



Dates for Your

DIARY



Thursday 7th March 2024
World Book Day

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Parent Reading Morning 8.40am

Friday 8th March 2024
Reception Mothers Day song 2.15pm

Thursday 14th March 2024
Parent Reading Morning 8.40am

Thursday 21st March 2024
Parent Reading Morning 8.40am

Thursday 21st March 2024
Reception Easter Bonnets 2.45pm

Friday 22nd March 2024
Break up for Easter

Monday 8th April 2024
Return to school for Summer 1

Monday 6th May 2024
May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May 2024
Break up for Whitsun half term

Monday 3rd June 2024
Return to school for Summer 2

NEWSLETTER

A message from the **PRINCIPAL**



Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic to see so many of you at our Reading Café mornings! These will continue every week into the Summer Term after Easter and we hope to see you there.

We continue to offer our free breakfast club for all children as a healthy breakfast can play an important part in ensuring children have a healthy start to the day and can focus on learning, making a real difference in their wellbeing, readiness to learn and their attainment. Starting the day with a healthy breakfast is important regardless of your age – but for children eating a nutritious meal

before school it's vital. If there's a day when your child has missed breakfast please ask them to let a member of staff know at morning check in and we can make them some breakfast.

Just a quick reminder that as per our Healthy Lunchbox policy please make sure your child's lunchbox includes fruit and vegetables every day and does NOT include fizzy/ sugary drinks, sweets or fried foods such as chips, nuggets, burgers or pizzas. Let's help build healthy children for the future!

Mrs K Benton

Principal

Easter Egg Competition



All children are invited to take part in our Easter competition by decorating an egg (hard boiled or plastic/polystyrene only please!) and bringing it into school on Thursday 21st March. Entries will be judged and the winners announced on Friday 22nd!

World Book Day - 7th March



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7 March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate. We are celebrating World Book Day this year at Jubilee because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

This year we are aware that the cost of living crisis might make dressing up or bringing books in difficult for some families, so we are doing things a bit differently!

Instead of coming in costume, we will:

1. Be making spoon puppets of the children's favourite characters. We can't wait to see what the children's creativity unleashes and to meet all of the spoon characters. How many will you recognise?
2. Invite children to wear their pyjamas.

We'd love to include you in our celebrations by:

Coming into the family reading session!

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.

Safeguarding



This Month's Focus - HAF

HAF is a free programme for children and young people. It runs over Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. Your child is eligible if they are:

- aged 5 to 16
- eligible for benefit-related free school meals

The Department for Education (DfE) funds the HAF programme.

To sign up or for more information please contact the team on: www.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup or email WR4C@walsall.gov.uk
Contact number: 01922 653899

A poster for the Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme. It features a collage of circular images showing children engaged in various activities: a child in a canoe, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair, a child in a wheelchair. The text on the poster includes: 'FREE Healthy Meal', 'FREE ACTIVITIES #HAF2024', 'WALSALL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME', 'A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals.', 'The programme is running over Easter, Summer and Christmas 2024.', and 'To sign up or for more information please contact us on: www.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup or email us WR4C@walsall.gov.uk Contact number: 01922 653899'. There is also a QR code at the bottom right.



Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime					Choir Spanish
After School	Writing		Archery	Cooking	



Breakfast Club

We continue 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 before school to help children 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 Baggott or Miss Mason for support with booking for Breakfast Club.

Breakfast club opens from 7.50am and is completely free! Please book your child's space online using School Money, bookings for the following week close on a Friday afternoon.

ATTENDANCE

So far this year our attendance is 95%! Please support us to reach our target of 96% by following our attendance guidelines for common illnesses and ensuring children get the best access to their education

Reception – 93.6% – keep trying Reception!

Year 1 – 94.5% – keep trying Year 1!

Year 2 – 96.7% – well done!

Year 3 – 94.4% – keep trying Year 3!

Year 4 – 95.3% – nearly there Year 4!

Year 5 – 96.9% – fantastic attendance Y5!

Year 6 – 93.3% – keep trying Y6!

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

School Lunches

We have an exciting new menu starting after Easter which we are looking forward to sharing with you soon!

School dinners cost £2.55 per day, paid via school money.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on — paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit — if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax & not including any benefits)

If your child is eligible, they will remain so until they finish the phase of school they're in on 31 March 2025.

All infant age pupils (reception, year 1 and year 2) will automatically receive a school meal free of charge if they're in a government-funded school.

If you are entitled to benefits-related free school meals, we still need you to complete the online application so that your school receives extra funding.

You can apply online using the following link:

[Application for free school meals and/or Early Years Pupil Premium \(walsall.gov.uk\)](https://walsall.gov.uk)

Family Reading Mornings

From half term we have been opening up our classroom doors to parents, grandparents and carers to come inside and read with their child/children every Thursday as part of our school focus around reading. This is a chance to get children, parents and teachers together to promote a love of reading.

During each session, children and parents can read together their child's book, a book from the class library or a book from home. If parents are unable to attend, a grandparent or other family member would be very welcome. If you have children in different year groups don't worry, the whole family can remain in one classroom or reading space and then children will go back to their normal classes once the bell rings.

Doors open at 8.40am and family reading time lasts for 15 minutes. Thank you for your support at the first sessions and we hope to see as many parents as possible taking part in our family reading time!



Important Information & Reminders

Absences

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 Mrs Allen, Miss Mason or Miss Baggott or by calling the school office from 8.15am on 01922 710357.

Lates

Children must arrive by 8.45am! If your child is late please ring the main intercom and bring them in via the office and sign them in on the digital screen—please note an adult will need to do this.

Contact Details

Please ensure that your contact details, especially mobile numbers, are up to date on our system including for anyone you have registered as an emergency contact. This can be checked using MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) or contacting the school office.

Messages

Dojo is checked through the day but staff may not always respond straight away due to teaching commitments. If it is urgent please call the school office. Staff are not expected to check or respond to dojo outside of their working hours and if they do so, they do out of their own professionalism and kindness. Please respect that they also have families at home and their time is as precious as yours.

Class - collections, drop off, lost property, questions/concerns around something in class or at lunchtime

Office - attendance, absence requests, dinner money, trip money & urgent messages and requests

SLT - any concerns which have not been previously dealt with in the manner you expected or have not been resolved, we will ask if you have contacted class first as we are not in there daily with your child

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. Please pay using School Money.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the school site - this includes small dogs being carried.

Smoking and Vaping

There is no smoking or vaping anywhere on the school site.

Pompoms Challenge

Staff will be giving out Pompoms to children making good choices at lunchtime to add to their class jar.

The class with the most Pompoms will win the 'Golden Lunchbox' and be awarded a mystery reward.

Golden Lunchbox Class Reward



Golden Lunchbox Award



Happy Lunchtimes!

We want to turn lunchtimes into happy lunchtimes!

Everyone came in assembly on Monday 4th March for the launch of our new system and the Pompom challenge - will your class win the golden lunchbox?

Dates 2023/24/25

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>CLOSE</u>
Spring Term 2024	Monday 19 th February	Friday 22 nd March
Summer Term 2024	Monday 8 th April Monday 3 rd June	Friday 24 th May Monday 22 nd July
Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2 nd September Monday 4 th November	Friday 25 th October Friday 20 th December
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6 th January Monday 24 th February	Friday 14 th February Friday 11 th April
Summer Term 2025	Monday 28 th April Monday 2 nd June	Friday 23 rd May Monday 21 st July

Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024



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