



# NEWSLETTER

Our Value for this half term is



Friday 21st March 2025

Welcome

This week we have been making the most of the Spring sunshine with lots of learning outside. It has been so lovely to see the children enjoying exploring nature in our learning garden, forest school and surrounding areas. It truly feels that Spring has sprung!

It has been a pleasure to welcome back some of our Webheath alumni, who visited our Year 6 cohort as part of their preparation to transfer to secondary school.

Another reminder to keep logging those miles for the MAT miles challenge. I have spotted children at parkrun this week, children out and about on their bikes and I know we have some families in training for longer challenges – well done everyone. Walking to school also clocks up the distance - remember every mile counts!

You can log your miles here: <https://forms.office.com/e/TmzBFd1hk6>



# Values—Respect

We have been careful to respect our outdoors environment this week as we have been exploring nature and new life, treading gently around budding flowers and respecting the habitats of minibeasts and the life in our school pond.

Here is a reminder of our respect value story:

Respect at Webheath is at our heart, demonstrated in every act of every day through our careful actions. From the listening ear, to the care of our environment that we all cherish; small actions make the difference here at Webheath. All our community have strengths they bring to the collective team that are recognised and admired. Out of the respect for each other, we respond, coach, support, challenge and drive forward to enable the team.

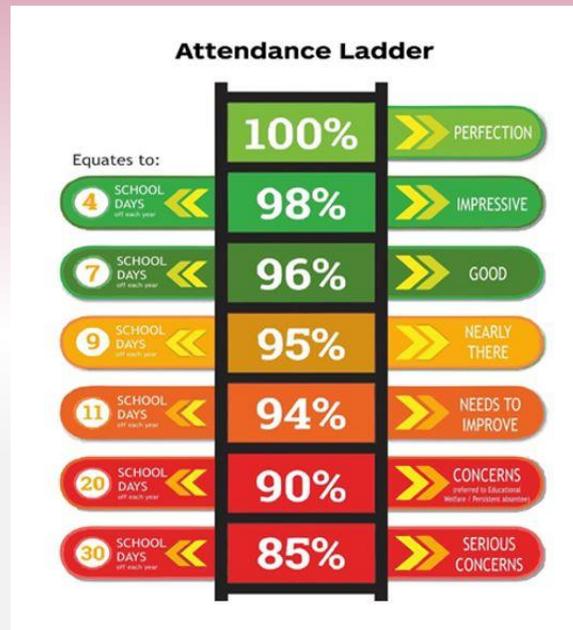


# Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 96.9%. This is an excellent figure for this week, and is our best weekly attendance this academic year. Well done all!

Congratulations to the Attendance Cup winners:  
2CB, 2JRKE, 1EM, with 98.6% - 4 marks missing  
Silver: 3KG, 4LC, 6MM with 98.2% - 5 marks missing  
Bronze: 5SS with 97.9% - 6 marks missing

Great effort everyone!



# Save the date!

Monday 24th March – Wednesday 26th March – Year 6 Residential trip

Monday 31st March – Open classroom Year R – Year 6 – 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesday 2nd April – MAT Showcase Artrix Theatre

Thursday 3rd April – Rocksteady concert 10:30am

Thursday 3rd April – Nursery Easter Family Event (Info on an email dated 19/03/25)

Friday 4th April – Dare to be different day – Chocolate donations

Monday 7th April – Online parents evening 4-7pm

Tuesday 8th April – Year 5 Tudor World trip

Wednesday 9th April – Online parents evening 4-7pm

Wednesday 9th April – Friends Chocolate Tombola after School 3.15pm

Wednesday 9th April – Class photographs and Year 6 leavers

Thursday 10th April – Year 4 Alexandra Theatre Visit – Horrible Histories

Friday 11th April – Respect value day and ambassador assembly

Friday 11th April – End of spring term 2

Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April – School opens for start of Summer term



# OPAL



OPAL's vision is that every child, in every school, has an amazing hour of high-quality play every day – with no exceptions. If one child is not enjoying playtimes, then things still need improving.

Our OPAL journey at Webheath has come on leaps and bounds over the past year and has substantially improved the play offer to our students, benefitting them in so many ways. With DW Sports now coming in 3 times a week, the children can boost their activity levels by participating in a variety of different activities. Furthermore, DW sports also gives them the opportunity to learn new skills, or perfect current skills. At least 60 children per lunchtime are taking advantage of this opportunity, demonstrating its importance and popularity.

Thank you DW Sports!!

In addition to this, the variety of play keeps expanding. We have a mud pit, gym equipment, water-based activities, fancy dress and role play, den building, small world play, circus toys, arts and crafts and soon a sand pit, spreading across 3 different areas. As a school, we are extremely proud of how far we have come with progressing our play offer and can't wait to see what else we can offer in the future!

Below are some comments from both staff and children, explaining how OPAL has improved lunch times for them:

"I like that if I get bored of what I'm doing, there is always something else exciting to go and try!"

"The lunchtime provision here is amazing, so many other schools I have been to need this. It really is fantastic!"

"If your lonely, you can go and sit on the buddy bench, and someone will see if you want to play with them. We can make more friends!"

"I can play with my sister now!"

"Lessons can start quicker after lunch, as the amount of lunch time incidents has decreased!"

## Donations:

We are always looking out for new resources to keep the children excited and engaged in play. With our new sandpit close to completion, any sand play toys would be much appreciated. This could include plastic buckets and spades, sieves and moulds etc.

Further to this we are always on the lookout for large loose parts for the children to explore. For example; guttering, car tyres, planks of wood, oil drums, supermarket bread baskets and piping.

Small toy cars and the plastic ball pit balls are also a very popular item for the children to play with and something that we are unfortunately running out of very quickly.

Finally, some of our scooters are now on their last legs, so any further scooter or wheel play items, would be much appreciated!



Thanks to the hard work, of our very handy handyman Gary, the sandpit is almost complete! The children were so excited to see the sand being put in this week!



Our large loose parts for den building and other play is always getting bigger!



With the good weather showing itself this week, the children have loved getting back in the mud pit. One group of children are currently digging a hole, with the aim of reaching Australia – good luck to them!



We finally got the water back out, with the weather being so nice. The children loved this and created some amazing water runs!



## Redditch Library Visit to Reception

On Monday, Charlie and Martin from Redditch Library came to visit Reception. Charlie read some wonderful books (some of which involved lots of joining in with actions!) and the children also enjoyed some of their favourite stories, such as *The Gruffalo* and *Kitchen Disco!* Martin told us all about the different clubs the children can attend for free at the library and we all had a go at some Lego challenges. The children were all inspired to try to visit the library in the near future.



## Shires Super League Bench ball tournament!

On Wednesday, a group of children from KS2 represented Webheath in the Shires Super League Bench ball event at North Bromsgrove High School. It was a fun-filled day, competing against 2 other schools from within the Shires Trust. All the children represented our school in the best way possible, proving themselves as an asset to the school! A huge well done to all involved.

We're already looking forward to our next Shires Super League event...



## National Careers Week

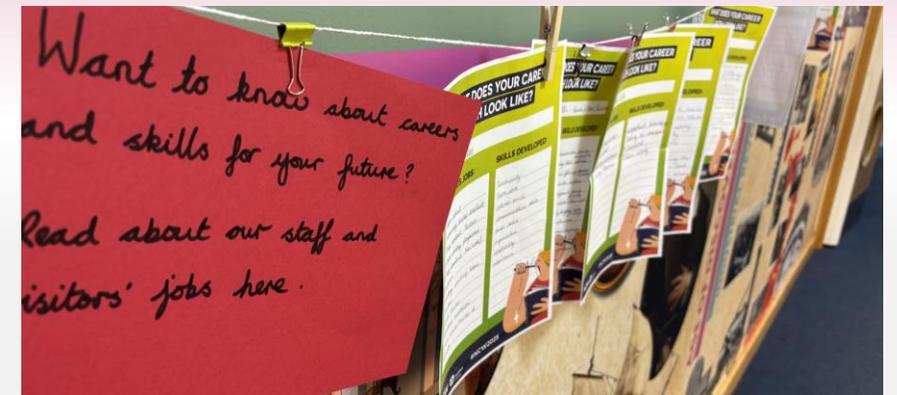
A butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker... what a wonderful fortnight we've had thinking about our future!

We were fortunate to have visitors from our community in school from a variety of professions to talk about their jobs. Once again, thank you so much to our Webheath parents, wider family members, local business owners and our staff's family members for giving up their time to join our careers assembly.

The children have also been learning all about the past careers of our staff and visitors and the transferrable skills they gained along the way – who'd have thought we had a cheese merchant, a dairy farmer and a banker amongst our wonderful team!

There has been a real buzz around school (including the staffroom) these last few weeks as the children and staff have shared stories of jobs old and new.

We look forward to hearing the winner of the 'My Future Self' Shires MAT Competition too!  
Thank you to all those who entered.



## Open Classrooms and Parents Evenings

As you will see from the Save the dates, our open classroom event is being held on Monday 31st March, and parents evenings are the week commencing 7th April. Please find attached a letter with more information. We will also be relaunching Showbie, with parent access. This will enable families to find out more about what the children are learning and achieving in school. Information will go out at the end of next week explaining this in detail so please look out for that in both your email inbox and in your child's book bag!



## Healthy School Reminder! 🍏 🥕



Just a friendly reminder that we are a Healthy School, and we encourage children to bring nutritious snacks for break time. Fresh fruit, veggies, and other healthy options help keep energy levels up and minds focused for learning. There is always spare fruit or veg in school if your child has forgotten a snack and is feeling peckish. All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) are offered government funded fruit or veg snacks every day and there is a salad bar available at lunchtime for all children who are having school dinners to top up their 5 a day.

Thank you for your support in promoting healthy habits. 🥗 ❤️

# Community News

## Shires Mat Charity Run

Thank you to the community for coming out to support and encourage the amazing staff at across the Trust who ran 24 miles from North Bromsgrove High School to each of the schools in the MAT and back again! Massive well done to our very own Mrs Woodward and Miss Harris who joined the runners for the last leg along with one of our dads; Simon Gladstone.



## wild Tribe Holiday Club

We have been asked to share some information about wild Tribes Holiday club. As with other holiday clubs we are not affiliated with this or any other holiday club but feel it's helpful to share with our parents and carers opportunities in the community for our children. This Holiday club takes a different approach to many sports-based camps as its based outside in a forest. Please see the attached flyer for days, times and how to book.

Let's hope for more sunshine this weekend - see you all on Monday for another busy week here at webheath!