


Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.


It has been lovely to see all children returning to school after the festive break. We hope that you all managed to enjoy memorable moments with loved ones. The spring term will be a busy learning time. We look forward to seeing more of you in school this term to share in the learning alongside your children. The curriculum overviews for spring term are now available on the website, please do look at these, they will guide you in having conversations to support your children's learning. We know that when children have opportunities to talk about their learning at home it deepens their experience and helps them to make connections. Please do also note the date for the homework showcase, Thursday 3rd April.

You will have received a survey asking you about the opportunities to be partners in your children's learning. Please do complete these by Tuesday 14th January. We have made changes in our provision based on previous surveys. You previously asked for more opportunities to come into school. We have created these opportunities overtime. We will use your responses to understand and guide future opportunities.

Miss Sharma 

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| Mon 13.01.25   | Y6 Local area canal walk   |
| Thurs 23.01.25 | Y1 Family Learning - see text message sent 20.12.24              |
| Mon 27.01.25   | Rec, Y1& Y2 Online Parent Session - 9am - see text sent 09.01.25 |
| Mon 27.01.25   | Y3 & Y4 Online Parent Session - 1:30pm - see text sent 09.01.25  |
| Wed 29.01.25   | Y2 Family Learning - see text message sent 19.12.24              |
| Fri 07.02.25   | Y4 visit to Kingswood  |
| w/b 10.02.25   | Parents' Evenings - more information to follow                   |
| Fri 14.02.25   | Break-up for half-term   |
| Mon 24.02.25   | Return to school   |
| Wed 12.03.25   | Y1 visit to Dudley Zoo - see email sent 07.01.25                 |
| Wed 12.03.25   | Reception - NCMP with school nurses - more information to follow |
| Thurs 20.03.25 | Y3 visit to Lunt Roman Fort - more information to follow         |
| Wed 26.03.25   | Y2 visit to Black Country Living Museum - see email 07.01.25     |
| Fri 11.04.24   | Break-up for Easter break  |
| Mon 28.04.25   | Return to school   |

**After-school Activity Clubs** - these clubs will commence week beginning Monday 13th January. Please see your schoolcomms for full dates.


All clubs finish at 3:45pm, please collect your child from the main office area. 


**Reception Intake**  
**September 2025**

If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2025, you should have received information from the Local Authority. The online systems opened on 12th November for the applications to be submitted.

All submissions should be made by the deadline of 15th January 2025.

**We are a nut-free school.** Due to a number of children with nut allergies in school, please do not send any items that contain nuts in your child's lunchbox. Please be aware that this includes items such as Bueno bars and chocolate spreads that contain hazelnut. Thank you for your co-operation.



**Change of Details** - if you have a new phone over the Christmas period and have a change of number, please let us know in school. This can be done by email or call into the school office to complete a change of details form. 

## Bad Weather

**Conditions** - if, due to adverse weather conditions, the decision is made to close the school, notifications can be found on local radio stations and the Wolverhampton Today page on Facebook. You will also receive a text message from school. Could you please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.



## Tax-Free Childcare

If you are a family who currently use WoodE's breakfast/after school club, or would like to use the facility, then you may be interested in the following information. Wood End Primary School is signed up for the Tax-Free Childcare scheme which is open to all parents of children under 12 (or under 17 if disabled) to help with the cost of childcare. You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).



If you've already registered, you can [sign in to your childcare account](#).

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 15 or 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. You can use it to pay for [approved childcare](#), for example:

- childminders, nurseries and nannies
- after school clubs and play schemes

Please see below link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

If you would like to apply, you must open a Tax-Free Childcare account online. If you want to find out what help you might be entitled to try the government's childcare calculator.

Please see below link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

## Change of Menu

### Thursday 16th January

All Reception and KS1 pupils will be offered a school meal this day. There is no charge for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 meals. You may send in a lunchbox.

#### Menu

Beefburger

Quorn Hotdog v

Sweet potato Fries

BBQ Beans, Sweetcorn

Chocolate Orange Mousse



### Wednesday 29th January

### Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating with a special menu. If you would like your child to have this menu, please pay on your schoolcomms account. There will be no charge for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and those that receive Free School Meals. This will be the only menu available on this day.



#### Menu

Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls

Rice

Or

Singapore Noodles

Chinese Style Fruit Salad

Ice Cream



### Game on: Supporting neurodivergent children in the online world

Free webinar for parents  
29th January 2025  
7.30 - 8.30pm

Presented by: **ROBLOX**

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## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

| <b><u>Common condition</u></b>   | <b><u>Patient eligibility</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Earache                          | 1 to 17 years                     |
| Impetigo                         | 1 year and over                   |
| Infected insect bites and stings | 1 year and over                   |
| Sore throats                     | 5 years and over                  |
| Sinusitis                        | 12 years and over                 |
| Uncomplicated urinary tract      | Women 16 to 64 years              |
| Shingles                         | 18 years and over                 |

# Is my child too ill for school?

**It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.**

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

## Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

### Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

### Absence Reporting

Please notify school on the first day of absence by 8:45 or as soon as practically possible. Do this by calling the school office, leaving an answerphone message or email if necessary.

As per our attendance policy for September 2023, we now request that parents contact school on each day of the child's absence.

If school does not receive any notification of a child's absence, Mrs Farley will call parents to ascertain the reason for the absence.