

WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of a half term. The past 8 weeks have gone so fast but have been full of excellent learning and so many exciting school events. We end the term with some exciting **staff news**.

Tomorrow, Miss Marsh will be getting married in the Lake District. We wish her and her husband to be Chris lots of luck and hope they has a super day. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Avril. Today we will also say goodbye for now to Mrs Bailey who is starting her maternity leave. Mrs Bailey is excitingly welcoming a baby boy in December. Mrs Douglas will be returning towards the end of autumn 2 term after her maternity leave also which we are very much looking forward too.

We began a very busy week with our **school improvement review**. Tracy Ruddle our school improvement partner spent Tuesday with myself and our leadership team looking through our school actions from her last visit and the impact on teaching and learning. As ever I was very proud of the team where we could showcase the amazing learning of the children and hard and dedicated work of the staff.

I am writing this newsletter having accompanied our year 4 class to **Whitemore Lakes** this week. Year 4 have had a brilliant few days completing lots of challenging outdoor adventures. Children have been zip wiring, completing a leap of faith, abseiling, team games and so much more. The children have represented our school superbly and have demonstrated so many of school values as well as resilience and team work skills. Thank you to Mr Neiland, Mrs Nicholson, Miss Marsh, Mrs Bannister and Mrs Price who took it in turns accompanying the children. I think they will all have a good sleep tonight!

Thank you to our FriendsPTA this week for who hosted our first **school disco** of the year. The children looked amazing with lots of dressed up Halloween characters. This could not happen without our PTA so please come along on the 12th November at 6pm at school for the PTA AGM to see how you can help and continue to raise money for the children.

This week the children have been taking part in celebrating '**Black History Month**'. Children all across school have been exploring the life and times of Nelson Mandela and the children have completed some excellent art work, writing and history. I look forward to seeing all of their learning brought together for our whole school display.

There is lots of availability still fro our **wrap around care** that begins after half term. Please follow links for more information.

As the weather begins to change please ensure that school **uniform** remains to the highest standard. We speak to the children frequently about starting the day with excellence and that starts with uniform. A reminder that wellingtons or boots can be worn to school win bad weather but children should then be changed into. Boots can not be worn. Also a reminder that winter PE kits should be plain black tracksuits or the school black tracksuit.

Have a great half term rest.

Mrs Jones x

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds - Kaden

Year 1 - Max

Year 2 - Ella

Year 3 - Daisy

Year 5 - Freddie

Year 6 - Noah



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Martha, Jaden, Aishpreet, Ivy, Bella, Jackson, Leon, Rosie, Kyran, Julian, Ilaria, Kobi



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to Mrs L Hughes 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:

4th: All ch. back to school
4th: Y5 to Warwick Castle
7th: Parents Evening (2-7pm)
12th: Open morning for Sep 2025 intake (9.15am)
12th: Friends PTA AGM 6pm in school
14th: Y2 to Mad Museum/Butterfly farm
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) 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 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

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)-

Isabel G

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-

Busker -

Akshaj

William MacGregor
Primary School
OPEN DAY

A LEARNING FAMILY THAT ACHIEVES THE UNDOABLE
WILLIAM MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

COME AND TAKE A
LOOK AROUND:
TUESDAY 12TH & 21ST
NOVEMBER AT 9.15AM

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ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 95.7%
 Ladybirds: 99.7%
 Year 1: 95.3%
 Year 2: 98.1%
 Year 3: 91.3%
 Year 4: 98.6%
 Year 5: 93.7%
 Year 6: 94.1%



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

Y4 have the best attendance this week!