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Friday 6th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely first week back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the half-term break. The children have settled back into school routines brilliantly, and we have enjoyed a fantastic start to the new half term.

On Friday, Year 3 had a brilliant time taking part in their Stone Age workshop, bringing their History learning to life through a range of exciting activities. I am sure they have lots to tell you about!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. If you are heading out to enjoy any fireworks displays, have a fantastic time and, most importantly, stay safe!

Warm regards,

Miss Stanley

Head Teacher

Christmas Carol Services

Parents/Carers are invited to our annual carol services at Emmanuel Church, Bentley on the following dates:

Y3/4:
Tuesday 8th December 2026 - 9.30am
Y5/6:
Wednesday 9th December 2026 - 9.30am

Choir, recorder group and woodwind group will be performing at both services.

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Academic Year 2026 - 2027

November 2026	
Cosy Reading Session KS1 - CANCELLED Will be rescheduled closer to Christmas	To be rescheduled
Cosy Reading Session KS2 - CANCELLED Will be rescheduled closer to Christmas	To be rescheduled
Year 4 Times Tables Workshop - 9am start Parents are invited	Tue 10 Nov 26
Remembrance Day Assembly (Children only)	Wed 11 Nov 26
Year 4 (4KL) Carding Mill Valley Trip	Fri 13 Nov 26
Trust Christmas Card Deadline	Fri 13 Nov 26
Year 4 (4SL) Carding Mill Valley Trip	Mon 16 Nov 26
Homework Project Assemblies this week	Mon 16 Nov 26
Year 1 Local Area Walk	Wed 18 Nov 26
Vaccination UK Catch Up session	Wed 18 Nov 26
Children in Need	Thur 19 Nov 26
Homework Projects Set	Mon 23 Nov 26
Walsall Arena Christmas Concert Y5 Children - 12.15 - 8.45pm	Tues 24 Nov 26
Year 5 Residential at Brighouse - Overnight stay returning 1st Dec	Mon 30 Nov 26
December 2026	
December 100% Attendance Challenge Starts You've got to be in school to be in with a chance of winning!	Starts Tues 1 Dec 26
Christmas Craft Workshop Reception 9.30am	Tues 1 Dec 26
Christmas Craft Workshop Year 1 2.30pm	Tues 1 Dec 26
Christmas Craft Workshop Year 2 9.30am	Wed 2 Dec 26
Christmas Craft Workshop Year 3 2.30pm	Wed 2 Dec 26
Year 3-6 Panto Trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre	Thurs 3 Dec 26
EYFS and Year 1 and 2 Panto coming into school	Fri 4 Dec 26
100% Attendance Awards EYFS 9am Parents come and celebrate!	Mon 7 Dec 26
100% Attendance Awards Y1/2 9am Parents come and celebrate!	Tues 8 Dec 26
Year 3/4 Carol Service at Emmanuel Church Parents to attend 9.30am start	Tues 8 Dec 26

Teacher Training dates

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027 Friday 11th June 2027

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Parent - Key Dates

Year 5/6 Carol Service at Emmanuel Church Parents to attend 9.30am start	Wed 9 Dec 26
100% Attendance Awards Y3/4 9.00am Parents come and celebrate!	Wed 9 Dec 26
100% Attendance Awards Y5/6 9.00am Parents come and celebrate!	Thur 10 Dec 26
Christmas Craft Workshop Year 4 2.30pm	Thur 10 Dec 26
Christmas Craft Workshop Year 5 9.30am	Fri 11 Dec 26
Christmas Craft Workshop Year 6 2.30pm	Fri 11 Dec 26
DRP Panto Trip	Fri 11 Dec 26
Homework Projects being set Whole school	Mon 14 Dec 26
Year 1 Nativity Performance More information to follow	Mon 14 Dec 26
Headteacher Awards for EYFS 9.00am	Mon 14 Dec 26
Headteacher Awards for Year 1&2 9.00am	Tues 15 Dec 26
Brunch with Santa for EYFS	Tues 15 Dec 26
Headteacher Awards for Year 3&4 9.00am	Wed 16 Dec 26
Christmas Lunches and Parties Whole school	Wed 16 Dec 26
Headteacher Awards for Year 5&6 9.00am	Thur 17 Dec 26
Term ends Break up for Christmas holidays, school closes at 12.30pm	Fri 18 Dec 26

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CARES AWARDS

Our assembly till take place on Friday 13th November at 9.00am.
Please come along and celebrate your child's achievement

1AM	L Durant	4KL	C Elezi
1LF	M.Amir-Asad	4SL	N. Cuss
2HB	F Newey	5EW	E Grice
2LC	M. Haye	5WM	F. Harar
3LJ	R Shergill	6EC	M Kaur
3SA	V Dhillon	6MP	L.Clarke

FOR AUTUMN TERM

Nursery and Reception - for our CARES values our children will be given their special certificate in class, this is to give the children time to settle into their environment. There is no need for parents to attend the children will bring this home on a Friday.

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Attendance Matters

How has your child's class performed this week?

RIS	*94.9%*
RVR	*88.9%*
1AM	*93.1%*
1LF	*93.8%*
2HB	*84.1%*
2LC	*76.9%*
3SA	*99.5%*
3LJ	*95.0%*

4SL	*92.7%*
4KL	*100%*
5WM	*97.8%*
5EW	*97.6%*
6EC	*96.6%*
6MP	*98.8%*

MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

Now that our communication with parents is through our MCAS app, can we ask all parents to please download the app and add the same details we hold on our system. Any problems please speak to the school office who will do their best to help.

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What is bullying?

Anti-bullying Alliance definition of bullying:

'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.
Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'

Please click on the link to find out more:
https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/understanding-bullying/definition

Conflict vs Bullying – what's the difference?
According to PACER's National Bullying Prevention Centre….

Conflict:

- Natural part of human relationships
- Happens between two people who are equal in the relationship (e.g. friends, classmates, co-workers) but have different points of view
- Sometimes escalates into a disagreement that's so strong people become really emotional
- There might be strong words used and lots of big feelings
- Both sides usually want the issue to be resolved
- Both sides want the relationship to continue in a healthy way*
- Neither wants to keep hurting the other

Bullying:

- The person (or group of people) doing the bullying means to hurt the other person
- The hurt/ harm is done on purpose to make the target feel less of a person
- There is always something unequal about the relationship between the two people e.g. the person bullying is physically stronger and creates fear because of that, or they might be more popular and has social power
- The power is used to make the other person feel less than who they are
- This treatment is not wanted or deserved
- Bullying behaviour is usually repeated or threatened to be repeated over and over

*Sometimes, conflict can even be helpful in a relationship that needs to change, providing an opportunity to improve something that's not going right between the parties.

Bullying scenarios might look like this: Someone convinces a group to tease another student based on their looks; someone threatens to beat a person up because of how they talk; somebody posts something untrue and hurtful online about someone else; or someone trips a classmate and makes everyone laugh at the person falling down. The harm is done deliberately, and the intent is to cause the other person to suffer in some way.

Remember, bullying is not the same as conflict. Bullying is meant to cause hurt or harm.

Bullying is not something that anyone deserves to have happen to them and they have the right to feel safe. If you are worried about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher/ teaching assistant

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Deadline Friday 13th November 2026



Dear School Contacts

FACE Walsall Parent Carer Forum is holding an **Information Sharing Event** for parents and carers of children and young people aged **0–25 with additional needs and disabilities**.

FACE Walsall Information Sharing Event
📅 **Thursday 12 November 2026**
⏰ **10.00am–12.00pm**
📍 **Bloxwich Active Centre, High Street, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 2DA**

The event is a friendly and informal opportunity for parents and carers to meet and chat directly with a range of organisations and professionals, ask questions and find out more about the support and services available to children, young people and families in Walsall.

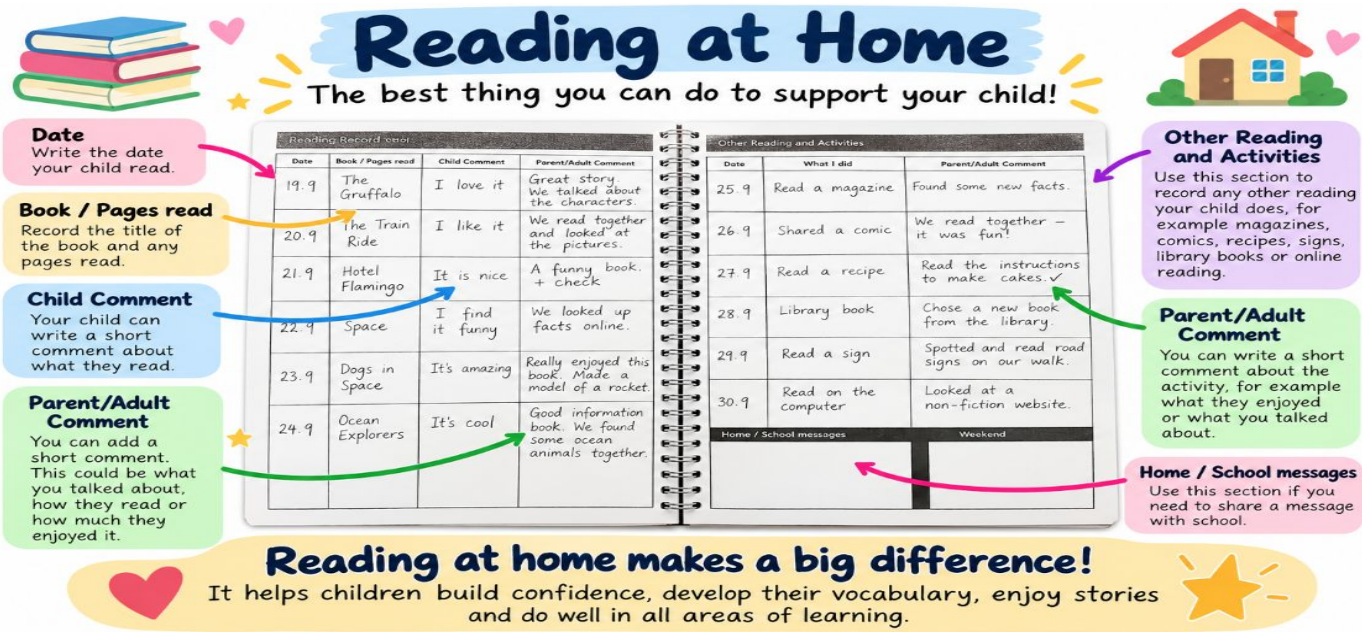
Organisations and services attending include **Walsall SENDIAS, Family Hubs, Walsall Carers Hub, Healthwatch Walsall, Black Country Healthcare, Short Breaks & HAF, Nova Training, Sense College TouchBase Pears, Condover College, POP, Helping Hands, Reflexions** and the **Designated Clinical Officer (SEND 0–25)**.
There is no need for families to book – they can simply come along on the day.

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