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Newsletter: September 2024

We have now been back in school for a week, and it is as if we have never been away! The children have settled beautifully into their new classes and year groups, and we have successfully welcomed our new children and families into Nursery and Reception classes. The children spent the first 3 days looking in depth at our school expectations of being ready, respectful and safe, and also how to show our “Stowlawn Six” within school.

Before the children came back to school, staff had 2 training days. During these days we looked at Safeguarding, behaviour and standards in school, and also received training on our new attendance programme, Inclusive attendance, which I introduced to you a little before we broke for the summer holidays. You will find more information about this further on in the newsletter. I would also like to say thank you for making sure the children look so smart in their uniform and helping them be in school on time and ready to learn!

As ever, if you have any queries questions or concerns, please see staff on the school gate, or contact the school office.

Mrs Charles

Inclusive Attendance

The government introduced new statutory guidelines for attendance in schools on August 19th. This is a 2-part drive to increase attendance in schools. We unauthorise holidays in school time and must ensure that you understand that taking children out of school for holidays puts you at risk of being fined by Wolverhampton Council. The amounts of these fines have doubled, and fines are now issued per parents per child.

All the information about taking children out of school can be found at the following Wolverhampton Council link.

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/holiday-term-time>

The second part is where we are trying to support parents and children with making sure children attend school on time and every day. This is where our “Inclusive attendance” program is being devised to help and support where difficulties occur. This is a whole school approach, and you will hear more about this as the year goes on, however one of the first things we have changed is looking at the time children have off in school as days rather than percentages. This has been a bit of an eye opener when we started looking closely at our school attendance from last academic year.

When we broke up for the summer in July there were 411 children in our school.

At the end of the year, **107** children had missed at least 18 days of school – over 3 weeks of learning.

118 children had missed between 9 and 17 days at school – between 2 and 3 weeks of learning.

Of course it is not just academic learning they have missed, but also social and extra curricular opportunities and forming friendships within their classes and year groups. Our key attendance staff in school are Mrs. Green (school attendance champion) and Mrs. McCallion, our attendance and pastoral worker. We look forward to sharing with you our vision and values around school attendance, including policy expectations and support, over the next term.

Vacancies in School

We have vacancies for the role of Parent Governor and Dinner time supervisor. If you are interested in either role you can find all the information you need by clicking on the link below :

<https://www.stowlawnprimary.co.uk/job-vacancies>





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Dates For Your Diary

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

Friday 20 th September	Whole school	Closing date for Parent Governor nominations
Friday 27 th September	Whole School	Macmillan coffee morning with Green Park School
Friday 4 th October	Year 3	Harvest Assembly
Monday 7 th October	Reception to Y6	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 16 th October	Whole School	"Drop In" parents evening: 3pm until 5pm
Monday 21 st October	Y4 Cherry	Parents times tables workshop: 10.30am
Tuesday 22 nd October	Y4 Fir	Parents times tables workshop: 10.30am
Friday 25 th October	Year 5	Diwali Assembly
Friday 25 th October	Whole School	Break up for half term at normal time
Half Term: Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November		
Monday 4 th November	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 8 th November	Year 4	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 15 th November	Whole School	Children In Need fund raising day
Monday 25 th November	Whole School	Individual school photos
Thursday 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
School holiday: Friday 20 th December to Friday 3 rd December		
Monday 6 th January 2025	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 14 th February	Whole School	Break up for half term
Half Term: Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February		
Monday 24 th February	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 11 th April	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
School Holiday: Monday 14 th April to Friday 25 th April		
Monday 28 th April	Whole School	Return to School
Monday 5 th May	Whole school	Closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th May	Year 6	SATS week – external assessments
Friday 23 rd May	Whole School	Break up for half term
Half term: Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May		
Monday 2 nd June	Whole school	Return to school



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Friday 18 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
Academic Year 2023/2024 INSET days –school closed to children: Friday 20 th December 2024 Monday 21 st July 2025 (1 further day to be arranged)		



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Class and Staff List Academic Year 2024 /25

Headteacher (DSL): Mrs. Charles

Deputy Headteacher (DDSL): Mr. O'Connor

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs. Green, Mrs. Whitehouse. Mrs. Vaughan

SENCO: Mrs. Glover

Pastoral Support Officer (DDSL): Ms Manby

School Business Manager: Mr. Martin

Office Manager: Mrs. Balde

Office Assistant: Ms. Law

Attendance and medical/ pastoral worker: Mrs McCallion

Nursery	Acorns AM only	Miss Lochhead <i>Miss Hartshorn, Mrs Stamp</i>	
Reception	Beech	Miss Demitri <i>Mrs Holiday</i>	Phase leader: Miss Lochhead
	Ash	Mrs Murphy <i>Mrs Rudge</i>	pm- Miss Hartshorn
Year 1	1 Rowan	Miss Finch <i>Miss Gamston</i>	KS 1 Phase leader: Mrs Vaughan <i>Mrs Kaur (SEN TA)</i>
	1 Birch	Miss Guest <i>Miss Sadler</i>	
Year 2	2 Holly	Mr Pitt <i>Mrs Bastable</i>	am: Mrs Bering (HLTA) pm: Mrs Stamp
	2 Chestnut	Miss O'Hara <i>Mrs Stack</i>	
Year 3	3 Oak	Mrs Naik/ Mrs Glover <i>Mr Balde</i>	Lower KS 2 Phase leader: Mrs Whitehouse <i>Mrs Robinson</i> am: Miss J Whitehouse (HLTA)
	3 Elder	Mr Corfield <i>Ms Bal</i>	
Year 4	4 Cherry	Mrs Smart <i>Mrs Warrender</i>	
	4 Willow	Mr Brooks <i>Ms Briggs</i>	
Year 5	5 Pine	Ms McKay <i>Mrs Shakespeare</i>	Upper KS2 Phase Leader: Mrs Green
	5 Hawthorn	Mr Page <i>Mr Brookes</i> <i>Mrs Patel (SEN)</i>	
Year 6	6 Poplar	Mrs Bedworth <i>Mr Clayton</i>	
	6 Maple	Mrs Clarke (Apprentice teacher) Mrs Green <i>Mrs Morgan</i>	