

# WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

Children will be bringing home their **Christmas card** designs over the next week or so. The children may have to finish these at home. You then need to bring these back into school for us to send off if you want to have them printed in time for Christmas. The ordering process will be detailed on the card and is now all online. These will need to be back in school by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at the latest to be sent off.

On **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** we are inviting all of our ladybird parents into school for a **phonic workshop**. Knowing how we teach phonics and the format it is taught in will really help you as parents support the children in the most important early skill they will acquire. The children's reading journey has already begun so it is really important an adult can try to make this meeting. Year 1 parents are also welcome to attend if you did not make last year or want a refresher to see how phonics in year 1 continues; a key year in building the children's fluency in reading. The workshop will be straight after school at 3.15pm. Children can also come into school and we will supervise them whilst the meeting is on.

I have been so impressed with the children's **learning behaviours** this week around school and in lessons. Their politeness and attitude towards school is really lovely to see and I am so proud of the way they have settled back into school routines. Our new children in Ladybirds have settled in brilliantly too. We speak each week about our school values and these are being lived out! Well done children.

The children have been looking so **smart** in school and PE kits have been much improved. A reminder as the winter approaches that you can buy school badge PE kits. Plain black ones are also fine.

Below is a discount code from school uniform stockist MyClothing.

Use the code at checkout and receive 10% off.

WilliamMacGregor10%

Expires 20/12/2024

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds -  
Year 1 -  
Year 2 -  
Year 3 -  
Year 4 -  
Year 5 -  
Year 6 - Ava



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to all children celebrating their birthday this week! 🎂



## SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to who won £ last week and has very kindly donated this back to school.

Thank you.

We have raised £ so far.

We have a new area we are fundraising for now and this is the area to the side of the trim trail. This will be an area dedicated to reflection, one that reaches our senses and provides an area of calmness and sanctuary.



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## Key Dates

### September:

30th: Academy individual and sibling photographs

### October:

3rd: Y5 to Fire station

7th: LB and Y1 phonic meeting  
3.15pm

8th: Y4 Whitemore Lakes meeting (3.10pm)

10th: Hello Yellow - world mental health day

17th: Harvest Festival (1.45pm) Ch. Only.

18th: Number day

21st: LB, Y1&2 Animal man morning

23rd-25th: Y4 to Whitemore Lakes

25th: Last day of term

### November:

4th: All ch. back to school

7th: Parents Evening (2-7pm)

12th: Open morning for Sep 2025 intake (9.15am)

18th-22nd: Book Fair in school

21st: Open morning for Sep 2025 intake (9.15am)

27th: Whole school flu immunisation

29th: INSET day school closed

### December:

10th: Y1&Y2 nativity at St. Edithas Church 6pm

13th: Ladybirds nativity at Elim Church 9am

18th: Whole school Christmas lunch

20th: Whole school carol concert (all welcome) 1.50pm

20th: Last day of term

### January:

6th: INSET DAY school closed

7th: All ch. back to school

17th: Young Voices concert

### February:

14th: Last day of term

24th: All ch. back to school

## TT ROCKSTARS

Congratulations to all of the children who have improved their rock speed this week!

Rock Hero (under 1 sec) -

Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-

### March:

10th-14th: Y6 in Paris

### April:

8th: Parents Evening (2-7pm)

11th: Easter bonnet and egg parade/Last day of term

28th: INSET day school closed

29th-30th: Y5 to London

### May:

1st: School potentially closed for polling

2nd: INSET day school closed

5th: Bank holiday school closed

12th-16th: Y6 SATS week

23rd: Last day of term

### June:

2nd: All ch. back to school

9th-13th: Y1 phonic screener

25th: ATLP student awards

### July:

4th: INSET day school closed

18th: Last day of term

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## ATTENDANCE

Whole School:

Ladybirds:

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:

TARGET  
97%

There are 175 non school days a year for trips out, appointments, celebrations, holidays etc.



If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>

WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

### Why is high attendance important for your child's education?

As a parent/carer you want the best life chances for your child/children. Being in school every day gives them the very best chance of achieving this. GCSE'S may seem a long way off for your child but 90% of children with average attendance at primary school and into secondary school of around 85% fail to achieve 5 or more GCSEs and one third of children fail to gain any.

Poor attendance in school will limit children's ability to achieve their full potential and this will impact opportunities in life.

IT IS GOOD TO BE GREEN!  
COME ON WMG, WE NEED TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE!  
WE ARE AIMING FOR 97%

THE CLASS NEXT WEEK WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE GETS AN EXTRA PLAYTIME

Y3 have the best attendance this week!