

Newsletter 27.11.25

Dear Families,

Welcome to our November newsletter. It was quite a shock to the system to return to very wet and windy weather, followed by the frost but we haven't let that slow us down!

The children have been really enjoying their learning and I have seen some wonderful work in all the year groups where the children have really demonstrated their ZEST for learning. Particular highlights that have stood out for me this month have been Year 5's work on the Mayans, Receptions Nursery Rhyme Day, how brilliantly the Year 1 children adapted to their trip being cancelled and the lovely activities that the staff team planned for them, Year 4s passion for creating parking tickets to support us in our drive to make the school drop off and pick up safer and much more.

This half term our school value of focus is **KINDNESS**.

We are soon starting the count down to Christmas where I know that the children will continue to meet our high expectations whilst making the most of the festive activities

Mrs Gordon

Stars of The Week

We are super proud of our stars over the last 4 weeks:

Reception

Ivy B, Parker, Eric, Maeve, Nevaeh M, Arlo, Iris T, Arabella, Primrose

Year 1

Iris, Ted C, Bella P, Freddie, Wilson, Ivy

Year 2

Thomas S, Lacey, Hudson, Logan B, Bella, Orla, Kyra, Harry

Year 3

Finley, Phoebe, Hadley, Mireya, Romee, Henry, Leo R, Milo

Year 4

Eli S, George O, Logan, Vinnie, Poppy M, Ruby, Josie, Mai

Year 5

Sophia, Rubyrose, Taylor S, Lauren, Niamh, Oscar D, Jake V, Millie

Year 6

Jack E, Ariana, Kiera, Oscar B, Mia, Tia, Sofia, Kasen

Opal

Hugo 4KH, Harper, Harper-Raine RHH, Ethan S 6CB

WAC

Layla 6EC/CT, Atlas E 1FT, Callum J 3LC, Rose B 4KH

Attendance



Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the children are in school, on time, every day.

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 95.6%, which is just above the national average.

We are in competition with both Feckenham and Astwood Bank Primaries who are still just ahead of us (by 0.3% so we are closing the gap) help us to get ahead of them before the Christmas break!

Congratulations to the attendance cup winners over the last few weeks:

🏆 Gold:

🥈 Silver:

🥉 Bronze:

Diary Dates

Here are the next few weeks dates for you to be aware of:

Wednesday 3rd December – Deadline for toy donations to ‘Make Christmas Special’ Toy Appeal (please send in to school with children and they will be directed to a drop off point. Or bring to the office)

Thursday 4th December – Nursery Festive Family Fun Event 1:30 – 2:30pm (further details in email on 21st November – 1 adult per child, enter via the office)

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre 3:30 - 5:30pm (please note the Village Hall will close their gates to parking at 1pm as they have their own event on after ours's)

Monday 8th December – Year 1 Festive Family Fun Event 1.30 - 2.30 (details to follow)

Monday 8th December – Choir singing at the Brambles 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th December – Reception Nativity 9.30am (More information is to follow)

Tuesday 9th December - Year 3 Festive Family Fun Event 1:30pm-2:30pm (details to follow)

Wednesday 10th December - Year 6 Family Festive Fun 9.15-10.15 (details to follow)

Wednesday 10th December- Year 4 Festive Family Fun Event 2.00 - 3.00pm (details to follow)

Wednesday 10th December – MAT Christmas concert at St Stephen’s Church, Redditch, 6.00pm

Thursday 11th December – Reception Nativity 1.30pm (details to follow)

Friday 12th December - Kindness Value Day and ambassador assembly

Friday 12th December - Year 5 Festive Family Fun Event 9.15 - 10.15am (details to follow)

Monday 15th December – Y2 Festive Family Fun Event 1.30-2.30pm (details to follow)

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Party Day – non uniform, buffet lunch (order in the usual way on Parentpay)

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas dinner day (order in the usual way on Parentpay)

Thursday 18th December – Rocksteady pupils’ concert to parents 10.15am

Friday 19th December – Last day of term

Reminders



Reminder to Parents: If your child is scheduled to attend an after-school sports club but you choose to take them home at the end of the school day instead, please inform the school office. This helps us keep accurate records and ensures all children are accounted for safely. Thank you!

Raffle Tickets

Just a little reminder to get your raffle tickets stubs and money into school as early into next week as possible so the 'Friends' can get you entered into the raffle. We also have plenty of extra books if anyone would like to collect from the office.

- A month of martial arts tuition with Matt Fiddes
- A luxury food hamper from co-op, Crabbs Cross
- Two £50 Amazon Vouchers
- A Meccano 3 in 1 Space Set
- Two adult spa day passes - Everyone Active, Bromsgrove
- A game of bowling for 6 people at Tenpin, Redditch
- A Nandos combo meal for two
- The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Cheese Touch Board Game
- A free personalised book from Wonderbly
- A free teepee as part of a £20 party package with Sleepy Teepees, Bromsgrove
- A Sienna X spray tan at Glow Tans West Midlands
- A £20 voucher for Becketts Farm Shop and Restaurant
- Buckaroo
- Bottle Flip Challenge Game
- Monopoly Junior
- A Royal Worcester 3 piece children's dinner set
- Clip n Climb passes to be won
- Star Wars Mandalorian jigsaws
- Harry Potter games compendium



🎅 ✨ Ho Ho Ho! The Christmas Fayre Is Nearly Here! ✨ 🎅

The Friends Association can't wait to welcome you all to our **magical Christmas Fayre on Friday 5th December, 3.30pm–5.30pm!**

Step into the festive fun with our **Santa's Grotto**, sweet treats like **candy floss and cakes**, sparkling **craft stalls**, and plenty of jolly games including **Knock the Elf off the Shelf**, **Pop a Bauble**, and lots more seasonal silliness!

🎁 **Don't forget our Big Christmas Raffle at 5pm!**

Tickets have come home in book bags and the office have more should you want them—don't miss your chance to win some truly **fantastic festive prizes!**

✨ **Raffle Prizes Include:**

- 🎄 ASUS Vivobook 16" laptop donated by Fix IT PC Services
- 🎄 One-month family guest pass for all facilities at David Lloyd Gym, Bromsgrove
- 🎄 M&S "Delights of Christmas" Food Hamper donated by David Aggregates
- 🎄 Family ticket to *Aladdin* at The Palace Theatre, Redditch
- 🎄 Pamper session for you + 3 guests with Prosecco at Magsamillion Clinic, Webheath
- 🎄 One month of martial arts tuition with Matt Fiddes
- 🎄 Luxury food hamper from Co-op, Crabbs Cross
- 🎄 Two £50 Amazon vouchers
- 🎄 Meccano 3-in-1 Space Set

- 🎄 Two adult spa day passes at Everyone Active, Bromsgrove
- 🎄 Bowling for 6 at Tenpin, Redditch
- 🎄 Nando's combo meal for two
- 🎄 *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cheese Touch* board game
- 🎄 Free personalised book from Wonderbly
- 🎄 Free teepee with a £20 party package from Sleepy Teepees, Bromsgrove
- 🎄 Sienna X spray tan at Glow Tans West Midlands
- 🎄 £20 voucher for Becketts Farm Shop & Restaurant
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🎄 ✨ It's going to be a wonderfully festive afternoon—see you there! ✨ 🎄

Webheath Remembers



We were so incredibly proud of the children in Years 1-6 when we visited the church on Remembrance day. Every child demonstrated out school value of **RESPECT** through their behaviour and actions. Year 6 read a poignant poem to support us in reflecting on the sacrifices made by so many and the choir sang beautifully.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mayne for organising the event on her day off and please see the wonderful feedback from Rev Sara Jayne

I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for bringing all the children to St Philip's today for the outdoor service and for taking the time to visit the poppy cascade inside the church. It was wonderful to see the whole school gathered together, showing such respect and reflection.

The children were an absolute credit to you – so well behaved, full of curiosity, and unfailingly polite. Their thoughtful engagement and participation made the morning truly special for everyone involved.

We're always delighted to welcome Webheath Academy to St Philip's and value our growing partnership with the school. Opportunities like today remind us how powerful it is when we come together to learn, reflect and remember.

With thanks and warm regards,

Rev Sarah Jayne

Vicar, St Philip's Webheath

















Message from Mrs Mayne

The children walked to St Philip's Church and took part in a service and 2 minutes silence to pay respect to those who have lost their lives due towards. The head girl and boy read out the names of those fallen from Webheath, Year 6 recited the poem "in Flounders Fields" and the choir sang a very moving rendition of "You Raise Me Up." We couldn't be prouder of the children who rose to the occasion and really showed our school value of respect.

Anti bullying week

Our school proudly took part in **Anti-Bullying Week**, joining thousands of schools across the country in promoting kindness, respect, and inclusion. To mark the week, pupils and staff came to school wearing **odd socks**—a fun and colourful reminder that it's great to be different. 🧦🧦



Lee Trundle - footballer visit



On Wednesday 12th November, we were joined by ex-professional footballer Lee Trundle, who played for Swansea, Walsall and other professional clubs. He told the children about his sporting experiences growing up, training methods and nutritional diet. He explained why discipline has been so important to his successful career and the children were left feeling inspired!

Don't forget...

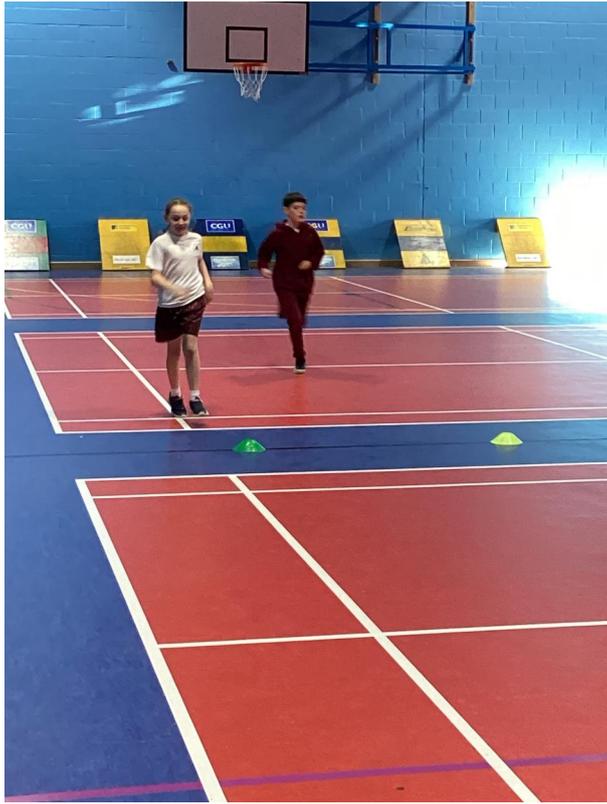
Lee has kindly offered each child at Webheath a **free** ticket to his Tradie Event which brings you an all-star line-up of celebrities competing in a charity football match in support of Men's Mental Health. This is taking place at Redditch United on 30th November. You need to purchase an adult ticket to get a free child place, please use the discount code CODE CHILD100 and click on the link below:

<https://www.skiddle.com/e/41373283>



Primary Winter Olympics

On Tuesday 25th November, pupils from Webheath, Astwood Bank, and Feckenham came together for the Shires MAT Primary Winter Olympics. It was a brilliant day filled with fun and teamwork as children competed in a range of exciting indoor athletics events, including relay, parlauf, shot put, speed bounce, long jump, and high jump. Well done to everyone who took part – what a fantastic celebration of sporting spirit!





NEW PE Kit launch!



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Parents and Carers... We are excited to share with you a preview of our new PE kit, which includes updated PE T-shirts, shorts, and skorts! We will be keeping our existing burgundy hoodies and tracksuit bottoms. 🧥

The new items are adult-friendly and made from sports performance material — they dry quickly and do not require ironing. The shorts and skorts will be **plain black**, while the T-shirt will be **burgundy with our school logo**.

These items will be available to order from our recommended retailers over the next few days. Links can be found on our school website. 🛒

Please note that the **white T-shirts and burgundy shadow shorts have now been discontinued**, and will no longer be available to order.

We will begin phasing in the new PE kit from **Monday 1st December 2025**, with the kit becoming **compulsory from September 2026**.

Thank you for your continued support.







District Cross Country

On Friday 7th November, a group of children proudly represented Webheath at the Redditch District Cross Country Event after qualifying in our school event earlier this autumn.

Everyone gave a fantastic effort! Children who finished in the top 8 will be contacted soon with details about the upcoming finals once results are confirmed.

REDDITCH MISSION AREA Make Christmas Special Toy Appeal



Where can you donate?

St Stephen's Church (10am - 2pm Monday to Friday)

Kingfisher Guest Services
Redditch Standard Offices



Revitalising REDDITCH
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Redditch Mission Area



Kingfisher
Redditch



With special thanks to:

For more information, contact 07484 641416
or email: makechristmasspecial@gmail.com

This year, we will be continuing to support local families in need by participating in the Make Christmas Special Toy Appeal. They provide an opportunity for families facing hardship to select gifts for their children for Christmas (poster attached). If you are able to, and would like to donate, please bring toys into school by **Wednesday 3rd December**.

- The toys must be new and unwrapped
- Toys can be suitable for any age from babies up to, and including, teenagers.

Last year, the charity organisers were overwhelmed by Webheath's contribution and I know this year, they are expecting to support even more families so your donations will be gratefully received.

Friends Association



School Dinner Price Update

We would like to inform parents and carers that, **in line with current pricing**, the cost of school hot dinners will increase from **£2.60 to £2.65**.

This change will take effect from **6th January 2026**.

Updated Consents for visits

Please be advised that going forwards you will be required to consent for all trips on Arbor **in addition to providing payment** on ParentPay (where payment is required). All consent for visits outside school must be via Arbor as we cannot accept verbal consent. We are implementing these changes in response to requirements from the local authority. We apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause but we are sure you will agree that the children's safety is our shared priority.

Please follow these steps to consent on Arbor for all visits-

Log on to Arbor – quick actions – trips – trips open to (childs name) - sign up (childs name) for trip – green button – add consent by ticking the box.

Lumi Nova - Additional therapeutic toolkit and information



Lumi Nova is a digital therapeutic game supporting children with fears, worries and anxiety. This is now live in Herefordshire & Worcestershire and instantly accessible to families by visiting:

luminova.app/handw

Clubs and Community Links

Christmas Big Bounce Event

This Christmas the Big Bounce Event comes to local Leisure centres during December & the Christmas school holidays, bringing lots of inflatable fun for primary aged school children.

SAVE 20% Discount code Please use code "SCH20" to save up to 20% on tickets by going direct to our website and enter discount code at checkout.

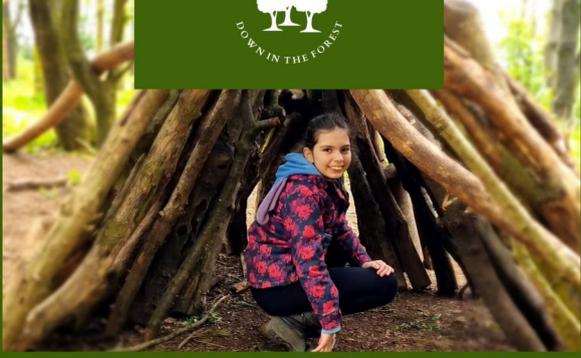
A BIG thank you to everyone who has helped promote & participate at Big Bounce previously, to date they have raised over £15,500 for Teenage Cancer Trust.

www.thebestfun.co.uk

A festive poster for the Christmas 2025 Big Bounce event. The poster is colorful and features a central illustration of a child in a red and white elf costume. Text on the poster includes: 'Christmas 2025 Big Bounce', 'Huge Indoor Inflatable Play Event', 'SAVE 20% IN NOVEMBER USE CODE EARLY20', 'Unlimited Play on a Arena Full of Supervised Inflatables & Interactive Games', 'Festive Fun for Primary School Aged Children', 'Meet the GRINCH!', 'BOOK NOW!', 'www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk', '*** ATTRACTIONS ***', 'Christmas Winter Wonderland Snow Globes', 'Rockin' Redcap Run! - Festive Treasure Hunt', 'Slides - Obstacle Courses - Sports Games', 'Champion Challenges - Disco Dome - Sticker Time', 'Bungee Run - Wrecking Ball - Leap of Faith', 'Nerd Shootout - Wigout Sweeps - Under the Snow', 'Festive Soundtrack - Character Meet & Greet', 'Refreshments Only £1 - Media Moments', 'BOOK NOW!', 'www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk', and 'WIN FREE TICKETS & Discount Code Savings HERE' with a QR code.

Down in the Forest - Holiday club

Down in the Forest offer a range of fun, engaging activities and nutritious meals during the winter break. HAF places available. Running at The Peck Wood Centre, Rowney Green Lane, Alvechurch on the following dates:



FREE Forest School HAF Holiday Club!
Fun outdoor activities, nature play, bushcraft, games & FREE healthy meals!
Peckwood Centre, Rowney Green Lane, Alvechurch, B48 7QE
For children eligible for Free School Meals (HAF)
Limited Spaces – book now!
<https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/worcestershire/37001>

Monday 22nd and 29th December 2025 - 9am - 1pm
Tuesday 23rd and 30th December 2025 - 9am - 1pm.

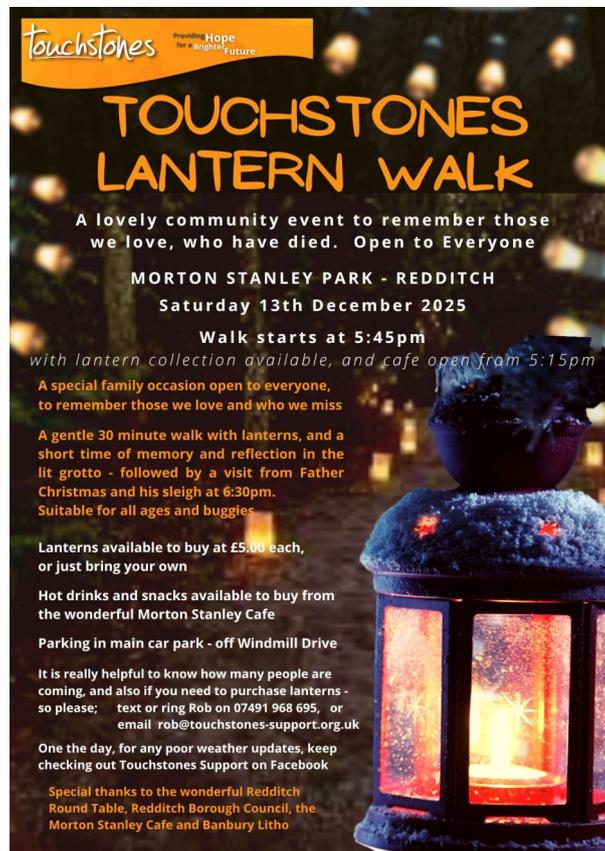
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Christmas at Botany Bay

Botany Bay have asked us to share this image and information with you. Some of our wonderful children in wrap around care have created a Santa to Represent Webheath Academy Primary school and these will be on display in December!

A vertical poster for the Touchstones Lantern Walk. The background is dark with warm, glowing bokeh lights. On the right side, there is a close-up of a lit lantern with a warm glow and a small Santa Claus figurine on top. The text is centered and reads: 'touchstones Providing Hope for a Brighter Future' in the top left corner. The main title 'TOUCHSTONES LANTERN WALK' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the text says 'A lovely community event to remember those we love, who have died. Open to Everyone'. The location and date are 'MORTON STANLEY PARK - REDDITCH Saturday 13th December 2025'. The start time is 'Walk starts at 5:45pm with lantern collection available, and cafe open from 5:15pm'. There are three paragraphs of details: 'A special family occasion open to everyone, to remember those we love and who we miss', 'A gentle 30 minute walk with lanterns, and a short time of memory and reflection in the lit grotto - followed by a visit from Father Christmas and his sleigh at 6:30pm. Suitable for all ages and buggies.', and 'Lanterns available to buy at £5.00 each, or just bring your own'. There are also notes about hot drinks and snacks available from the Morton Stanley Cafe, parking in the main car park off Windmill Drive, and contact information for Rob (07491 968 695 or rob@touchstones-support.org.uk). A note says 'One the day, for any poor weather updates, keep checking out Touchstones Support on Facebook'. At the bottom, it says 'Special thanks to the wonderful Redditch Round Table, Redditch Borough Council, the Morton Stanley Cafe and Banbury Litho'.

Touchstone Lantern Walk at Moreton Stanley Park

We have used the services of Touchstones for many years for some of our bereaved children and they have asked us to share information about their lantern walk on 13th December:

We are once again holding our lovely Community Lantern Walk of Remembrance – this year on Saturday 13th December in Morton Stanley Park. It is open to anyone who wants to walk to remember someone special. It's a short walk which is pushchair/granny friendly, and after a quiet time of remembering in a lantern lit copse, we return to the carpark for hot drinks and a visit from Santa on his sleigh/lorry (courtesy of the wonderful folk at the Redditch Round Table)!

It isn't a fundraiser as there is no charge. People can bring their own lanterns, or choose to buy one of ours, which they keep.