

Newsletter 31.01.26

Dear Families,

This half term, children across the school have been exploring our value of **zest** in lots of different ways including the picture book *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. We talked about what it means to approach learning with enthusiasm, energy, and a willingness to “have a go” — even when something feels challenging at first.

The children reflected on how small steps can lead to big changes, and how showing zest isn't about being perfect, but about trying, persevering, and encouraging others. It was wonderful to hear pupils of all ages sharing ideas about how they can show zest in their learning and play.

You might like to continue the conversation at home by asking your child how they can “make their mark” and show zest this week, whether that's by trying something new, sticking with a tricky task, or supporting a friend.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Gordon

Attendance

The weather earlier in the month gave us some challenges but we were pleased to be able to keep school open throughout! Thank you for your support and flexibility when getting your children in to school.

it's time now to fend off the Winter bugs. Good hand hygiene is a key to preventing the spread of these bugs. I thought it would be useful to reshare resources you can use with your child here: [Clean hands, safe hands | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Just a reminder, if you have any concerns about whether you should send your child to school, you can get advice here: [Is my child to ill for school?](#)

The updated Shires MAT attendance policy is now available on the school website. Please take time to familiarise yourself with it, including our Webheath specific appendix.

Our whole school attendance so far this year is **95.8%**, which is just above the national average. Our aim is to increase this to at least 96% by the end of the year - lets all work together to reach this target!

Congratulations to the attendance cup winners so far this half terms:

 Gold: 1FT, 5KG, 2ET

 Silver: 1ZP, 1FT, 5KG

 Bronze: 2ET, 3MM, 5SS

The Autumn 2 half term winners were:

1st: 6EC/CT with 97.51%

2nd: 3LC with 96.87%

3rd: 5KG with 96.67%

Well done to these classes, keep up the great work - let's see whether they can be beaten this term...!

Stars of the Week



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

Reception

Brylee, Rylee, Carter, Lexi

Year 1

Ani, Bear, Lily, Nikita

Year 2

Rupert, Thomas P, Madison, Freya B

Year 3

Finley, Archie, Freddie, Perry

Year 4

Jacob F, Daniel C, Alfie B, Hugo W

Year 5

Alex H, Jack O, Dexter, Jacob

Year 6

Violet C, Brody, Violet T, Stanley M

Opal

Mai (4KE)

WAC

Jake (5SS), Tommy (2JR), Poppy (4KH)

Maths Worskops

You will have received the email dated 13th January from Miss Tyler detailing the Maths Workshops, for every year group except year 3, your dates are below in February and March. A reminder of Miss Tylers email:

We would like to warmly invite for a Maths Workshop in school. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to see some of the approaches we use to support children in developing confidence and fluency in Maths.

Where possible, we kindly request that only one adult attend due to space considerations. Please enter through the main office, where a member of staff will be on hand to meet and greet you.

During the session, there will be a short introduction to KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) and how these support the development of quick recall and fluency—an important part of each child's Maths journey throughout school. We will also share ideas on how you can support your child at home with their KIRFs.

Adults and children will then have the chance to take part in a range of practical activities together. After the workshop, children will return to their classes and remain in school until normal collection at the end of the day.

If you are unable to attend, the materials from the session will be made available on the school website afterwards so that all families can access the information.

We hope you are able to join us and look forward to seeing you there.

Year group

Date and time for workshop

Nursery - Thursday - 5th March 1:30-2:30pm

Reception - Friday 6th Feb 9:15- 10:00

Year 1 - Tuesday 24th Feb 9:15-10:00

Year 2 - Thursday 5th Feb 2:00-2:40

Year 4 - Thursday 5th Feb 9:15 – 10:00

Year 5 - Monday 2nd Feb 2:15 – 2:55

Year 6 - Friday 13th February 9.00 – 9.40am

Panto!

We enjoyed a fantastic pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty from M&M Productions in school during the first week back, which was the perfect way to fend off the winter blues. It was a wonderful start to the term, full of fun, laughter and real zest—our value focus this half term. A huge thank you to the Friends Association for generously funding this experience for our children.





Young Voices

Our KS2 choir had an amazing time performing at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham, joining thousands of children from across the country in a spectacular arena performance. The pupils sang brilliantly, behaved impeccably, and represented the school with pride throughout the day.

A big thank you to staff and families for their support — and a huge well done to our fantastic singers for such a memorable experience!





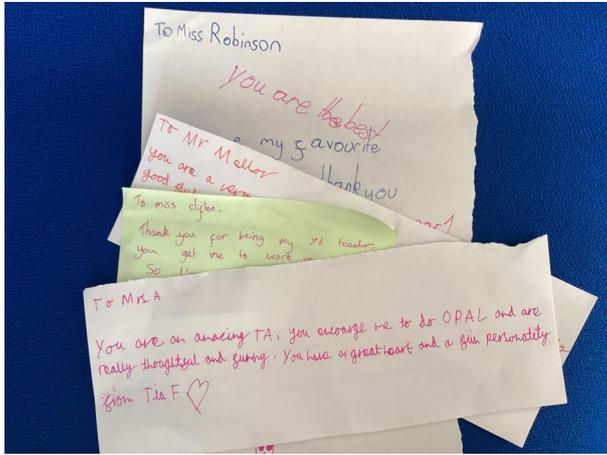
Winter Wellness Week 19th -23rd January

Webheath Winter Wellness Week has supported both minds and bodies across school. Here are some of the highlights:

- Reception focused on warm and cosy moments through creative woolly hats.
- Every classroom bloomed with daffodils to brighten the darker days.
- Year 5 boosted their physical and mental health with Super Movers
- Year 1 and Year 3 enjoyed mindfulness colouring and sharing positive affirmations.
- Year 6 created notes of appreciation and enjoyed some wellbeing fitness focusing on resilience

A wonderful week of well-being and positivity.









Fire Safety

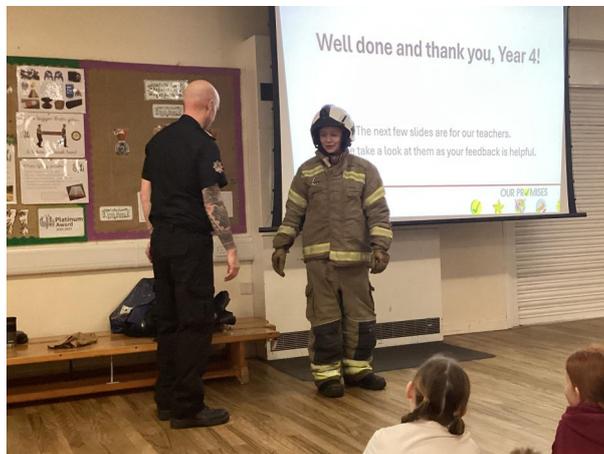
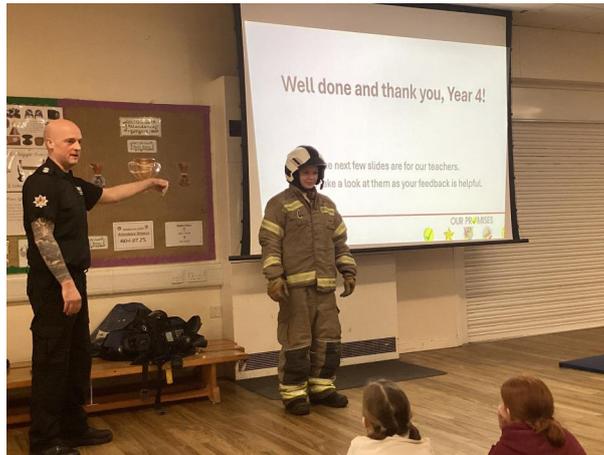
Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic visit from the fire service, where they learned all about fire safety, water safety and car safety. The children listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions and really impressed our visitor with their enthusiasm and sensible attitudes. It was a valuable opportunity to learn how to keep themselves and others safe, both at home and in the community - a great afternoon all round! This visit was made possible due to a member of our parent community, a big thank you to Mr Day for organising this for our children.

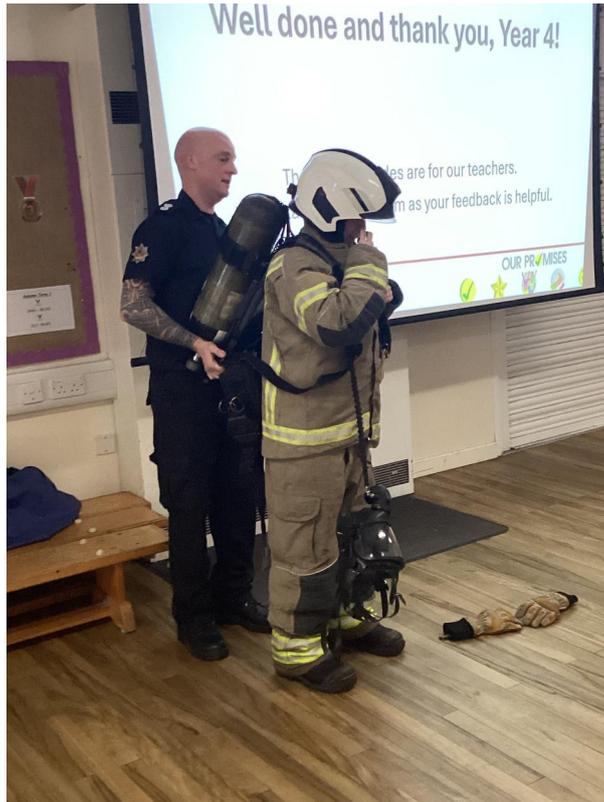
If you are a member of our Webheath community and you have a connection to a service or business that you think would enrich our children's personal development, please get in touch with the school office. We would love to hear from you!













Roman Day in Year 3

The children had a brilliant time with the Roman visitor Dominus, They tested their skills at Roman games. They handled a variety of genuine and replica artefacts and looked at the changes the romans brought to Britannia when they invaded. In addition, they joined a legion and learnt Latin commands to create different attack formations.

Then we learnt about Queen Boudicca of the Iceni tribe and how they held up against a Legion of trained soldiers.

The day concluded with a visit to Caesar's amphitheatre know today as the coliseum. The children experienced all the coliseum has to offer from dancers, animals and even a public execution!









Year 6 RAF Cosford



On Tuesday 20th January, Year 6 visited RAF Cosford Museum as part of their History topic on WW2. Children took part in a range of workshops and even had the opportunity to experience what it would have been like to be a real-life pilot through the flight simulator. The trip was a truly enjoyable experience and the children learnt so much. 6

Webheath Snow Day

Thank you to everyone for braving the snow. It was a calm day in school, well balanced between learning and fun in the snow. The children had lots of fun alongside their learning and thoroughly enjoyed the day.









Reminders



Parents' Evenings are on 9th and 12th February - currently we have 58 parents who don't have an appointment booked for their child/children.

Fun Hair Day - Friday 13th February



On Friday 13th February, children will need to come into school in normal Friday uniform but are invited to wear their hair styled in a fun and creative way, in celebration of our school value of zest. This is in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 which you pay via Parentpay and should be live as you read this. Donations can be higher than the suggested £1 if you so choose. Funds will go to our Friends association which in term make their way back to the children. See the section below about what Friends do and how they have helped the children of Webheath Academy.

Friends Association





The Friends Association

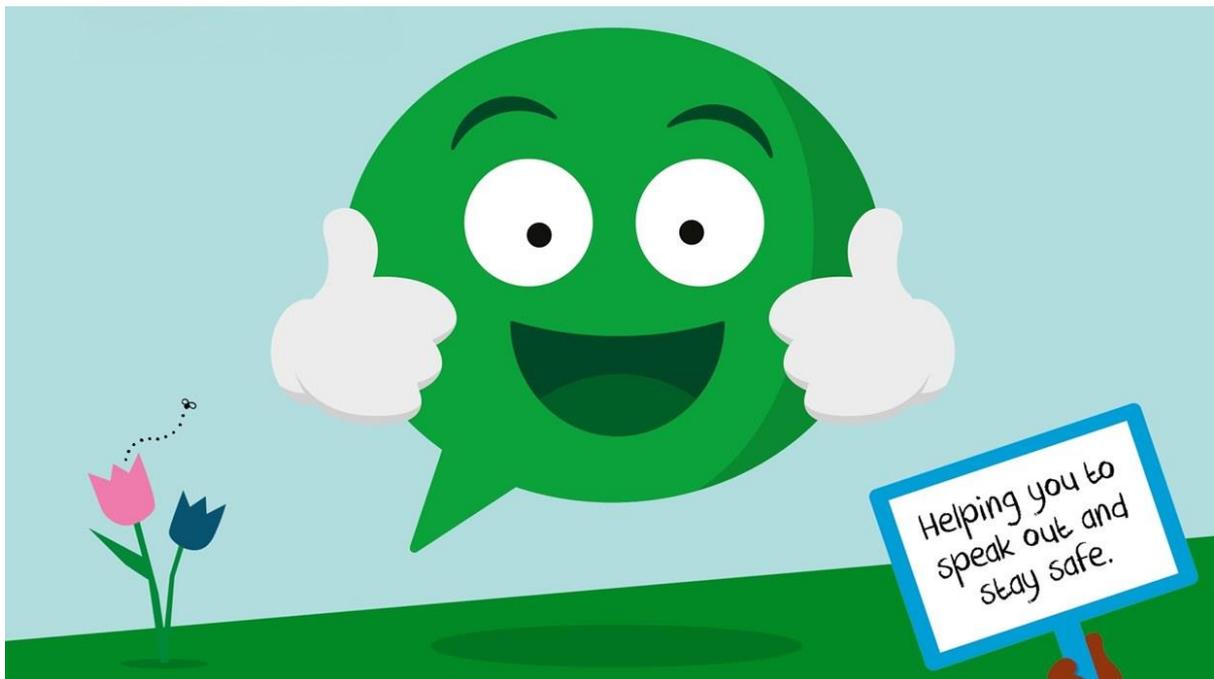
Who we are and what we do:

<https://webheath.worcs.sch.uk/key-information/friends-of-webheath/>

Join our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1245770362115411/>

NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe.



We are pleased to be taking part in the NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe programme of learning next half term, consisting of class assemblies, follow up learning for all year groups R-6, and work shops for Y2, 4 and 5.

There is a letter attached to this newsletter email, outlining more details of the programme.

Webheath Area parking, driving and conduct

We would like to make parents and carers aware that local residents regularly pick up children's after-school snack litter from the surrounding area and have shared images with us. This is something they do daily. We kindly ask that you support us by reminding children to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.

We also ask everyone to be considerate when parking near the school. Please remember:

- Do not park with all four wheels on the pavement, as this restricts pedestrian access
- Do not park on double yellow lines unless a valid disabled badge is clearly displayed
- Be mindful that buses and emergency vehicles need clear access and cannot pass when roads are narrowed by parking on both sides

As a school, we are part of a wider community and it is important that we are considerate of one another.

We appreciate parents and residents keeping us informed about parking issues and any hostile parking-related situations. However, there is very little the school can do to address these directly. Parking concerns should be reported to West Mercia Police via www.westmercia.police.uk/report or by calling **101**.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Community Links

AU Sports Clubs - February half term

Their holiday club will run Monday to Friday during February half-term at St Augustine's High School in Redditch. They offer multi-sports clubs everyday, as well as specific days for netball, football, dance and gymnastics.

Please see the photo information attached.

We are not affiliated with these clubs, we are just passing the information on to parents who may need to use the clubs

HOLIDAY CLUB
February Half Term

Monday 16 Feb Multi Sports	Thursday 19 Feb Multi Sports & Gymnastics
Tuesday 17 Feb Multi Sports & Netball	Friday 20 Feb Multi Sports
Wednesday 18 Feb Multi Sports & Football	

AU SPORTS
Sports Coaching

AU MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am Late pick up options available

AU SPORTS Sports Coaching Booking - ausported.com

A FUN & ACTIVE MULTISPORTS
HOLIDAY CLUB
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

NEW Day clubs for Gymnastics, Cricket, Football & Netball

Early bird booking discounts

Sibling discounts

EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
AGES 5 TO 13

9.00AM - 3.30PM
DODGEBALL / FOOTBALL / CRICKET / CAPTURE THE FLAG /
GOLF / TENNIS / HOCKEY / NON STOP FUN

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COACHING PROGRAMMES & SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUBS VISIT AUSPORTED.COM

Redditch United - Free girls Football

We are proud to announce the return of our Wildcats Sessions. These sessions are FREE for all girls 5-11 years of age. It's a non competitive way to get introduced to football, meet other girls and have loads of fun along the way! Get booked on via the link below. First session is next Monday 2nd February. What better way for the future Lionesses to experience football than at the best football facility in the town? <https://redditch-united.classforkids.io/term/66>

