

*Inspire, Challenge, Learn*

Dear Families,

Somehow, suddenly, it's December and the children are bursting with excitement for Christmas. They've come into school this week filled with stories of elf antics and I can't help but smile when listening to them!

Year 3 have had special visitors in this week as they've experienced an entire Stone Age day! This involved them handling materials that would have been used thousands of years ago, practising crafts and enhancing their learning from their history topic. They had so many positive things to say about the day and our visitors had so many positive things to say about our children, which is always lovely to hear!

Thank you to all of you who were able to come to the Year 3 Inspire Workshop. It makes a big difference to your child when someone is there to support them and we know this isn't always easy when you have important commitments like work, so thank you.

Rehearsals for the Christmas performances are still going strong. Both EYFS and KS1 will be performing to KS2 before they perform to you. Not only does this give the children an opportunity to get used to an audience, but it gives older siblings a chance to see their brothers or sisters performing. It's part of the school year that children really enjoy.

We're hope you're ready for the performances next week!

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

**93.5%**

#### Whole School Attendance from September

**95 %**

#### Highest Attendance this Week

**95.9%**  
Indigo 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 **Hendrix**

For using a pedal bike



## Reception **Isla-Mai**

For her great partner work

## Year 1 **Bonnie**

For working as a team and showing good balancing skills when outside

## Year 2 **Lyle**

For good listening in PE time

## Year 4 **Cairo**

For being a great learning partner and team player during our PE lessons this week

## Year 5 **Kyron**

For his great participation and increased enthusiasm

## Year 6 **Jake**

For having boundless enthusiasm for PE

# PHP's TT Rockstars and Maths Stars

## Nursery

## Japnoor

For super counting skills

## Reception **Virasat**

For her brilliant counting to 5

## Year 1 **Lacey**

For showing good knowledge of 2D shapes

## Year 2 **Ava**

For a great understanding of shape

## Year 3 **Abhijot**

For working super hard on his 5x and 10x table

## Year 4 **All of year 4**

For their immense focus on learning the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables

## Year 5 **Hunter**

For his persistence and determination on adding and subtracting fractions when the denominators are different

## Year 6 **Nevaeh**

For working hard to improve her standard on TTRockstars and in class

# Kindness Champion Awards

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

## **Teddy**

For being kind to others

## **Isaac**

For being kind to others

## **Elias**

For being kind to others

## **Olly**

For being kind to others

**Kindness**  
**=MATTERS=**

# Stars of The Week Rainbow Writer

## Our Stars of The Week are as follows;

### Nursery

### Saanjh

For trying really hard with nativity rehearsals

### Reception

### Lila

For always being so helpful

### Year 1

### Rehmat

For always showing respect to the person that is speaking when on the carpet

### Year 2

### Isaac

For working hard on grammar and punctuation

### Year 3

### Haiden

For his impressive attitude to his learning this week. He has really shown he is ready to learn - super focus!

### Year 4

### Khushi

For working with great focus in our lessons and always being a wonderful learning partner

### Year 5

### Nancy T

For always following the golden rules and trying her best all of the time

### Year 6

### Taly

For always exemplifying our Inspire, Challenge, Learn ethos

## Our Rainbow Writers for this week

### are as follows;

### Nursery

### Rehnaaz

For fantastic tracing to write her name

### Reception

### Damien

For his super sentence writing

### Year 1

### Summer

For trying hard to include all of the sounds that she can hear, in her writing

### Year 2

### Dottee

For great conjunctions

### Year 3

### Arlo

For his super setting description about a stone age camp

### Year 4

### Archie

For his great effort in our grammar lessons when using conjunctions

### Year 5

### Leah-Louise

For her great effort with informal language

### Year 6

### Maddie W

For an excellent balanced argument for Geography

## Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

### Reception

### Ekam

For being a good friend

### Year 1

### Warren

For playing nicely with his friends

### Year 2

### Dottee

For always trying to include others in playtime

### Year 3

### Evan

For always following the golden rules

### Year 4

### Mila

For including others when playing at lunchtime

### Year 5

### Chase

For trying really hard to join in with all activities

### Year 6

### Maddison W

For always being polite, kind and helpful

## Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

### Summer

For excellent effort in class

# Samples of This Week's Work

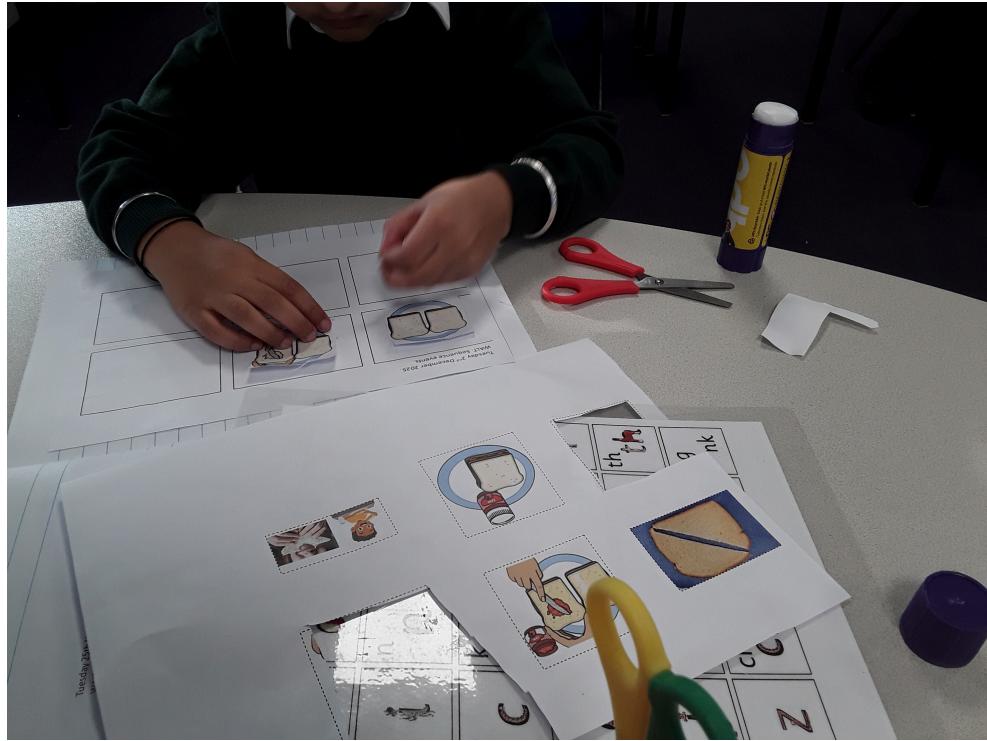
The children have been inspired, challenged and have definitely been learning!



Our Nursery children have been working hard to retell the story of the First Christmas. They have used our small figures to go on a journey to Bethlehem to find the special baby.



Our reception children have been exploring local evergreens and identifying them. They have also created wreaths using them for this time of the year.



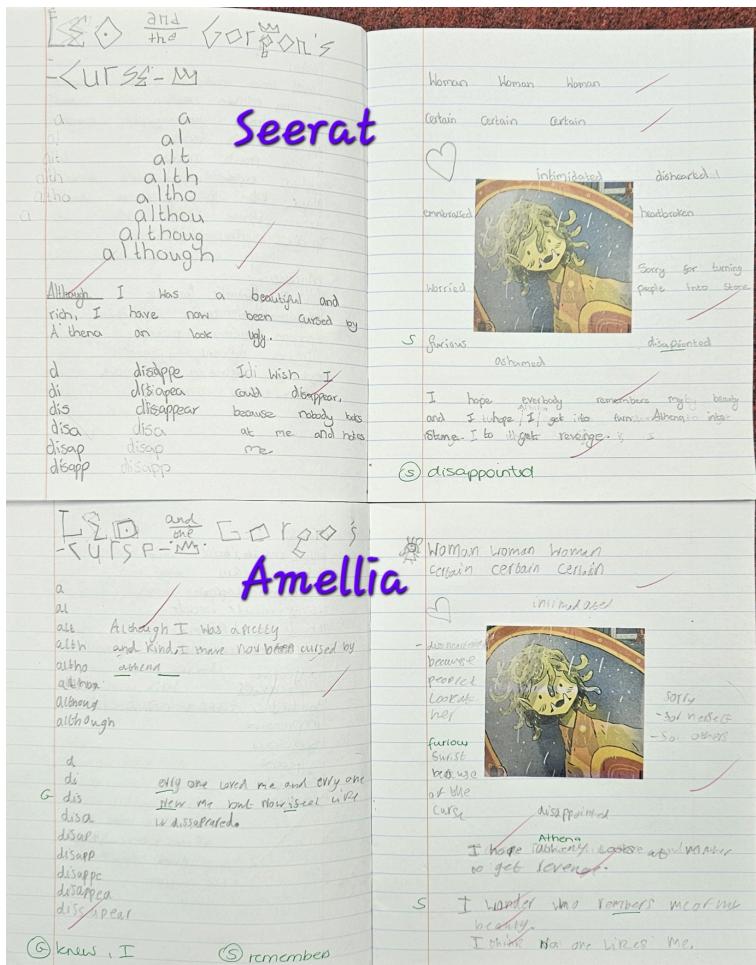
Our Year 1 children have been sequencing their instructions on how to make a sandwich, in English this week.



Our Year 2 children have been working really hard to draw 2D shapes accurately this week.



Our Year 3 children had a wonderful stone age experience during their workshop this week. They had so much fun.



Our Year 4 children are currently reading Leo and the Gorgon's curse and have been looking at vocabulary to use in our writing this week. Here are some wonderful examples of work from Amellia and Seerat.



Our Year 5 children have been working hard designing their own chocolate bars. They have decided what their wrapping would be and what would be included inside!



Our Year 6 children had fun in PE with a gymnastics lesson, where the children were balancing and dismounting with the apparatus.