



NEWSLETTER

19TH JANUARY 2024

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assembly this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Maths".



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| Reception | - | Adam, Sam and Jamie |
| Year One | - | Amelia and Isaac |
| Year Two | - | Flynn, Rosie and Pratham |
| Year Three | - | Johnny and Thomas |
| Year Four | - | Ruby H, Laila and Sirena |
| Year Five | - | Harry, Charlotte and Phoebe |
| Year Six | - | Toby and Harry |



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Year 5 Standon Bowers

Year Five have their Standon Bowers Residential Visit 18th to 22nd March.

Please can we remind you to pay the full amount by no later than Monday 11th March. *Many Thanks.*



Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes

On 6th—8th March our Year 4 children are at their residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes.

Please can we remind you to pay the full amount by no later than Monday 26th February. *Many Thanks.*



Year 2 - ZooLab Visit

On Friday 23rd of February the children in Year 2 will be visited by Zoo Lab Animals during school time, to explore caring for animals as a part of their science learning.

This is now Live on ParentPay.

If we receive insufficient contributions this visit may not go ahead.

Many Thanks.



Parking on Silvester Way

Could we please ask that you are considerate of other road users and pedestrians when driving to and parking outside the school.

The zig zags lines outside our school are to protect the safety of our children as they come and go into school. Stopping, waiting and parking on these lines is prohibited and we would ask you not to use the area to drop off children.

In addition to the zig zag lines there are also single yellow lines on the corners at both sides of Silvester Way. These mean there should be no waiting, parking or unloading at the times shown on the signs.

We take the safety of our children very seriously and would be grateful if you could help us by thinking about where you park when you arrive at school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Contact Details

If you have moved house, changed your telephone number or email address since October please don't forget to let us know so we have up to date information should we need to contact you.

Thank you!



Times Tables Awards

Congratulations to Samuel in Year 3 and Penny, Austin and Lili in Year 4 who have achieved maths mastery in their times tables and division facts.

To achieve the maths mastery certificate the children have to be able to recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 without hesitation.

Well done!



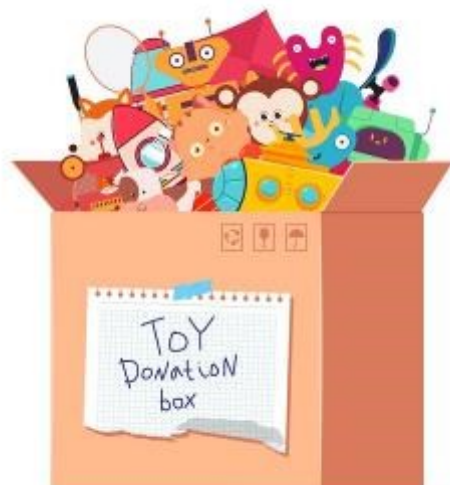
Donations

If anyone has any items they would like to donate for our Little Oaks after school club we would greatly appreciate it!

In particular hammer beads, toys and games.

Please bring any donations into the main reception.

Many thanks.



Attendance: the top facts to know & share

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

At the end of the Autumn term we contacted parents whose child's attendance was less than 90%. Any child who has an attendance figure lower than 90% is classified by the Government as being persistently absent, over a year this equates to 19 school days.



There are often very valid reasons why children are absent from school and illness during the Autumn term is common and can result in a child's attendance falling below 90%.

From 8 January, Government is launching a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance.

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.

Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **94%** which is
below our school target.

Reception	89.6%
Year One	93.8%
Year Two	97.1%
Year Three	95.1%
Year Four	89.1%
Year Five	98.3%
Year Six	95.3%

Year 5 Fire Station Visit

Year 5 had a brilliant time visiting the fire station. They took part in the Safe and Sound event learning about fire, walking and road safety as well as bank security and how to be a good citizen.



Year 5 Fire Station Visit

With the **HSBC bank** the children complete d the debit card challenge which involved identifying the information on a debit card. The children then discussed issues surrounding fraud and scams.



With the **Police** the children discussed what characteristics make a good, responsible citizen.



With **Hawkins Logistics** the children looked at the blind spots for a lorry driver and therefore what the children can do to keep themselves safe as a pedestrian.



Key dates for your diary

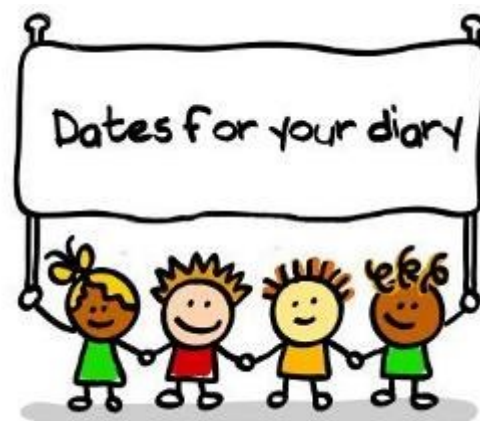
Spring Term

Nursery Open Morning	24th January - 10.00am
Art Golden Book	26th January
Nursery Baswich Library	2nd February 9.15am—11.30am
Parents Evening	6th & 7th February
Nursery Open Morning 10am	8th February
Half Term—School Closed	12th February to 16th February
Nursery Open Morning	21st February—10.00am
Y2 School Visit from ZooLab	23rd February
Y4 Whitemoor Lakes	6th-8th March
Y3 Gladstone Potteries	12th March
Y4 Pyramid Concert	12th March and 13th March—6.30pm
Y4 Gladstone Potteries	19th March
Y5 at Standon Bowers	18th to Friday 22nd March
Easter—School Closed	25th March to 5th April



Summer Term

May Day—School Closed	6th May
Y6 Sats Week	13th to 16th May
Y6 Ireland	20th to 24th May
Half Term—School Closed	27th to 31st May
Inset Day—School Closed	3rd June
Class Photos	6th June
Nursery Sports Day	20th June - 9.15am
KS1 Sports Day	27th June - 1.30pm
KS2 Sports Day	27th June - 9.15am
Move Up Day	3rd July
Y6 at Walton High School	3rd July
Y6 Production	16th July
Y6 Production	17th July
Y6 Leavers Assembly	18th July
Last day in school	19th July
Inset Day—School Closed	22nd July
Summer Holidays—School Closed	23rd July to 30th August





Poem of the Week

Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening

by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village, though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.