

# WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

Thank you to everybody who supported our **FriendsPTA** this week by attending the annual AGM. It was a very positive turnout and we are so pleased that with this turnout we will be able to carry on providing some fun fundraising activities for our children. Even a small amount of time helps and allows this wonderful community group to continue. Look out for some more upcoming events over the next few months. Thank you.


We had a wonderful turn out too for our **open day** on Tuesday for potential new starters next September. A special thank you to year 6 (and Miss Tuton for preparing them so well) who spoke to parents wonderfully about all the fantastic things that make up our school community and the reason they love it here so much. It is always a very proud day showing new parents around talking about everything we do so well and how amazing our children are. We have another one next Thursday so continue to spread the word if you know of any parents who have children starting school in September 25.

In recent weeks, I have been working with our estates and safeguarding team on ensuring our school environment is as **safe** as it possibly can be for our children. We have spent time examining the outdoor environment and staff procedures inside should we need to go into an invacuation or lockdown. You may notice over the coming months some changes to our outdoor areas that continue to add extra security to school. We will also have to go through some of these procedures with the children in a very sensitive manner so please do not be alarmed if the children come home and talk about this.

The children looked fabulous today in their '**odd socks**'. This national event allows the children to think about how it is ok to be different in support of 'anti-bullying week'. These are messages we are continually telling the children.

**Year 2** went on a great adventure yesterday to the Mad Museum and Butterfly farm in Stratford. The children had a super time learning about different mechanisms and seeing the wonderful creatures in the farm. I know they were on their best behaviour and represented our school so well. Well done year 2. Thank you to all our volunteers that allowed the trip to happen.

The children were extremely respectful on Monday when they took part in our 2 minute silence to remember our fallen soldiers on **Remembrance Day**. For the remainder of the day, the children took part in some Remembrance activities that really made the children think and reflect on such an important part of history. Thank you to Mrs Avill for organising another lovely day in school.

It's that exciting time of year again where we have the **book fair** in school. It will be in school from Monday 18th until Thursday 21st. Weather depending this will be on the playground at the end of the day. If it is bad weather, this will then be moved into the hall! We were able to raise £600 last year in total which means we were able to fully stock the library and the class libraries with exciting news books. Each time a book is brought, we get a percentage back to school to spend on books . We are excited to see you all there!

Please can I ask that **dogs** are not brought on to the playground and that outside of the school gate they are always kept on a lead.

Do not forget to complete your child's school immunisation paperwork to opt in or out of the **flu immunisation** happening in school in a couple of weeks.

## Some reminders of dates and procedures in school:

- **Ladybirds and years 1 and 2 nativities:** parents and other family members are welcome to attend. More specific info. On this will follow from teachers.
- **Christmas Craft Hour:** one adult please per child. (Parent, grandparent, aunt etc.). If possible no younger siblings.
- **Christmas Carol Concert:** this takes place at St. Editha's Church in Tamworth town centre. The children will walk there after lunch. Families are welcome to attend and it is always very busy. Children can go home with their adult from this or walk back to school with staff. More info. On this will follow.

Mrs Jones x

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds - Cian  
Year 1 - Luca  
Year 2 - Kobi  
Year 3 - Elsie  
Year 4 - Katherine  
Year 5 - Noah  
Year 6 - All of Y6



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Mia M  
Isabelle C  
Roo



## SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to Mrs C Robotham who won £3.90 last week and has very kindly donated this back to school. Thank you.

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

### November:

18th-22nd: Book Fair in school  
21st: Y3 to Tanglewood  
21st: Open morning for Sep 2025 intake (9.15am)  
25th: Y6 at Justice museum  
27th: Whole school flu immunisation  
29th: INSET day school closed

### December:

2nd: Rudolph Run  
3rd: Rudolph Run  
10th: Y1&Y2 nativity at St. Edithas Church 6pm  
13th: Ladybirds nativity at Elim Church 9am  
16th: Y4 to Derby Faith Trail  
16th: Y3 XMAS craft 9-10am  
16th: Y1 XMAS craft 2-3pm  
17th: Y2 XMAS craft 9-10am  
17th: Y4 XMAS craft 2-3pm  
18th: Y5 Xmas craft 9-10am  
18th: Whole school Christmas lunch  
19th: LB XMAS craft 9-10am  
19th: Y6 XMAS craft 2-3pm  
20th: Whole school carol concert (all welcome) At St Edithas 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

### March:

10th-14th: Y6 in Paris

### April:

7th: Y3&Y4 Easter production 6pm St. George's Church  
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 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

## 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)-

Akshaj N

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-

Busker -

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to all our badge winner this week!

**Bronze – Ted, Lucas (Yr3) Akshaj (Yr6)**

**Silver – Charlie (Yr1) Izzy, Zac, Maya, Martha (Yr3)  
Katherine (Yr4) Sylvia, Brody (Yr6)**

**Gold – Archie A (Yr3)**



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## ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 96.8%  
 Ladybirds: 99.2%  
 Year 1: 95.6%  
 Year 2: 96.8%  
 Year 3: 97.8%  
 Year 4: 98.6%  
 Year 5: 94.4%  
 Year 6: 95.4%

**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

Ladybirds have the best attendance this week!