



Inspire. Challenge. Learn

Dear Families,

THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back! Despite the very unpredictable weather it is so lovely to have the children back at school and learning.

They've been brimming with enthusiasm and are so quick to share their holiday experiences with both their friends and with the PHP team.

Everyone did their best to keep school open this week. The children love seeing the snow and love playing in it with their friends even more! Unfortunately, with the amber weather warning, conditions were too unsafe to open today. Work was set via Class Dojo and not only was it a pleasure to see so much of it submitted and commented on, but it was great to see the children trying so hard when it's such an unexpected change to the week.

The forecast for next week is far warmer so we're expecting school to be open as usual. Please still ensure your child comes to school with warm, named clothes so they can be comfortable when learning and playing.

I'd like to remind you all that the car park is for staff only, unless you have a permit. It fills up very quickly and it makes it difficult to fit the cars in and keep the emergency entrance clear if we have extra, unexpected cars there.

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

Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

94.2%

Whole School Attendance from September

95%

Highest Attendance this Week

98.7%
Yellow 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. This week it is the turn of **Y5** and **Y6**.

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.

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

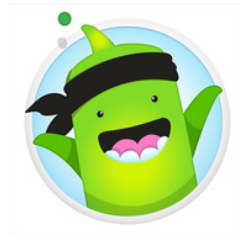
Autumn Term Diary Dates:

qMonday 5th Jan – School open to children
qMonday 13th Jan – Y4 WM Fire Service visit
qFriday 16th Jan – Y6 Police Transition visit
qTuesday 10th Feb – Safer Internet Day
qWednesday 11th Feb – Y5/6 Football at Sheffield
qFriday 16th Feb - Children break up for half term
qMonday 23rd Feb - Children return to school
qThursday 5th Mar – Class Photo Day
qFriday 6th Mar – World Book Day (non-uniform and book swap)
qTuesday 10th Mar – Y4 Enginuity Trip
qWednesday 11th Mar – Y5/6 Girls Football
qFriday 20th Mar – Annual reports sent home
qFriday 20th Mar – Comic Relief (non-uniform)
qTuesday 24th Mar – Parents Evening (report discussions – in person)
16:00-18:00
qThursday 26th Mar - Parents Evening (report discussions – in person)
15:40-17:40
qFriday 27th Mar - Children break up for the Easter break
qMonday 13th Apr - Children return to school



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
Japnoor

For super listening skills to play thr stop and go game

Reception
Virasat

For her great partner work

Year 1
Ava

For trying to concentrate and listen to the beat when making dance movements

Year 2
Ava

For following instructions well

Year 3
Roguan

For his great dance pretending he was a clown as part of our new topic

Year 4
Ava

For participating with great focus and determination in our spring dance lessons

Year 5
Mikail

For his great effort and demonstrations in cricket

Year 6
Jayden

For enthusiasm in our PE lessons this week



PHP's TT Rockstars and Maths Stars

Nursery
Eden

For super maths skills

Reception
Wren

For explaining her answers well

Year 1
Akshbir

For trying hard to listen to and use the vocabulary that has been introduced in lessons

Year 2
Harper

For working hard in Maths with doubling

Year 3
Madison

For her super 3x table knowledge

Year 4
Mia

For wonderful determination to improve her recall speed of multiplication facts

Year 5
John

For his determination on short multiplication

Year 6
Lillie

For trying hard to improve her maths



Kindness Champion Awards

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

To be carried forward to next week



Stars of The Week Rainbow Writer

Our Stars of The Week are as follows;

Nursery
Finley

For amazing winter knowledge and match skills

Reception
Willow

For her great listening in lessons

Year 1
Oakley

For always being ready to share his amazing thoughts and ideas when on the carpet

Year 2
Bonnie

For having lovely manners

Year 3
Ronnie

For her excellent attitude to learning and her contribution to class has been super this week!

Year 4
All of year 4

For making a great start to the Spring term

Year 5
Avani

For her positive attitude and effort in all lessons

Year 6
Cody M

For returning to school with a good attitude to learning

Our Rainbow Writers for this week are as follows;

Nursery
Myla

For an enthusiastic attitude towards drawing

Reception
Rio

For his super sentence writing

Year 1
Aarav

For considering the range of adjectives that he could use before writing how a character may be feeling in the story

Year 3
Toby

For his excellent focus on his handwriting and spellings this week

Year 4
Caitlin

For her wonderful prediction on our new class novel The Wild Robot

Year 5
Lily

For her work on recounts

Year 6
Reevah

For beautifully presented work and super handwriting

Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception
Lilly

For having beautiful table manners

Year 1
Rabnoor

For being very kind and helpful

Year 2
Isaac

For following the golden rules

Year 3
Ronnie

For having fantastic behaviour all week

Year 4
Archie

For Listening to instructions and following the golden rules

Year 5
Marley

For having a fantastic first week back and always following the golden rules

Year 6
Lillie Rose

For interacting well with class peers

Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Wren

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 loved exploring the snow and using squeezy bottles to make rainbow snow.



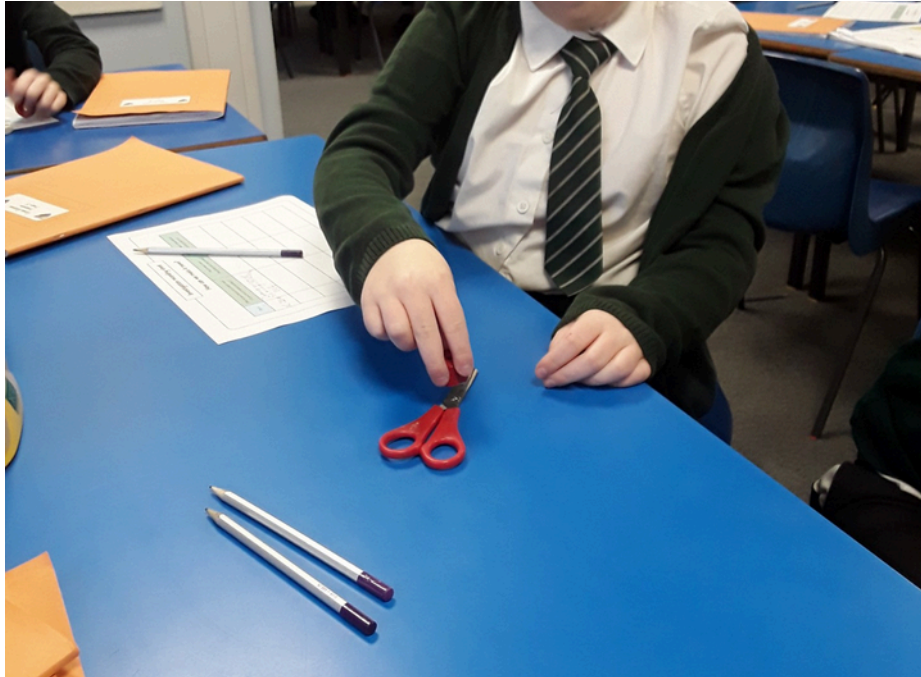
Our reception children have been writing letters to Santa to thank him for all the lovely presents they received.



Our Year 1 children have been practising how to attack and defend in PE this week.



Our Year 2 children have been looking at the structure and patterns in the poem 'The Sound Collector'.



Our Year 3 children have been working hard using magnets to see how objects can be moved

Tuesday, 13th January 2026

WALT explore similes and metaphors

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Look at the phrases below and decide whether they are similes or metaphors.

charging like an avalanche ✓

the forest laid as dark as the night ✓

nature is a wild beast ✓

the hills were rolling far and wide ✓

sand glints like shattered glass ✓

like grey waterfalls ✓

rugged mountains reign over their territory ✓

beams of sunlight are elegant dancers ✓

Eias

Write your own metaphors and similes for Roz' island (sea, beach, forest, mountains, sky).

ROS was as quiet as a mouse ✓
 ROS was as cold as a ICE ✓
 When ROS was as cold as a ICE,
 she was stuck in a ICE cube ✓
 she was slimy like a fish ✓

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Sukhjaap

Write your own metaphors and similes for Roz' island (sea, beach, forest, mountains, sky).

The sun was brighter as a light ✓
 It was as cold as ice ✓
 The sun was an oven ✓
 The sky was a blanket of stars ✓

Our Year 4 children have been looking at setting descriptions in their English lessons and are planning on writing their own based on their class novel The Wild Robot. To uplevel their writing, they want to include similes and metaphors. This week they have been working on understanding their features. Here is work from Sukhjaap and Eias.

