

WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

We had a wonderful end to our week today with a very special visitor. This afternoon we came together in the school hall to welcome and listen to **Georgie Brayshaw**. Georgie won an Olympic gold medal in this year's Paris games in rowing and we were so lucky to listen to her inspiring journey. Georgie spoke to us about her journey to Olympic gold and how determination and resilience enabled her dream to come true. It fitted perfectly with what we speak to the children about each day. Each class then had the opportunity in their own classes to ask questions, have photos taken and touch the gold medal. Thank you to Georgie and Miss Tuton for this amazing opportunity. Yesterday, year 5 had a trip to **Tamworth Fire Station** for the annual 'safe and sound' workshops. Children learnt about the different components of a bank card and why it is important to keep our details safe, keeping safe along canals and rivers, how to do CPR, how to look for dangers in the home and how to call for help with an interactive experience. Children also had a talk from two police officers about what it means to be a good citizen. They completed the afternoon with sitting in a fire truck which they loved. A great free event held each year by our towns emergency services.

A reminder that our school office is closed now on a Friday afternoon from 2.15pm. Please do message myself or Mrs Nicholson if there is an urgent message.

On **Monday 7th October** at 3.30pm there will be a phonic workshop for all parents of Ladybirds and any year 1 parents who would like a refresher. The **workshop** will explain how we teach phonics each day and how you can help your child at home. Please come back round to the front entrance after collecting your child.

On **Tuesday 8th October** at 3.30pm we are also holding our parent meeting for children of year 4 who are attending **Whitemore Lakes**. Again please come back round to the front office after collecting your child.

The FriendsPTA will be holding our first **school disco** of the school year on **Monday 21st October**. You can book your child on to this via MCAS (from Monday) or children can pay on the door. The disco will be in the school hall and children can wear appropriate Halloween dress up if they want.

Ladybird, Year 1 and Year 2: 4pm-5pm

Years 3-6: 5.15pm-6.15pm

On Thursday 17th October, we will be leading the children up to St George's Church for our annual **Harvest Festival**. We will be collecting donations for Tamworth Foodbank that week so please send donations in if you can. Donations for the Foodbank will need to be non-perishable items like pasta, tins, packs etc.

Have a great weekend x

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds - Robin
Year 1 - Lola
Year 2 - Diana
Year 3 - Zac
Year 4 - Whole class
Year 5 - Euan
Year 6 - Ava



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Rylee
Phoebe
Lola-Mae
Archie H
Emilis
Gracie-Mae



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to Ms L Jones who won £4.50 last week.

We have raised £3080.40 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

October:

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

21st: **School Disco**

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

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

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)-

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to all our badge winner this week!

Bronze – *Hunter, Lucy, Emilia, James, Alexandru (Yr1)*

Theo, Mia, Zac, Archie A (Yr3)

Emilia P, Katherine (Yr4)

Toby, Chloe, James (Yr6)



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: 96.7%
 Ladybirds: 95.9%
 Year 1: 95.3%
 Year 2: 96.2%
 Year 3: 96%
 Year 4: 98.4%
 Year 5: 98.7%
 Year 6: 96.6%

**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

Y5 have the best attendance this week!