



Dates for Your
DIARY



Friday 10th February 2023
INSET Day

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023
Y5/Y6 France Trip

Friday 17th February 2023
Break up for half term

Monday 27th February 2023
Return to school for Spring 2 half term

Friday 17th March 2023
Red Nose Day

Tuesday 21st March 2023
Parent Consultations

Friday 31st March 2023
Break up for Easter 1.15pm

Monday 17th April 2023
Return to school for Summer 1 half term

Monday 1st May 2023
May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023
Coronation Bank Holiday

Friday 26th May 2023
Break up for Whitsun half term

Monday 5th June 2023
Return to school for Summer 2

NEWSLETTER

A message from the **PRINCIPAL**



Hello everyone.

I'd like to welcome you back in this new year and hope you all had a lovely break at Christmas and spent time with family, friends and loved ones.

We finished last year on a great note with our Polar Express Fantastic Finish where all of the children experienced our magical winter wonderland, a trip to the panto for everyone and our Christmas events in school. I am certain 2023 will continue this trend and look forward to seeing more of the fantastic work from our children, with their 'SUCCEED' values shining through.

As we go into 2023 we are aware that the cost of living continues to rise and many more people are now feeling the impact as heating bills and food bills are on the rise. There is some useful information on the Walsall Council website which has direct links to what they offer including help with heating bills, housing, council tax and mental health and wellbeing support.

We will always help however we can - if you ever feel like you need support and don't know where to turn, we will be happy to listen and signpost you in the right direction.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has completed our school surveys, your feedback is really valuable and helps to inform our decision making. Following the feedback on our school lunches I have met with our catering company and discussed that as a school we want to offer good quality, nutritious meals, which children want to eat and will keep them sustained throughout the afternoon. I will keep you updated and hope to invite you in for a taster event soon!

Ms K Benton

Principal

[Help with the cost of living | Walsall Council](#)

Our Events

Christmas & All Aboard the Polar Express!

We had a fantastic Christmas at Jubilee Academy with lots of fabulous events!

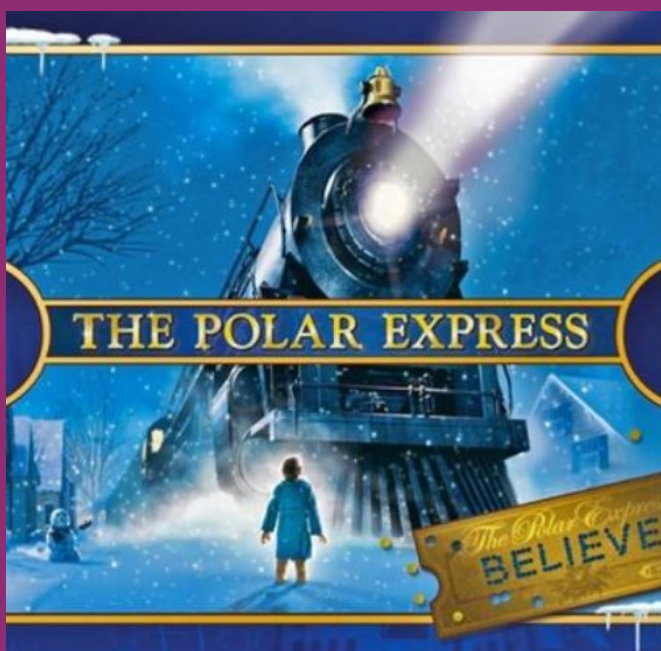
All children went to the **Snow White and the Seven Dwarves Panto** at Lichfield Garrick and had a great time, with Mrs Parkes arriving on stage to celebrate her birthday! The children really enjoyed the experience of going to the theatre and we hope to be able to fully fund this again for 2023 to give them this amazing opportunity.



Reception and Year 1 performed their **Nativity Play** for parents and it was great to see you back in school watching the show. A big well done to all of the children and staff for all their preparation and practising to make this such a brilliant performance!

Due to the exceptionally cold weather, our **Carol Concert** had to be moved indoors so was standing only, however we hope to hold this outside as planned in future. Thank you for your support and well done to our lucky hamper winner, we hope you enjoyed your goodies over Christmas.

The last week of term was our **Polar Express Experience**, will all children invited to come aboard and join the adventure in their pyjamas! We all enjoyed a hot chocolate after watching the film and exploring the magical transformation of school into a winter wonderland,



complete with snow to board the train! We can't wait for you to see what we will be doing for our next fantastic finish!





Safeguarding Focus -

Early Help

What is Early Help?

This is the term we use to describe the support we give to children, young people and their families when they need extra help. We take a partnership approach as it's difficult at times for one single agency to deliver effective support alone. It means we work alongside a number of services to help you and your family.

How can this support me and my family?

Walsall's Early Help Partnerships commitment is:

- To provide 'effective whole family support' to prevent escalation into statutory services, to ensure families thrive, build resilience and have ambition.
- To create the space for services to work together proactively, identifying and solving problems rather than reacting to crisis.

School can take action to support you and work with you and your family as soon as a problem emerges. Our goal is to improve the quality of family life, help children and young people have the best possible start, are safe from harm, happy, healthy and learning well.

Who is it for?

Early Help is for children and young people aged 0-19 and their families.

Who provides the support?

If your family needs support, it could be provided by a School, School Nurse, Health Visitor, Teacher, Speech & Language Therapist, Locality Family Support Practitioner, Domestic Abuse Advocate, Youth Worker or Housing Officer.

How do we do it?

If you or another practitioner feels that your child may need additional support we will speak to you and your family and with consent arrange for an Early Help Assessment to be completed with you. This gives the opportunity to have an open and honest conversation to clarify the nature of the concerns, identify the needs of your family, and agree the appropriate response and how it will be co-ordinated. A support plan will be written, this is your families plan and nothing will be added that you do not want to be included. The support will be co-ordinated by a 'Lead Professional', this is someone who will be the main point of contact for you and your family and will ensure the help that has been agreed is delivered. The support will be reviewed, by you, your family and others, at least every 6 weeks to make sure the support is the right support, to make sure things start to improve, you see positive changes in your family life, children and young people's concerns are reduced, along with those of partners who are working with you. We will provide the support and hold reviews until the support is no longer needed. We will be open and honest with you throughout.

If you have any questions or feel you may benefit from Early Help please contact Mrs Drohan.

Club Timetable

Spring Clubs are now running!
We have spaces available in Reading, Netball and Multiskills Clubs.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Spanish Club Choir			Football Club	
After School			Art Club KS1 Reading Club Ks1 and KS2 Netball Club KS2	Multi- Sports	



Breakfast Club

We are delighted to work with the Greggs Foundation and are passionate about eliminating hunger as a barrier to learning.



Our breakfast club offers a free, nutritional breakfast to those that need it, before school to help them to be prepared for the day ahead. Breakfast offerings include toast, fruit and milk. As well as providing a nutritious morning meal, the Club aims to encourage children to enjoy themselves and engage with school staff and the education system.

Please contact Miss Wood or Miss Mason for support with booking for Breakfast Club

We follow Public Health England guidance for absences. Some of the most common illnesses are listed in the table below. The full guidance is available from Public Health England by searching [Guidance on infection control in school and other childcare settings](#)

Illness / Infection	Period to be kept away from school
Chicken Pox	5 days from the onset of the rash and until all spots have scabbed over
Hand, foot and mouth	None, children can attend as normal
Impetigo	48 hours after starting antibiotics or if not having antibiotics when all sores are scabbed over
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting
Conjunctivitis	None, children can attend as normal
Head Lice	None, children can attend as normal. You will be contacted if we see head-lice to advise treatment is required
Tonsillitis	None, children can attend as normal
Common Cold—cough and runny nose	None, children can have medicine e.g. calpol and attend as normal.
Flu—temperature of over 38, lethargy and aching muscles	Until temperature is below 38, for a second day to be authorised medical confirmation is needed
Ear Infection	None, children can attend as normal

If your child is unwell and has a doctors appointment and/or is prescribed medication or antibiotics please send a picture of this to Miss Mason or Miss Baggott in the school office. We can then log this on your child's record to enable the absence to be authorised.

Children can attend school whilst taking antibiotics. We are able to administer antibiotics at school if they are 4 times per day, please contact the school office. for further information. Any medications must be signed in and out via the school office (inhalers are kept in class once forms completed).

ATTENDANCE

We encourage all children to have excellent attendance at Jubilee Academy. Regular school attendance brings enormous benefits to individual pupils, their families, schools and the community as a whole. Without regular attendance, levels of attainment suffer and opportunities are missed to obtain maximum benefit from education.

Persistent absence and lateness will affect a child's achievement and progress in school. Comprehensive research shows that there is a direct link between a child's level of school attendance and their level of school attainment. As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full-time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time.

Due to changes in DfE guidance there are limitations as to what absence can be authorised. If you visit the doctor, pharmacists etc for your child please ask them for an appointment card and let us know of any medications prescribed. Routine medical appointment should be booked out of school time whenever possible, however if you do need to collect your child for an appointment please send a picture of their appointment confirmation on dojo or bring it with you when you collect them.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Reminders

Absences and Lates

If your child is absent you must let the school office know by 9am on each day that they are absent. This can be done by sending a message on dojo to Miss Mason or Miss Baggott or by calling the school office from 8.15am on 01922 710357.

If your child is late please ring the main intercom and bring them in via the office (no longer the dining room doors) and sign them in on the digital screen—please note an adult will need to do this.

Wet Weather

We had lots of children arrive in their wellies last week in the snow and ice to keep them warm and dry on the way to school. If your child travels in wellies please make sure they have school shoes in their bag for when they arrive as wellies are not comfortable or practical for all day wear in school.

School Dinners

School dinners must be paid for in advance or at the end of the week they are taken, this will be updated weekly on a Friday afternoon. Dinners cost £2.41 per day or £12.05 per week.



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