

### Message from Miss Anderson

This week, we held our first Pupil Parliament session at Rivers and the ideas that were presented from each class on how we can make our school even better were brilliant. Some things we agreed on straight away, such as the purchase of a buddy bench and pegs on the playground so coats don't get forgotten. Other ideas are going to go back for more debate at class level. It was also brilliant to hear all of the things that our children love about our school: reading lessons (they want them to be longer!), maths, forest school and our new history lessons were all discussed.

Y4 returned from their trip to Lichfield Cathedral with lots of new knowledge to share and next week, Y5 are off to Drayton Manor to put their understanding of science and maths to the test.

Have a brilliant weekend.



### Our week in early years

What a week in early years. Children have enjoyed learning about animals through their whole class reading texts, 'Owl Babies' and 'What the Ladybird Heard Next.'

Nursery have enjoyed exploring woodland animals this week and learning about nocturnal animals. They have made puppets and painted pictures of different creatures.

Reception have enjoyed their literacy text, 'I Wanna Iguana'. They have written persuasive letters to their parents about getting their own pet and the children have enjoyed the pet shop role play area.

In Forest School, children have explored the different types of trees and have enjoyed completing rubbings of different textured bark.



### Our week in key stage one

In Year 1 this week, the children have been consolidating their learning on time during their Maths lessons. They have been very resilient when using the vocabulary to explain what the time is and they are now becoming more confident with o'clock and half past times. In PE, the children have been looking at high and low ways of travelling by using different body parts to move. The children were very confident when showing their ideas to the rest of their class.

It has been a busy week in Year 2. The children have enjoyed learning all about Queen Victoria in their history lessons and can give lots of facts about her and her reign. In English, the children have completed their independent writing around the story of 'George and the Dragon' and in maths, the children have made a brilliant start to their new unit, which is all about fractions!



### Our week in lower key stage 2

Year 3 have taken inspiration from Inbal Leitner, who is an illustrator who uses sketchbooks to develop characters and artwork to illustrate stories and poems. Take a look at our colourful visual notes.

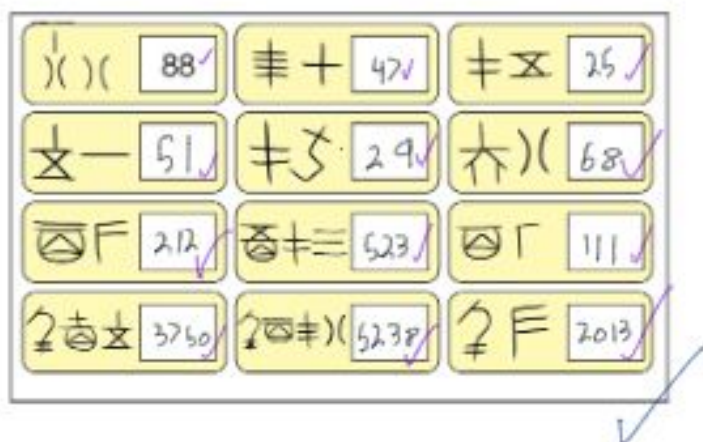
Year 4 enjoyed their school trip to Lichfield Cathedral and their behaviour was superb. They enjoyed exploring the Cathedral and learning more about Christianity, applying their knowledge from their RE lessons.



### Our week in upper key stage 2

Year 5 have been busy investigating the calendar from the Shang Dynasty in their history lessons. In maths, they have been learning about fractions and decimals. The children enjoyed completing an investigation where they had to work out a secret password using fractions.

It was great to see so many families attend the Year 6 SATs workshop. In Year 6, the children have been working hard to write their own letters as evacuees during WW2. They have also been busy learning about algebra in their maths lessons.



**Task 1**

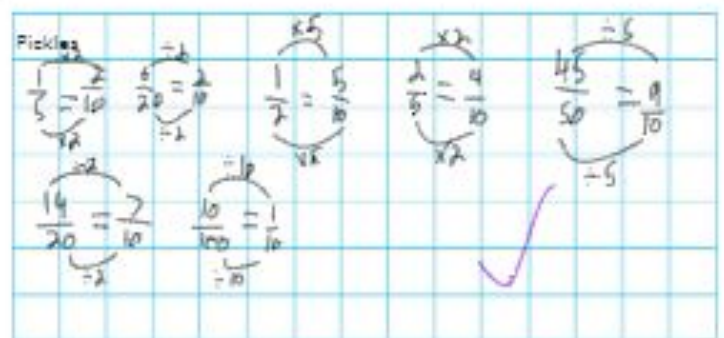
**Secret password**

Milo has forgotten his computer password. Luckily he wrote a secret code to help him remember. Help Milo decipher the code.

$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{6}{20}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{45}{50}$	$\frac{14}{20}$	$\frac{10}{100}$
P	I	L	K	L	C	S

Can you create your own secret password for a partner to crack?

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Draw it:			
Name it:	Dog purple nose <i>Canis purpurea nasus</i>	Snake red beard <i>Serpens rubrum barbetum</i>	spider gold hands <i>arachn aur cera</i>
Think deeper:	It lives in the wild. The purple nose is for spreading poison to its predators. eats fish	It lives in the amazon rainforest the beard hair is for distracting prey so they come closer and it eats them	its feature is used to attract insects so it can eat them. it lives in gardens.



## Attendance

*Golden Classes:*

*Clyde*

### **This Term's Attendance Reward**

For children with attendance of 97% or better (no more than 5 days of absence)



### Pastoral

### Dads Stay and Play at Walsall Family Hubs

Come long to a Dads stay and play session. Play with your children and have fun together whilst meeting other Dads, free of charge!

Toys, games and snacks are provided.



#### When & Where

Saturday 13 January @ West Family Hub  
Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE

Saturday 27 January @ South and Central Family Hub  
Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF

Saturday 02 March @ North Family Hub  
275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ

Saturday 16 March @ East Family Hub  
Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA

Saturday 23 March @ South and Central Family Hub  
Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF

#### What time?

11am - 1pm



#### Did you know there is an app for Dads?

Walsall Family hubs have launched an app for Dads called DADS PAD, the app can be downloaded via the app store or google play. It's the essential guide for new dads, developed with the NHS.

As a new dad you will feel excited, but you may also feel left out, unsure or overwhelmed. The DadPad can help by giving you the knowledge and practical skills that you need. The resource will support you and your partner to give your baby the best possible start in life.





### Dad Pad®



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Supporting families to live happier lives

For further information go to: [@Walsallfamiliesintheknow](https://www.facebook.com/Walsallfamiliesintheknow) or email [familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk)

Mrs Kaur (Designated Safeguarding Lead)  
Mr Tuck (Pastoral Lead)

**NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 [help@nspcc.co.uk](https://www.nspcc.co.uk)**  
**Childline 0800 1111**



# Family Bulletin

26 January 2024

## This Week/Next Week

### This Week

Monday 29 January	
Tuesday 30 January	0900: Y3 Let's Learn Together Parent/Carer Session
Wednesday 31 January	0900: Y5 Trip to Drayton Manor Park
Thursday 1 February	
Friday 2 February	0900: Celebration Assembly invite only

### Next Week

Monday 5 February	
Tuesday 6 February	0900: Y4 Let's Learn Together Parent/Carer Session
Wednesday 7 February	
Thursday 8 February	
Friday 9 February	0900: Celebration Assembly invite only 1510: School finishes for half term holiday

### PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2 Year 3	Nursery Year 1 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1 Year 4 Year 6	Year 4	Reception Year 2 Year 3 Year 5

