventurous vocabulary

### Year 3

#### Brody

For writing wonderful sentences in our science lesson on how we have to protect ourselves from the sun

### Harrison

For writing some super instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth

### Year 4

#### Chloey

For her immense focus on her diary writing as an ancient Greece girl this week

### Year 5

#### Chhaya

For her great effort in English lessons

### Year 6

#### Olly

For a lovely letter to the author Tom Palmer about our class text

## Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

### Reception

#### Kayden

For playing nicely with his friends and being kind

### Year 1

#### Addison

For always following the golden rules

### Year 2

#### Skylar

For always following the golden rules

### Year 3

#### Hope

For being a lovely friend

### Year 4

#### Finn

For being kind and being a good friend

### Year 5

#### Avani

For having a fantastic week, keep it up!

### Year 6

#### Lilah

For always being kind and polite

## Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

**Dominic**

For excellent effort and Dojo points total

# Samples of This Week's Work

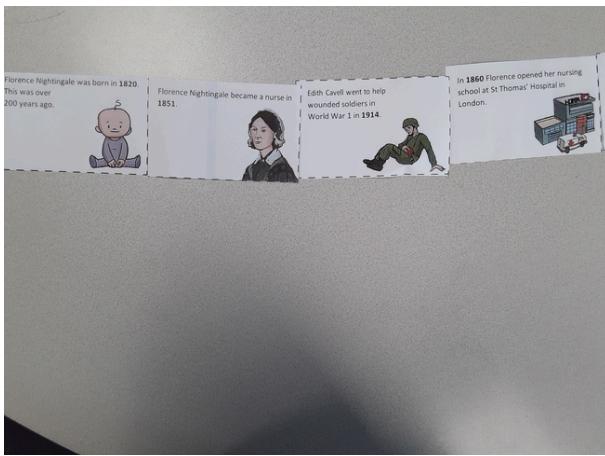
The children have been inspired, challenged and have definitely been learning!



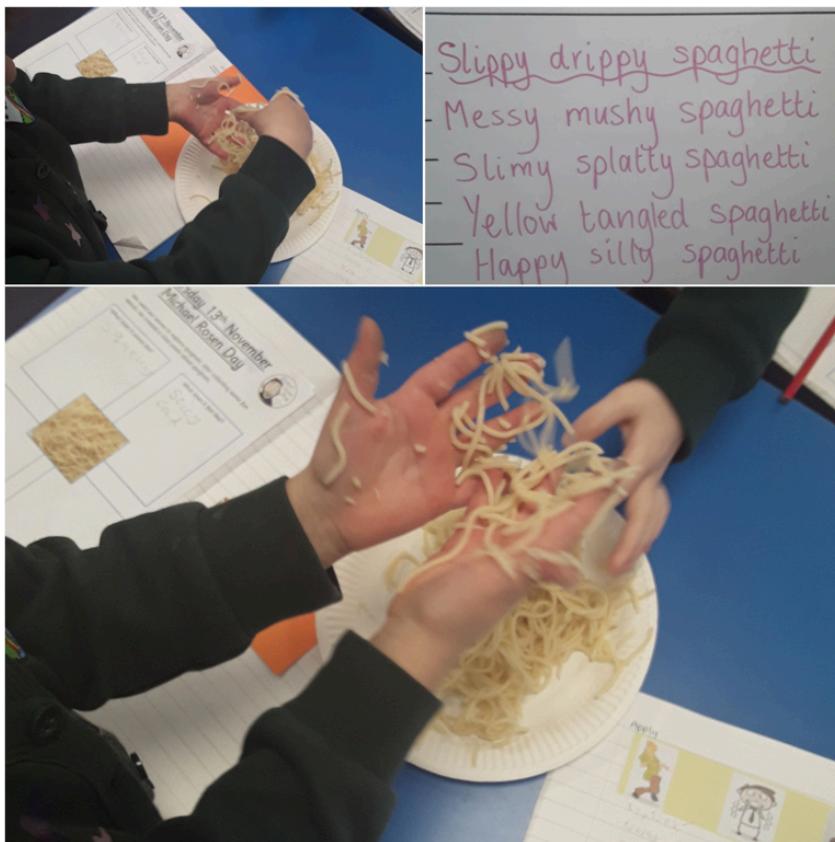
Our Nursery children have been exploring being a good friend and how we can look after each other. They have enjoyed teaching Lola the listening Leopard how to play nicely.



Our reception children have been learning about bears and they've had so much fun exploring different types of bears. The pictures represent the children using their skills to create their own collage bear faces.



Our Year 1 children have been putting the events in the lives of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, in chronological order.



To celebrate Michael Rosen day our Year 2 children had a poetry party and after exploring spaghetti and thinking of some exciting adjectives , they wrote a class poem about spaghetti.



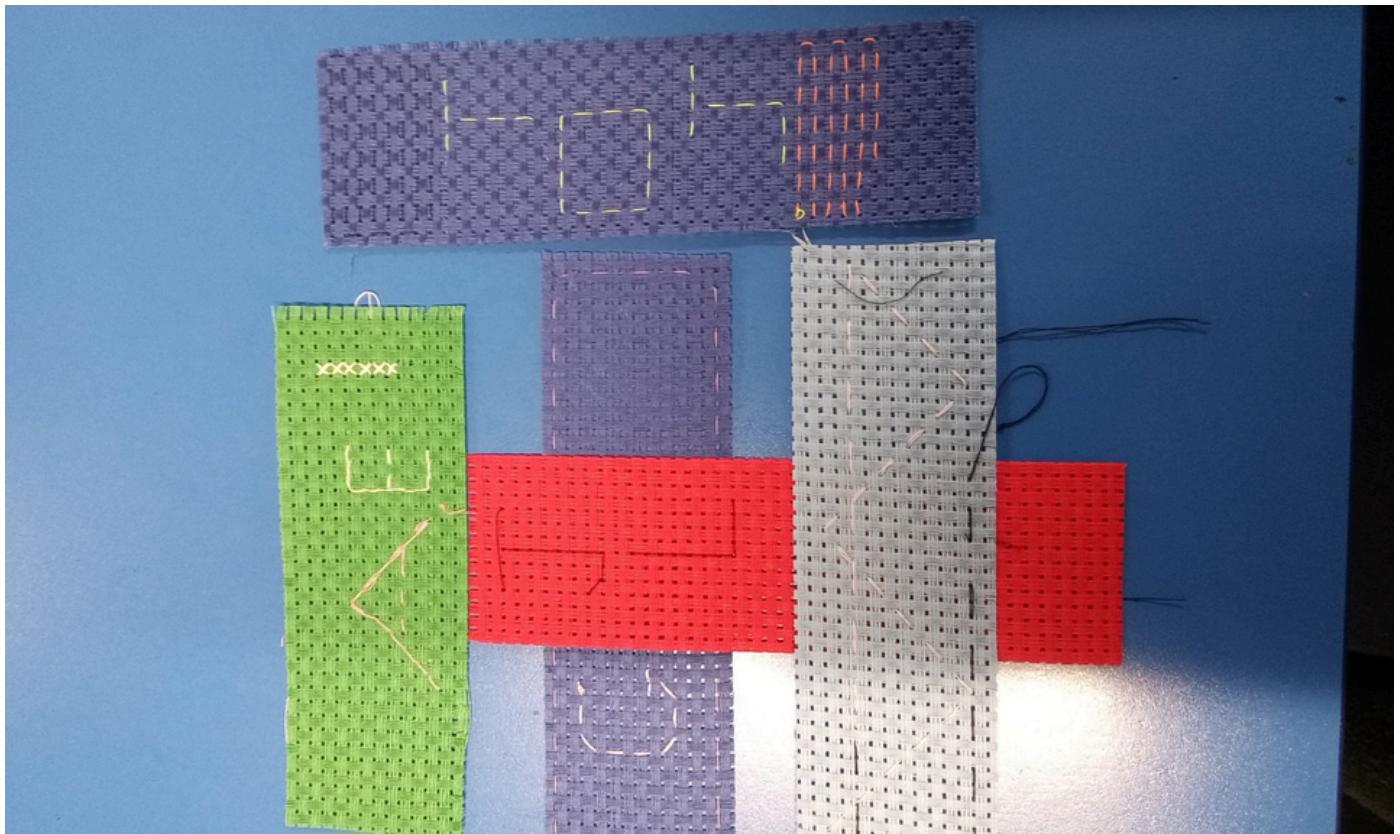
Our Year 3 children have been working really hard on their addition and subtraction. Here they are using bar models and the column method to calculate the answer to the problems.



In Science, our Year 4 children have been learning all about sound in Autumn 2. Their key questions for this week were How is a sound made? and How does sound travel through a medium? Here is work from Mila and Lacey.



Our Year 5 children have been learning all about Ancient Maya and how to make chocolate at Cadbury World. They had a great time and all showed their brilliant attitudes. They even got told they were the best class to do a workshop with!



Our Year 6 children have been practising their sewing skills, ready for their Inspire Workshop next week, here are some of their bookmarks (a work in progress).