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THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

It's been a great week at PHP. Mr Carter and I have had the pleasure of popping into classes and seeing your children's brains working at full power!

We spent some extra time looking at English books across school and it's pleasing to see clear signs of progress. Y6 are currently writing their autobiographies and I'm particularly looking forward to reading the events in their lives that are important to them.

Our Kindness Champions were announced in assembly on Monday. All our children from Y1 to Y6 have heard their names and have seen their faces. They also be recognised by their star-shaped badges. Soon the Kindness Champions will lead an assembly linking to Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day on Monday 17th November 2025. More information will be shared with you soon!

Please read, sign and return the paperwork sent home this week. This is to ensure we hold the correct information for you and your children. In addition, it helps us to keep them as safe as possible in the event of an illness and when we're dismissing them.

Next Thursday the school nurses are in for nasal flu vaccinations. Your child can't get a vaccination without your permission and we can't arrange it at school for you.

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"

Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

93.2%

Whole School Attendance from September

95.3%

Highest Attendance this Week

98.2%
Blue 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 **Y5** and **Y6**.

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

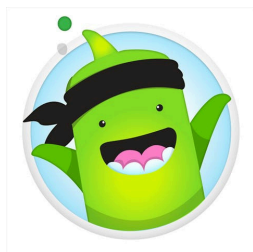
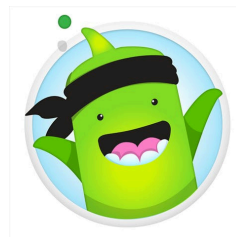
The library cards can be used in any Walsall library.

Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Thurs 2nd Oct - Flu Nasal Vaccinations YR - Y6
Thurs 2nd Oct - Census Day, Special Menu
Tues 21st Oct - Parents' Evening (in person) 4-6pm
Weds 22nd Oct - Parents' Evening (in person) Online Safety Workshop 3:30 - 5:30
Fri 24th Oct - School closes for half term - 3:15
Mon 3rd Nov - Children return to school
Thurs 6th Nov - Individual school photographs
Mon 10th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day
Mon 17th Nov - Attendance Focus Week
Fri 21st Nov - Children in Need (non-uniform) donations via Scipay
Tues 9th Dec - EYFS Christmas Performance - 9:30am
Wed 10th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance - 9:30am
Thurs 11th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance - 14:15
Fri 12th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day (non uniform) and Christmas Lunch Day
Tues 16th Dec - KS1 Christmas Party
Wed 17th Dec - PHP Christmas Fayre from 3pm
Thurs 18th Dec - KS2 Christmas Parties
Fri 19th Dec - End of term
Mon 5th 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.

PHP Menu

[Walsall Family Hubs](#)

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;

Reception

Renzo

For having a good spatial awareness

Year 1

Delilah

For trying to remember to bend both knees so that she can jump safely

Year 2

Dottee

For good listening in PE

Year 3

Hope

For her lovely cheerleading dance routine. She worked really well with her partner to include lots of the moves we have been learning

Year 4

Amellia

For a great class warm up and always giving her best

Year 5

Nancee

For great leadership in our haka routines

Year 6

Teddy and Harrison

For fantastic teamwork

PHP's TT Rockstars and Maths Stars

Reception

Ekam

For her accurate counting to 4

Year 1

Oakley

For listening to and using the correct vocabulary when comparing numbers

Year 2

Liv

For working hard in maths, partitioning tens and ones

Year 3

Toby

For his perseverance this week when finding more or less than numbers given to him. He really thought about place value and recognised which digits would be changing and why

Year 4

Seerat

For her determination to improve her recall of multiplication facts on TTRS before school

Year 5

Harry F

For persisting in with round despite finding it difficult

Year 6

Maddie W

For excellent progress in maths this week

Kindness Champion Awards

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

Isla-Mai

For being kind to friends

Ava and Oakley

For helping children using school play equipment

Nancy

For helping an injured pupil to get first aid when they needed it



Stars of The Week Rainbow Writer

Our Stars of The Week are as follows;

Reception
Virasat

For trying hard with her sounds in phonics

Year 1
Rabnoor

For listening carefully and using the vocabulary that has been introduced in lessons

Year 2
Mason

For working hard on his writing in RWI

Year 3
Harrison

For his wonderful attitude to learning. He really takes his time with his work, putting in 100% effort always to produce the best work he can

Year 4
Ronnie

For an amazing attitude towards his learning and participating actively in all lessons

Year 5
Gurmilap

For a positive attitude all week, making the right choices and helping friends

Year 6
Archie

For a fantastic attitude in all school activities

Our Rainbow Writers for this week are as follows;

Reception
Roman

For working on his pencil grip and letter formation

Year 1
Aarav

For remembering to use the special friends in phonics

Year 2
Bella

For writing a super description in RQI

Year 3
Amber

For her wonderful ideas using coordinating conjunctions this week. She really thought which conjunction would be the best to connect her ideas together

Year 4
Eknoor

For writing a beautiful kenning

Year 5
Samitha

For a lovely diary entry

Year 6
Cody W

For a super effort to catch up in his writing after absence

Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception
Renzo

For being a kind and caring friend

Year 1
Ava

For having lovely manners and being very helpful

Year 2
Ezra

For always being kind and following the golden rules

Year 3
Toby

For always being happy to help

Year 4
Eknoor

For being kind and helpful to others

Year 5
Leah-Lousie

For always being a lovely member of the class, she always has a smile on her face!

Year 6
Taly

For helping younger children and always being polite

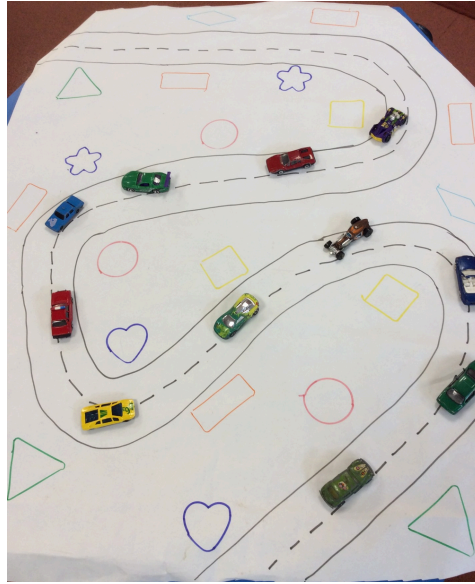
Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Archie M

For 100% effort and excellent attitude towards his learning

Samples of This Week's Work

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



Our Nursery children have been exploring colour and shape. The children enjoyed parking their cars in different shaped spaces.



Our reception children have been exploring sound recognition with the first 5 sounds m, a, s, d and t.



Our Year 1 children have been learning about where they live, in Geography.



Our Year 2 children have been learning about positive play, and how to be kind to one another.



Year 3 children have really enjoyed their science experiment. They were investigating if the length of our arms affected the distance we can throw.

Taking measurements using a thermometer

Place	Predicted temperature °C	Actual temperature °C	Difference °C
Our classroom now	25°C	28°C	3°C
In the hall	15°C	29°C	14°C
In Mrs Bull's office	21°C	18°C	3°C
Outside on the playground	20°C	37°C	17°C
Water that has been placed in the fridge at 8am today	30°C	5°C	25°C
Water from the cold tap	19°C	7°C	12°C
Water from the hot tap	20°C	41°C	21°C
Water from the kettle	100°C	75°C	25°C
Inside your scrunched fist	40°C	34°C	6°C

- Find the differences between your predicted temperature and the actual temperature and write them into your table above.
- Where was the hottest place?
from the Kettle ✓
- Where was the coldest place?
Water from the fridge ✓
- Were any of your predictions correct?
No

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Taking measurements using a thermometer

Place	Predicted temperature °C	Actual temperature °C	Difference °C
Our classroom now	30°C	29°C	1°C
In the hall	40°C	29°C	11°C
In Mrs Bull's office	35°C	18°C	23°C
Outside on the playground	10°C	37°C	27°C
Water that has been placed in the fridge at 8am today	5°C	5°C	
Water from the cold tap	15°C	7°C	8°C
Water from the hot tap	45°C	41°C	4°C
Water from the kettle	100°C	75°C	25°C
Inside your scrunched fist	50°C	34°C	16°C

- Find the differences between your predicted temperature and the actual temperature and write them into your table above.
- Where was the hottest place?
the Kettle ✓
- Where was the coldest place?
water that has been in the fridge from 8am ✓
- Were any of your predictions correct?
yes, it was the fridge > had been in the fridge at 8am ✓

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Our Year 4 children are currently exploring the different states of matter. and they have been learning how to read the temperature on a thermometer, measuring different temperatures across the school. They have recorded their findings and reflected on them. Here is work from Ava and Lewis.



Our Year 5 children have been really engaged and worked hard with our online safety topic. We have been talking about being "SMART" when online.



The Year 6 children have been finishing off their postcards in art, ready to write up their work.