

This week

Thank-you to 2EP who entertained us this week in their class assembly. They told us all about what they had learned whilst at primary school and key memories they had. It was lovely to hear them and it reminded us how quickly a child's time at primary school goes.

On Friday (18th) 2AS will lead the assembly. Parents of children in 2AS are welcome to join us. Please arrive at 9.40am for a 9.45am start.

School photographer

We have arranged for a photographer to be in school on **Monday 14th October**.

All children in school that day will have their photograph taken; however, you are under no obligation to buy anything. You will receive a small image and all orders are done online with the company, not the school.

If you have younger children who are not in school yet, then you are welcome to bring them at 8.30am to have their photo taken with their siblings. Older siblings (in high school) should not come as this will make them late for their school day.

All children from Reception upwards should be in full school uniform for their photograph. Thank-you

Parents' meetings

Parents' meetings are being held on Tuesday and Thursday this week for most classes. This will be a chance to talk about how your child has settled into school this year and the progress they have made so far, as well as what their next steps in learning are.

If you are attending in person, please enter and leave through the dining room. Children will be there to help you find classes. If you are having a phone call, please be near your phone at your specified time. Thank-you

Week beginning 14th October

NO CLUBS ALL WEEK

Monday 14th October

School photographer all day

Tuesday 15th October

- Year 6 swimming

Parents meetings 4.30 – 6.30pm

Wednesday 16th October

Family Support Worker drop-in
2.30pm

Parents meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm
(1AS ONLY)

Thursday 17th October

- Year 4 swimming

Parents meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm (not
1AS)

Friday 18th October

2AS class assembly 9.45am –
2AS parents' welcome

Family support Worker – come and say 'hi'

We are holding a drop-in session with Rosie Furlong, our family support worker, from 2.30pm on Wednesday. If you have any concerns, then she may be able to help or point in you in the direction of who can help. She is also there if you just want a chat!

Please sign in at the office and you will meet Rosie in the library.



SCHOOL
VALUES

PROUD
TO BE ME

ENJOY
LEARNING

ACHIEVE
SUCCESS

RESPECT FOR THE
WORLD



Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs S Ricketts

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs A Donnelly

Mr D Davies

Mrs R Hussain

Pastoral/ behaviour leads:

Mr D Davies and Mr Ryan

Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO)

Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services.

[Children's Social Care |](#)

[Worcestershire County Council](#)

In an emergency, always ring 999.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

- Check game age advisory notices
- Limit children's time spent online
- Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked
- Keep phones, tablets etc. out of bedrooms

Mumps

We sent an email out last week to inform you of a case of mumps we had in school. This viral infection used to be common, but vaccines have meant it is rare these days. Although usually a mild illness, there can be rare complications so please make sure you are aware of signs and symptoms. [Mumps - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Measles

We have NOT had a case of measles this term but there were cases in Worcester last year (one in our school). Again, please be aware of signs and symptoms. [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Protection

The best way to protect your child against these illnesses and others such as flu is to ensure they have received the vaccines available. If you know your child has not had these and you would like them to, then please contact your doctor who can advise you. Here's a list of the vaccines available.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Attendance

Year group	Week beginning 7 th October	This half-term
Reception	96.49	95.88
Year 1	98.48	94.89
Year 2	87.75	89.75
Year 3	95.74	95.67
Year 4	92.89	96.42
Year 5	91.62	94.26
Year 6	97.04	96.78
Whole School (Rec – Y6)	93.77	94.51

Good news 188 children from Reception – Year 6 have 100% attendance currently: this beats last year's figure of 136. Keep it up!

You may wonder what is happening in Year 2? 3 children are currently not attending school in this year group for various reasons. With this, and usual illness, it is easy for a year group to drop to very low attendance. Without these 3 children, year 2s attendance so far this year is 94.5%, and whole school attendance would be 95.4% See below for a reminder of current attendance policies and rules about attendance fines.

Attendance (first published w/b September 9th)

Excellent attendance at school matters. Good attendance is classed as “**at least 95%**” - that is less than 9 days off across a school year. A letter was sent this week outlining national changes to poor attendance. In summary:

- Parents must inform school of every absence and the reason for this.
- Schools must inform parents of their children's attendance rate and work with families to improve attendance.
- Holidays should not be authorised.
- **Unauthorised absences of 5 days+ (either 5 continuous days or 5 separate days in a 10-week period) are liable to a fine of £160 per parent, per child. (reduced to £80, if paid within 21 days)**
- **If there is a second period of 5 days+ absence in 3 years an increased fine of £160 per child, per parent is charged and not reduced.**
- **A third period of unauthorised absence could lead to legal prosecution. This is also likely if fines are unpaid.**
- Fines are per child, per parent. This means that a biological parent of a child is fined, even if he/she does not live with that child.

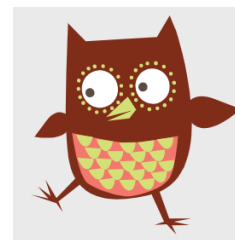
We will always provide as much support as we can to parents who are struggling to ensure their children attend school regularly. However, if we do not see improvements or holidays are taken, we will follow Government guidelines in issue fines.

[Information for parents and carers | Worcestershire County Council](#)

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK? IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO VIA SQUID.

What is my child learning? How can I help?

All children have access to age-appropriate educational websites. You will find their usernames and passwords for these in their reading diaries. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher. Three key sites are:



Oxford Owl

You will find links to appropriate sites on the school website, year group page. PLEASE you're your child to use these regularly. They will make such a difference to their reading and maths fluency and help a child feel confident in their own abilities.

Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th September – Thursday 24th October (school closed to children Friday 27th September)

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Spring Term

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February

Monday 24th February – Thursday 10th April

Summer Term

Monday 28th April – Thursday 22nd May

Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July

On the following dates, school will be closed to children for staff training – Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September; Friday 27th September; Friday 25th October; Friday 14th February; Friday 11th April; Friday 23rd May, Monday 21st July

It is expected that children attend school every day that it is open, unless they are too sick or have an unavoidable medical appointment.

If you are not sure if your child can go to school, you will find advice here:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Arriving to school on time is also important. The school learning day starts at 8.45am. This means children regularly arriving between 8.50 and 9am are missing a lot of school.