

We hope you have had a good weekend and managed to keep warm in the cold this week. Fingers crossed the coming week is meant to be a bit warmer.

The new entry arrangements into school have generally gone well (and were well timed considering the icy playground.) Children are enjoying a few moments of quiet and a gradual start to work for the day. The number of messages Miss Whitworth has had to pass on have decreased over the week. It won't generally be possible for parents to see or speak to teachers in the morning as they have children to supervise, so if you need a meeting, please make an appointment through the school office.

School and Money

Money is something we don't often talk about but without it, school couldn't run.

For most extra events/ trips etc we offer, we subsidise real costs to parents heavily. For example, the upcoming Llanrug trip is £243 per child for the stay, all activities and coach cost – we have asked parents for £180.

We understand that money is tight in many homes and some very difficult decisions are having to be made, However, school budgets are also increasingly stretched and if parents don't pay their share of these events, then we will not be able to continue them.

If you currently have any outstanding debt on sQuid, please pay this off as soon as possible. Thank-you if you are someone who has recognised your difficulty and got in touch with us – we can put together payment plans. Even something, seemingly small like the payment for swimming adds up for us if no-one pays! It costs us over £350 per week for us to take children swimming.

Please do everything you can to help us to continue to provide brilliant opportunities for our children. If you have financial concerns, then please make an appointment to speak to a senior leader.

Week beginning 13th January

Monday 13th January

Tuesday 14th January

Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 15th January

Young Voices – invited children

Thursday 16th January

Year 3 swimming

Friday 17th January

2NA class assembly 9.45am; 2NA parents' welcome

Term Dates

Spring 1

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February

Spring 2

Monday 24th February – Thursday 10th April

Summer 1

Monday 23rd April – Thursday 22nd May

Summer 2

Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July

Please note that on the following dates school is open for staff only: Friday 14th February; Friday 11th April; Friday 23rd May; Monday 22nd July



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 (SEND/CO)

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

Attendance

Year group	Week beginning 6/1/25	This half-term	Autumn Term
Reception	96.7% 	-	94.75%
Year 1	91.2%	-	93.9%
Year 2	93.6%	-	92.2
Year 3	86.8%	-	94.5
Year 4	91.5%	-	95.3
Year 5	90.7%	-	93.8
Year 6	93.4%	-	95.7
Whole School (Rec – Y6)	91.9%	-	94.3

Reception September 2025

Your last chance to apply – portal closes Wednesday 15th January. Any applications after this date are 'late' and you are likely not to get your first choice of school.

[Apply for a school place | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Events Spring 2025

Wednesday 15th January – Young Voices – selected children

Friday 17th January 9.45am 2NA class assembly

20th – 24th January – Year 5 Llanrug. Please see separate letters for details. Any Year 5 child not going MUST come to school.

Friday 24th January 9.45am 2JA class assembly

Friday 7th February – Llanrug assembly

Tuesday 11th February 3.30 – 5.30 Parents' meetings

Thursday 12th February 4.30 – 6.30 Parents' meetings

Half-term Friday 13th – Friday 21st February

Friday 28th February 9.45am 2DR class assembly

Thursday 6th March World Book Day – dress-up opportunity!

Friday 7th March Year 3 History Workshop all day (at school)

Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th April Year 4 Residential Condoover

Monday 7th/ Tuesday 8th April Year 3 and 4 Spring Concert (TBC)

Thursday 10th April – Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter assembly

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