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Newsletter: October 2024

Our 8 week half term is now coming to an end and we have packed so much into the time we have been back in school! Everyone has settled well into their learning, including our newest members of the school family in Nursery and Reception classes. We would like to thank all of you who were able to visit your child's classes after school last Wednesday – it was lovely to see the classes so full of children and families sharing in their learning.

We are making some important changes to the collection of children at the end of school – including introducing a password system so there is no confusion when children are collected. You can find more information below but please look out for a new form arriving by the end of this week on Parentmail.

You will see on the school calendar that lots more events and activities have been added throughout the year. To help you plan in advance for the costs of trips and visits, I have also attached an overview of the year with trips booked with a cost – or trips that year groups are hoping to take place. As a school we pay for all coach travel for the children, and we ask you to pay the amount for entry fees and / or associated workshops. This often works out to a 50/50 split between school and yourselves for each trip. We hope that this means no child will miss out on a trip due to financial barriers.

However, if you do need support with this, or any other matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope you all have a safe and happy half term, whether you are celebrating Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night or just having a rest! We look forward to seeing you all back in school Monday 4th November.

Mrs Charles

Parent Collection Safeguarding Information

This week all parents will be receiving a form via Parentmail where you will be asked details about dropping off and collecting your children. We have lots of pieces of information in different places so we want to collate it all in an easier way for both yourselves and the staff. We are also asking you to choose a password that anyone who we are not sure should be collecting your child **MUST** tell us. We are introducing this as an extra safeguarding measure as we still have occasions where someone is sent to collect a child who is unknown to us, and we have not been notified either.

This password will stay the same for your child through their time at Stowlawn but **PLEASE** make sure that everyone who collects your child knows your child's password – whether they are on the named collection list

or an emergency collector! If you need to change this password for any reason then please see the school office.

We are asking that you complete the information on the Parentmail App by **FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER**. We will let you know when all the information has been collated and when the passwords will be needed for collection.

Entry to Reception September 2025

The Local Authority have now sent application forms to parents who have children old enough to start in Reception classes next September (2025). If you know any families who are interested in sending their child to Stowlawn then please share the following dates where they can ring school to book a visit.

The visit dates / times are:

Monday 18th November at 9.30am

Tuesday 26th November at 9.30am

Monday 2nd December at 2pm

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder to parents of Year 6 children that applications for secondary school places must be sent to the LA by

Thursday 31st October.



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Parent Governor

Congratulations to Rena Patel who you voted as parent governor onto our Governing Board. She will join Sarah Fullard as your parent representatives. You can get in touch with Governors through our school office.

Inclusive Attendance Update

Over the last couple of weeks our Phase leaders have been looking at children's attendance, and you may have been contacted to see if we can offer support to help your child further to come into school and/ or be here on time. In the first week back after half term, we will be sending out your child's attendance report for this half term so you can keep track as we move through the year.

Dates for your diary : We are running a couple of parents workshops next term where we will share our new attendance policy, and share our thoughts around attendance, as well as seeking "parent voice" around our policies and practice. These will run on the afternoons of Monday 18th November and Tuesday 19th November. Further details will be sent out after half term.

Holidays and Leave of Absence During Term Time

As supportive as we can be with your children's day to day attendance, I also want to remind you that legally we have to follow the guidelines published by the government in terms of leave of absence during term time. All holiday requests/ leave of absence will be unauthorised by the school so this is a fair policy for everyone. We have to inform the LA of any holiday/ leave of absence for 5 or more days and they will decide whether to issue a fine. Fines are not issued by or paid to the school. I know it can be a difficult decision for parents to take children out of school for an extended time, and as a school we do understand the different reasons why you may choose to do so. However the policy has to be applied fairly, so please think carefully as if fines are issued, they can be very costly to families. For example, if a family has 2 children here in school, they can be fined £120 per parent per child for a holiday taken in term time. This would result in a fine being issued for £480.

You can find out more information by clicking on the link below.

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

Donations and Fund Raising

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest collection, or attended our Macmillan Coffee morning that we held jointly with Green Park. All the harvest produce was donated to The Good Shepherd Centre in Wolverhampton, and we jointly raised an amazing **£802.57** for Macmillan. If you want to find out more about the work your donations support just click on the links below.

<https://www.gsmwolverhampton.org.uk/>

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

Our main fund raising for next term will be BBC Children In Need day on Friday 15th November. Further details about this will be sent out after half term.





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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 25 th October	Year 5	Diwali Assembly : 9am through Gate 3
	Under 2s	Stay and play session
	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: 9am through Gate 3
Monday 11 th November	Whole School	"Odd Socks Day" to raise awareness of anti-bullying week
Monday 11 th November	Selected children	Diversity celebration at Wolverhampton Halls
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 4	Parent times tables workshops: 9.15am and 2.15pm
Friday 15 th November	Whole School	Children In Need fund raising day
Monday 18 th November	Under 2s	Stay and play session
Friday 22 nd November	Whole School	Vaccination UK in school : Flu Vaccination missed children
Monday 25 th November	Whole School	Individual school photos
Monday 2 nd December	Year 3	Visit to Cadbury World
Tuesday 3 rd December	Year 4	Grand Theatre Panto visit
Wednesday 4 th December	Year 1 Rowan	Visit to Wonderland Telford
Thursday 5 th December	Year 1 Birch	Visit to Wonderland Telford
Monday 9 th December to Wed. 11 th December	Year 2	Residential visit to Frank Chapman
Monday 9 th December	Reception - Ash	Stay and Play Christmas Crafts - pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Reception - Beech	Stay and Play Christmas Crafts - pm
Thursday 12 th December	Reception to Y6	Christmas Lunch with Green Park School
Monday 16 th December	Year 2	Nativity Production for parents - pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 2	Nativity Production for parents - am
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School	Christmas party day (and maybe a special visitor...)
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
Friday 20 th December	Whole school	INSET day
School holiday : Friday 20 th December to Friday 3 rd January		
Monday 6 th January 2025	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 14 th February	Whole School	Break up for half term



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Half Term : Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February		
Monday 24 th February	Whole School	Return to school
Thursday 13 th March	Reception	Birmingham Think Tank Visit
Mon 24 th to Wed 26 th March	Year 6	Residential visit to Pioneer Centre
Thursday 10 th April	Year 6	Grand Theatre visit "Pig Heart Boy"
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
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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Trips and Visits Overview

Set out below are the trips and visits booked for each year group so far. You will be notified of details about the trips closer to the time they take place, however where costs are included, this WILL be the cost of the trip for parents and this will not change Other trips and visits will be booked through the year, and this list will be updated on each newsletter .

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Nursery			Adventure Street 17 th June - £10.00
Reception		Think Tank - Germ workshop 13 th March - £10.00	
Year1	Wonderland 4 th and 5 th of Dec £12.00		
Year2	Residential - 2 nights Frank Chapman 9-11th Dec £85.00		
Year3	Cadbury World 2 nd Dec - £12.00	Art Gallery Landscape and watercolour 21st Jan - £6.00	
Year4	Pantomime Grand Theatre. 3 rd Dec - £16.00		
Year 5		Art Gallery 16 th Jan - £6.00	
Year 6		24-26 th March - £95.00 Residential 10 th April 2025 Grand theatre - £15.00	