



# NEWSLETTER

10TH MARCH 2023

## Year Six Tree Planting at Walton High School

On Wednesday this week our Year Six children visited Walton High School to plant some trees as part of their transition programme. This is part of Walton's plan to become a carbon neutral school.



## Foundation Stage Mother's Day Coffee Morning

On Friday 17th March we will be holding a coffee morning for mums of children in our Foundation Stage to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

The children will be singing some songs and sharing a few special surprises! The coffee morning will take place in the hall from 11am.

We hope you can join us and we look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend and another family member would like to come along instead then they are more than welcome.



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Absence Reporting  
Via ParentMail app



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **95.3%** which is

Reception	94.4%
Year One	96.0%
Year Two	96.4%
Year Three	94.6%
Year Four	96.7%
Year Five	93.5%
Year Six	95.7%

## Red Nose Day 17th March

Come into school wearing non-uniform as long as you are wearing something red! Donations can be made to Comic Relief via your Parentpay account.

### Year Five Cake Sale

Our Year Five children will be holding a cake sale to raise extra money on the day—bring in £1 for a cake.



## Dates for your Diary

### 14th March

Y4 Pyramid Concert at Walton High School

### 15th March

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### 16th March

Y2 Visit to Walsall Art Gallery

### 17th March

EYFS Coffee Morning

Red Nose Day

### 20th March

Year One and Two Visit to Stafford Castle

### 24th March

Year One and Two Castle Day

### 27th—31st March

Year Five residential visit to Standon Bowers

### 30th March

Nursery visit to Ash End Farm

### 31st March

Year One and Two Easter Celebration

Year Three and Four - Ben Heason Visit

### 3rd April—14th April

Easter Holiday—school closed

### 21st April

Year 5 class assembly

### 4th May

School Disco—Reception to Year Six

## Reception World Book Day Characters

As you will remember, last Friday was World Book Day, and as part of their learning our Reception children made their favourite characters out of potatoes or wooden spoons.





## Year One and Two Visit to Stafford Castle

This term Year One and Two have the opportunity to visit Stafford Castle as part of their history learning. The visit will include a tour of the castle and a 'castle life' experience. The children will also have the opportunity to make their own herb bag and learn about the medicinal uses of herbs. The visit takes place on Monday 20th March.

As children will be outside for much of the day they will need to wear appropriate clothing and a waterproof coat (school sweatshirts/cardigans must be worn). As we will be out of school all day each child will need to take a snack and a packed lunch for dinnertime. Could you please put these in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free.

Contributions of £12.25 are invited towards the cost, payable via your Parent Pay account.



## Year Two Visit to Walsall Art Gallery

On Thursday 16th March, as a follow on from their Art topic "Portraits", Year Two children will be visiting Walsall Art Gallery. The gallery is set in an impressive building and it will give the children the opportunity to experience original art first hand. They will look at the many portraits exhibited in the gallery and complete activities relating to them. They will also have the opportunity to make their own sculpture inspired by the bronzes in the Garman Ryan Collection.

We will leave school at 9.15 am and return at approximately 3.00 pm. Children should wear school uniform and will need to take a packed lunch.

Contributions of £9.00 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account.



## Year Five Standon Bowers Meeting

**T**hank you to everyone who came along to the Standon Bowers meeting after school yesterday.

An email of the presentation has been sent out in case anyone was unable to attend.

## Year One and Two Easter Celebration

**O**n Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March children in Year One and Two will get the chance to take part in an Easter celebration where parents can come into school and join us for some fun Easter activities (times to be confirmed).

Children will get the chance, if they want to, to take part in an Easter bonnet parade, some singing, some treats and a drink as well as a game of Easter Bingo.

We are asking for some Easter raffle contributions and if you would like to take part in the Easter bonnet parade, children will need to make these at home prior to the event!

More details will follow in next weeks newsletter.



## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has made a purchase via Amazon and donated to our school via Amazon Smile.

OSCA have received a donation from Amazon of **£74.39**



## Year Four Pyramid Concert

**Y**ear Four class are taking part in the Pyramid Concert to be held at held at Walton High School on Tuesday 14th March and Wednesday 15th March and an email has been sent out with details of the arrangements for the evening.

Due to fire restrictions, ticket numbers are limited to 2 tickets per family. (Either one for each evening or two for one evening). Tickets are available to be booked via Parent Pay at a cost of £4.00 per ticket. Any tickets purchased will be sent home on Monday.

On Tuesday morning next week Year Four will be going to Walton High School to rehearse so will need to bring in a snack to take with them for break time. We will be back in time for lunch.



## Nursery Visit to Ash End House Farm

The Nursery children have been learning about the topic of 'The Farm', focussing on animals and their young. As part of our enrichment activities we will be taking the children on a trip to visit Ashend House Children's Farm, Tamworth on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, where we will support our learning in connection with new life and growth.

We will be travelling by coach from school and will leave school at 9.15 am. We will be picked up from the farm at 2.15pm and return to school at approximately 3.00pm.

As we will be out of school at lunchtime, everyone will require a packed lunch and a drink. Could you please put these in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free.

Children need to wear school uniform, and as we will be outside for much of the day they will need to take a waterproof coat and wellies.

Contributions of £24.50 are invited towards the costs of this experience, payable via your ParentPay account. Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.



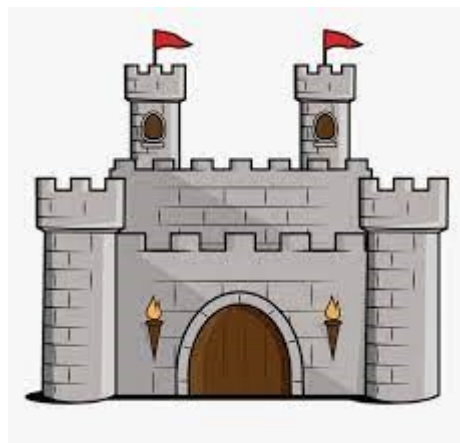
## Year One and Two Castle Day

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in a Castle themed day in school.

Children can come into school in fancy dress from medieval times. This could include coming in dressed as the royalty of the castle, the knights that protect the castle or that attack the castle, the peasants that work in the castle or even the jesters to provide the entertainment!

In school we will be completing lots of fun activities to support our learning. This will include some castle building, castle battles, castle sports, some arts and crafts and even a banquet at lunch time. This will supplement part of their history learning all about castles.

We are asking for a small contribution of £3, which will go towards some of the craft activities which can be paid for via your Parentpay account. We can't wait to see your outfits!



**THE  
OAKRIDGE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**CORONATION  
DISCO  
PARTY**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**RECEPTION & KEY STAGE 1: 5-6<sup>PM</sup>**

**KEY STAGE 2: 6.15 - 7.15<sup>PM</sup>**

*Save the date!*