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Although by days this is one of the longest half terms of the school year, it has certainly flown by! The children continue to work hard and we have all settled back into a calm routine of school life. We now have a number of trips and visits booked throughout the year and at the end of this newsletter you will find a yearly overview of our trips and visits with costs attached. We will add to this as and when further trips are booked.

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school over the past couple of weeks to look at your child's books or attend stay and play sessions, and we are looking forward to welcoming Key Stage 2 families to their "drop in" session this Wednesday. You will see on our calendar that more activities and events have now been planned, including our parent's meetings in February. As we are now full 2 form entry and to ensure all families get the chance to speak to their child's teachers, you will see that these will run over 3 sessions, and that they are on alternate weeks for EYFS / KS1, and KS2 the week after. You will also see that our 2 remaining staff training days are now booked in for **Monday 5th January** and **Monday 13th April**, therefore school will be closed to children on these days. We hope you have a safe and happy half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back for the start of our second half term on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Charles

School photos

Last Friday children had their individual and sibling photographs taken. This is the first time we have used this company and we hope you will find the prices and products reasonable- they also have a different ordering process. Your child has come home with a named leaflet containing a QR code (a small one on the front and a big one on the back). Use your phone or tablet to take a photo of the QR code and enter the photo id/ photo key and this should take you straight to the secure web site / photo of your child so you can choose and pay for your products directly. The leaflet your child should have brought home looks like this :



Front



Back

Yo! Active

If you are looking for activities to help to keep the children busy this half term don't forget that Wolverhampton council has a central website where you can find lots of activities to book – many of which are free.

Just click the Yo!Wolves link below.

<https://www.yowolves.co.uk/>



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Attendance

We continue to support families through our “Inclusive Attendance” program and would like to thank you all for getting your children to school, everyday and on time.

Our whole school attendance (below), shows that although our general attendance is below other schools nationally and in Wolverhampton, we do have 72% of children in school with good or excellent attendance and it would be great if this figure improved as the year went on.

Summary of 421 Pupils

Attendance percentage

School	94.8%
National	95.8%
Local Authority	95.2%

15-18 days missed

School 4

19+ days missed

2

Absences

- 5.2% overall absence
 - 3.5% authorised
 - 1.8% unauthorised
- 17.1% persistent absence
- 4 pupils unauthorised absent for 10+ days

DfE penalty notice consideration threshold

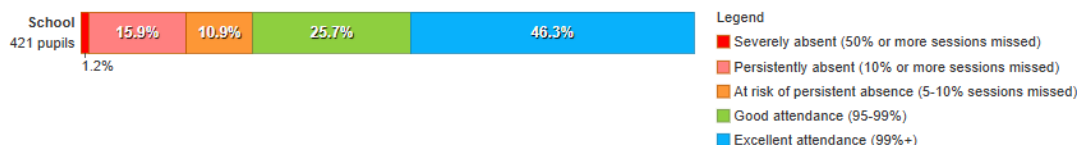
(10+ unauthorised absences in 10 rolling school weeks)

- 20 pupils currently meet the threshold
- 7 pupils previously met the threshold between 01/09/2025 and 20/10/2025

Absence Patterns

- 16 pupils have been repeatedly late or absent on the same day

Attendance Ranges



This Friday we will be sending out the first of our half termly attendance reports for each child. You will be able to see any absences and reasons for these absences, and how many school days children have missed – if any.

Of course we recognise that there are some different circumstances that mean families may struggle getting children into school. If that is the case then we have different options of support that may help you, so please get in touch with Mrs Green our attendance champion, Mrs McCallion our attendance support worker, or Ms Manby, our Pastoral Support Officer via the school office.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all of our Y6 parents that the online application form for a Secondary School place needs to be completed and returned by next Friday 31st October. If you need any further information or support, please use the following link to access the information on the Wolverhampton Council website.

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions/apply-secondary-school-places>



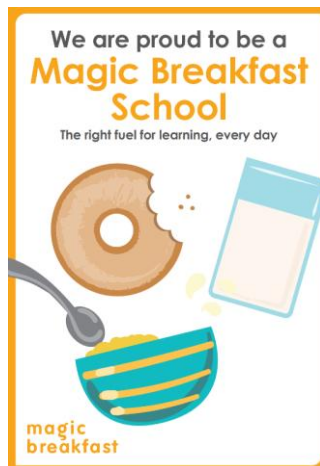
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Magic Breakfast



During last year's summer term we were able to partner with the "Magic Breakfast" charity to ensure all children were offered breakfast when they arrived at school. We are delighted that we can carry on this partnership for this year too.

This means that every child, every morning, is always able to help themselves to a warm piece of toast, bagel or crumpet as they come into the classroom.

This provides a calming and nutritious start to the day, and nearly all the children in school take up this offer. This does not have to be applied for as the food is always ready in class and the children can help themselves every morning if they wish to have something to eat.

Stowlawn baby news

Miss Lochhead leaves us this Friday to start maternity leave, and a couple of weeks after half term Mrs Glover goes on maternity leave too! I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the best as they prepare to have their babies.

Good luck Miss Lochhead and Mrs Glover!





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Dates For Your Diary

Events will be added as the year progresses, and further information about events may follow closer to the time.

Academic Year 2025/2026

Friday 24 th October	Whole School	Break up for Half term holiday
Half Term		
Monday 3 rd November	Whole School	Return to School
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 4	am - Maths multiplication workshop
Wednesday 5 th November	Year 4	pm - Maths multiplication workshop
Monday 10 th November	Whole School	"Odd Socks" Monday. Children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate their uniqueness – in support of Anti-Bullying week
Monday 10 th November	Selected children	Representing school at "Diversity" Celebrations at The Halls at Wolverhampton.
Friday 14 th November	Whole School	Children In Need Fundraising day : Wear something Spotty or colourful for Pudsey!
Thursday 20 th November	Reception to Y6	Nurses visit – Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 5 and Year 6	Visit to Covent Garden , London
Thursday 27 th November	Year 1 Birch	Telford Wonderland trip
Friday 28 th November	Year 1 Rowan	Telford Wonderland trip
Thursday 4 th December	Year 4	Visit to the Pantomime at Grand Theatre Wolverhampton
Wednesday 10 th December to Friday 12 th December	Year 2	Residential visit to The Frank Chapman Centre, Bewdley
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception	pm- Christmas stay and play session
Thursday 11 th December	Nursery	am- Christmas stay and play session
Thursday 11 th December	Reception	pm- Christmas stay and play session
Tuesday 16 th December	Whole School	Christmas dinner and party day
Friday 19 th December	Whole School	Lunchtime finish for Christmas holidays Nursery - Normal time 1.00pm – Reception 1.05pm - Years 1 ,2, 3 1.10pm – Years 4, 5 and 6
Christmas Holiday		
Monday 5 th January 2026	Whole School	Staff training INSET day – children not in school
Tuesday 6 th January	Whole School	Return to School
Wednesday 7 th January	Young Voices Club	Young Voices concert at Pulse Arena Birmingham



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Monday 12 th January	Year 5	Trip to Wolverhampton Art Gallery
Monday 2 nd February	EYFS / KS1	3pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd February	Parents Evening appointments	3pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 4 th February		3pm to 6pm
Monday 9 th February	Key Stage 2	3pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday 10 th February	Parents Evening appointments	3pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 11 th February		3pm to 6pm
Friday 13 th February	Whole School	Break up for half term holiday – normal time
Half Term		
Monday 23 rd February	Whole school	Return to school
Friday 27 th March	Whole School	Lunchtime finish for Easter holidays Nursery - Normal time 1.00pm – Reception 1.05pm - Years 1,2,3 1.10pm – Years 4,5 and 6
Easter Holiday		
Monday 13 th April	Whole School	Staff training INSET day – children not in school
Tuesday 14 th April	Whole School	Return to School
Friday 22 nd May	Whole School	Break up for half term – normal time
Half Term		
Monday 1 st June	Whole School	Return to School
Monday 22 nd June to Wednesday 24 th June	Y6	Residential visit to Pioneer Centre, Shropshire
Friday 17 th July	Whole School	Lunchtime finish for Summer holidays Nursery - Normal time 1.00pm – Reception 1.05pm - Years 1 ,2, 3 1.10pm – Years 4, 5 and 6
INSET days 2025/ 2026 : Monday 5 th January 2026 Monday 13 th April 2026 Monday 20 th July 2026		



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Yearly trip and visits overview 2025/26

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Nursery			Adventure Street 16 th June 2026 £10.00
Reception		Think Tank – Birmingham Beech – 17 th March 2026 Ash – 18 th March 2026 £10.00	
Year1	Winter Wonderland 27 th November – Birch 28 th Nov – Rowan £12.00		
Year2	Residential – 2 nights Frank Chapman 10 th – 12 th Dec £85.00		
Year3	Cadbury World Elder – Mon 1 st Dec Oak – Tues 2 nd Dec £10.00		
Year4	Pantomime Grand Theatre. 4 th Dec - £16.00		
Year 5	Royal Opera House London Nutcracker Ballet	Wolverhampton Art Gallery 12 th January 2026 £6.00	
Year 6	26 th November - £10.00		Pioneer Centre Residential 22 nd to 24 th June - £95.00

As a school, we are aware of the financial burden on many families at this time. We believe that taking part in a range of visits during their school life is an important part of their educational and personal development.

Therefore we subsidise the cost of trips by asking parents to make a contribution to the cost of the entrance fee / ticket / workshops, but ALL transport costs are met by the school.