



# NEWSLETTER

2ND FEBRUARY 2024

## Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala

On Tuesday Oakridge took 16 children to compete in a very busy swimming gala at Stafford Leisure Centre. There were 12 schools in attendance competing across two heats in various individual and relay competitions.

Oakridge had many podium finishes and came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Y6 boys medley relay and Y5 boys freestyle relay. Overall Oakridge finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools – a fantastic achievement from all of the 16 children involved.

Well done to all of those children involved and congratulations to Walton Priory who won the event!



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## Nursery Admissions

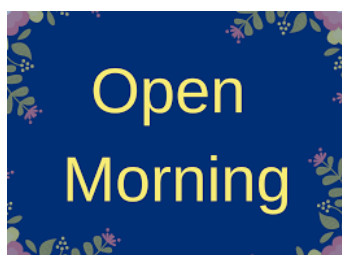


The Nursery admissions process for admission in September 2024 opens on Monday and closes on 15th March 2024. Places will be offered no later than 22nd March 2024.

Please get in touch if you are interested - or complete the Nursery Admission form on our website.

## Nursery Open Morning

We have our next Nursery Open Morning on the 8th February at 10.00am.



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **94.6%** which is **below** our school target.

Reception	95.3%
Year One	91%
Year Two	90.3%
Year Three	99.4%
Year Four	92.2%
Year Five	97.7%
Year Six	95.9%

## Parents Evening

We will be holding our Parents' Evening sessions on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February. A ParentMail has been sent out to all parents with details of how to book your appointment. If you have not already done so please book an appointment as soon as possible.

Within this meeting, your child's teacher will discuss your child's progress, as well as targets linked to their next steps in learning. You will also get the chance to look through the work that your child has completed so far this year during the meeting with your child's teacher.

Please be mindful during these sessions that times are tight, so please be on time for your child's meetings. Additionally, if you wish to discuss a matter that may take longer than your allocated ten minute slot, your child's teacher will be happy to arrange another time to meet.

We have a number of students in school who are training to be teachers and would like to sit in on the parents evening appointments. If you are not happy for a student to attend please let your class teacher know.



## Nut Based Products

**W**e have a number of children in school who have a nut allergy. This is a serious condition and we work hard to try our best to protect the children affected.

We need to ask that you support us by ensuring that children avoid bringing any nut based foods, snacks or products that contain nuts such as almond or coconut.

We particularly require the support of parents whose children bring in a packed lunch. We would ask that you do not use nut based spreads as a sandwich filling and that you pay particular attention to the ingredients in biscuits and cereal bars. Can we also ask that nuts such as pistachios are not brought into school as a snack.

Some nut products can also be found in items such as hand creams or lipsalves. If your child requires a lipsalve can this please be of a clear Vaseline type and nut safe.

*Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.*

## Children's Mental Health Week

**C**hildren's Mental Health Week will take place from the 5th to 11th February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. We will be holding an assembly on Wednesday to celebrate and discussing how every child has a right to an opinion and to be listened to.

## Safer Internet Day

**S**afer Internet Day is an annual event organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, which aims to promote safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology.

This year, Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February, with learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

We will be learning about this in school next week.



**Don't forget!**

**Half Term**

**12th to 16th February**

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# Poem of the Week

## My Doggy Ate My Essay

by Darren Sardelli

My doggy ate my essay.  
He picked up all my mail.  
He cleaned my dirty closet  
and dusted with his tail.  
  
He straightened out my posters  
and swept my wooden floor.  
My parents almost fainted  
when he fixed my bedroom door.  
  
I did not try to stop him.  
He made my windows shine.  
My room looked like a palace,  
and my dresser smelled like pine.  
  
He fluffed up every pillow.  
He folded all my clothes.  
He even cleaned my fish tank  
with a toothbrush and a hose.  
  
I thought it was amazing  
to see him use a broom.  
I'm glad he ate my essay  
on "How to Clean My Room."

# You are invited to the Y5 & Y6 **POLAR BEAR**

## **ADOPTION EVENT**

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the impact climate change is having on the Arctic region and, in particular, Polar Bears.

We want to help, so to raise awareness and the money to adopt a Polar bear we are holding a charity event:

**7<sup>th</sup> February at 1:40pm**

Entry including Cuppa and cake: £2.00

To reduce plastic waste, please bring your own mug

- Cake Sale
- Polar Bear Drive
- Find the Seal
- Cuddly Polar Bear Raffle



**40%**

SEA ICE DECLINE  
IN 30 YEARS

Your support will help the World Wildlife Fund:

- ✓ monitor polar bear movements, health and population sizes
- ✓ maintain a healthy Arctic environment with undisturbed ecosystems and healthy wildlife populations
- ✓ raise awareness of the threats of climate change
- ✓ work with communities to reduce human-bear conflict



This event is for the parents / carers of Year 5 and 6.

THANK YOU  
for all the  
donations and  
purchases  
so far! 😊



Let's get **GREENER**  
and



# RE-UNIFORM

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OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM RECYCLING PROJECT HELPS  
MAXIMISE THE AMOUNT OF OAKRIDGE UNIFORM THAT  
IS RE-USED & RAISES MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL...

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE DONATIONS NOW !**



**Bring!**

Please bring any  
pre-loved branded  
uniform (jumpers,  
cardigans, PE kit and  
ties) that you no longer  
need into school.

Donations can be  
dropped off at the school  
office. Items must be in  
good, clean condition.



**Buy!**

Pre-loved uniform  
items are available  
to buy at  
significantly  
discounted prices at  
school events  
throughout the year.



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## February Holiday Sports Clubs

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



**Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February**

8.30am- 5.30pm - £20 per day  
10am-4pm - £17 per day



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.  
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy

The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, gymnastics, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

**IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13**

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