

Principal's Update

This week has been filled with some exciting activities and opportunities for our pupils. Our Year 3 children enjoyed a fantastic Hockey Enrichment Day, developing their skills while having lots of fun.

We have also been busy in our Forest School area, where Miss Jehan and Miss Simmons have been undertaking Forest School training. We are looking forward to seeing how their new skills and ideas can further enrich our children's experiences outdoors.
Enjoy the weekend!

Big Thoughts

This week's big thoughts question linked to Nepal announcing that its tiger population has more than tripled because of their hard work in protecting them. This leads us to consider the question:

Do wild animals have as much right to the land as we do?

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get a free school meal. You do not need to apply, and you do not need to meet any rules. This is called Universal Infant Free School Meals. However, if your family gets certain benefits, we still ask you to apply for income-based free school meals. This helps our school get extra funding to support your child with things such as school trips and other education based activities.

If your child is in KS2 and you claim certain benefits, you may qualify for Free School Meals.

You can apply via the following link:

[Apply for Free School Meals](#)

Flip & Dippy's Circus

Flip & Dippy's Circus, The Greatest Show Ever is coming to school on Friday 2nd October! Doors open at 6pm with the show starting at 6:30pm. Tickets are £5 each and available to purchase from the office.



Walking to and from school

As the winter months approach, mornings and afternoons can be darker, colder and wetter. We would like to remind families about a few simple ways to help children stay safe when walking to and from school.

- **Be seen:** Encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing, particularly on dark mornings and afternoons.
- **Take care near roads:** Remind children to use pedestrian crossings where available, stop and look carefully before crossing, and avoid stepping into the road between parked cars.
- **Stay alert:** Headphones and mobile phones can distract children from traffic and other hazards, so encourage them to keep their attention on their surroundings.
- **Plan the route:** Choose a safe, familiar route with well-lit paths and crossings. In icy or wet weather, allow extra time so children don't feel rushed.
- **Keep warm:** Make sure children have suitable coats, hats, gloves and footwear for cold and wet conditions.



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, whoever and wherever they are

Cash only
please

Place: Birch Hall

Date: Friday 25th September 2026

Time: From 08:45am



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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (241017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (1042). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC20383

John Wheeldon PTFA's

AGM

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting to discuss plans for the coming year

Everyone is welcome!

Whether you've just joined JW or you've always been interested in helping out, we'd love to see some new faces!

**Tuesday 29th
September 2026**
in Birch Hall

3.30pm
(Children welcome)





HALF-TERM FUN AWAITS!

THEMED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE



MUMMY COMPETITION



CHOCOLATE APPLE DECORATING



MONSTER MASH DISCO



WIZARD & WITCH SCHOOL



FANCY DRESS



PUMPKIN HUNT

AND MORE!

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CAMP FIVE WAYS • WS12 2EZ	CAMP LITTLETON • WS12 4UD HAF
CAMP OAKRIDGE • ST17 0PR	CAMP PARKSIDE • ST16 1TH
CAMP COPPICE • B75 6TJ	CAMP OUTWOODS • DE13 0AS HAF

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Year 1

Jasper, Phoebe and Alora

Year 2

Oba, Poppy - Mae and Jackson

Year 3

Ronan, Anastasia and Pennie

Year 4

Isaac, Tala and Evelyn

Year 5

Alex S, Abdullah and Louie

Year 6

Harrison, Elizabeth and Lily B

Summer Reading Challenge Winners

Kasper (Y1), Mirha (Y1), Abigail (Y3), Kobi (Y4), Tejan (Y5), Oliver (Y6)

Additional Achievements

Jude (Y2) Football award

Maisie (Y1) Gymnastics and Dance award

Paisley (Y2) 10m swimming award

Willow (Y1) Dance and gymnastics award

Amber (Y4) Horseriding awards

Maryam (Y4) Tutoring certificate

Leah (Y3) Cricket medal



Key Dates 2026/27

Event:	Date:
Macmillan Coffee Morning	25 th September
Year 5 Black Country Museum Trip	29 th September
PTFA AGM Meeting	29 th September
Year 2 Stafford Castle Trip	1 st & 2 nd October
Flip & Dippy's Circus	2 nd October
Year 6 Paralympic Enrichment Day	5 th October
Year 1 Victoria Park Trip	20 th October
INSET DAY	23 rd October
Year 3 Team Building & Resilience Enrichment Day	4 th November
Year 6 Remembrance Service	9 th November
Year 4 Cheerleading Enrichment Day	17 th November
Year 3 Wolseley Bridge Trip	25 th November
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	10 th December
Year 1 Christmas Performance	15 th December at 2:30pm
INSET DAY	4 th January
Year 4 Laches Wood Trip	3 rd - 5 th February
Year 5 Egyptian Workshop	5 th February



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Year 3 Stone Age Workshop	25th February
Year 1 Ancient High House Trip	9th & 10th March
Year 2 Peak Wildlife Trip	17th March
Year 2 Inclusion Games Enrichment Day	23rd March
INSET DAY	25th March
EYFS Playground Games/Skipping Enrichment Day	26th April
INSET DAY	7th June
Year 2 West Kirby Beach Trip	23rd June
Year 1 Birches Valley	29th June