NEWSLETTER

Our Value for this half term is

Kindness

Friday 20th December 2024

Welcome

As we wrap up a busy and productive term, it's a perfect time to reflect on the amazing achievements of our entire school community. This term at Webheath, we have focused on fostering our school values and culture by nurturing a love of learning, embracing personal experiences, and encouraging collaboration. It has been an absolute privilege to participate in so many wonderful events that brought together our children, staff, parents, and the wider community. Thank you for being such a supportive and inspiring bunch! There is so much more to come next term; please see the dates for the diary below for the Spring term dates so far.

Values—Kindness

This has been our final kindness focus week There have been many examples of kindness on display, from small acts to bigger projects. Children has been supporting one another both in the round robin crafts and during OPAL play, Christmas and Birthday cards have been created for vulnerable members of the community, and thoughtful messages have been sent with festive cheer. Kindness all around!

Here is a reminder of our value story:

Imagine a world where a simple smile can brighten someone's day, a listening ear is always nearby, and a caring hand is always within reach. In this world everyone recognises the value of the smallest acts of kindness. Taking the time to check in with others can ease fears, touch hearts and turn lives around. This imaginary world exists, right here, with us, at Webheath Academy Primary School.

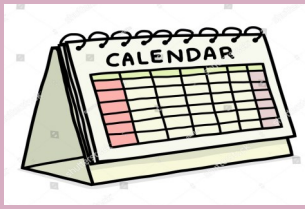
Kindness

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 92%. Another polite reminder to please try not to take your child out of school for holidays as this does impact their learning and school experience.

This term, our whole school attendance sits at 95%., I am pleased to say this is above the National average for this point in the year; thank you for your support with this throughout the term.
Congratulations to the Attendance Cup winners: 3KG with 96%, Silver: 1EM and 3FT with 94.5%
Bronze: 2JR with 94%

Save the date!



Monday 6th January: School Closed, TED
Tuesday 7th January: Autumn Term 2 Starts
Wednesday 8th January: M&M Productions Jack and the Beanstalk - School Pantomime
Thursday 9th January: Year 4 Trip to a Hindu Temple, Hall Green
Friday 24th January: Year 5 Wonderdome Planetarium Experience
Tuesday 28th January: KS2 Science Day
Wednesday 29th January: Chinese New Year Special Menu – order via ParentPay closer to the time
Friday 31st January: Year 2 Reading Cafe 9.15 - 10.00
Monday 3rd – Friday 7th February – Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th February: Year 1 Trip to Hartlebury Castle, Kidderminster
Friday 7th February: SEND Wellbeing Cafe
Friday 14th February – Zest Value Day and Ambassadors assembly
Friday 14th February – end of Spring Term 1 Term

School News

Shires MAT Super League—Relay Race Competition

Children at Webheath having been getting into the competitive spirit taking part in our first Shires MAT Super League event! Our first challenge to end the term was a shuttle-run relay race; each class recorded their fastest time and these will be sent off to share with the other schools in our MAT. Watch this space in January to find out which of the primary schools have taken an early lead in the Super League.

Reception Nativity

Our Reception children delighted parents carers and loved ones with their wonderful Nativity performance this week. It was heartwarming to see such young children singing, dancing, and acting so confidently. A big thank you to the staff and families for supporting this special celebration of the season! The children have made us all proud.

Year 6 Performance

Year 6 delivered a wonderful Christmas performance on Thursday in school this week. This was a fully self-directed show, led by a group of Y6 children, who created and printed scripts, thought of outfits for everyone and rehearsed tirelessly in their own time. It was fantastic to see the children working together to do this. Well done to all of those involved, either through being on stage or directing from behind stage- you all should be proud!

KS1 Christmas Round Robin

Key Stage 1 enjoyed their Christmas Round Robin on Wednesday. Year 1 and 2 children joined each other to visit each class and enjoyed getting creative and some festive fun.

Trust Personal Experience Newsletter

The link below will take you to our whole Trust personal Experience Newsletter where we can celebrate our Trust events from this term - I wonder whether you will spot some Webheath faces in the pictures!

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Opal

The OPAL 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.*

This week in OPAL the children have been thoroughly enjoying being able to throw on a pair of wellies and get straight into our mud pit! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated wellies already, it is greatly appreciated and is fantastic to see the children enjoying being able to get mucky in there. If you have any more wellies, particularly some in a larger size for our older pupils, please keep the donations coming.

Our most recent challenge for OPAL was for the children to impress our OPAL Play Team by being as imaginative as possible with their play, and they certainly delivered! Each play team member chose a lucky child to receive a golden ticket which was an invitation to a Christmas Afternoon Tea with Miss Evans, Miss Pinfold and the rest of the play team. We had some lovely Christmas treats and music and it was a lovely end to yet another fantastic OPAL half term.

Thank you all for your kind donations this year that have enabled us to continue making OPAL as fantastic as possible. We look forward to seeing what OPAL brings in the new year!

Road Safety

Year 5 and 6 had a very welcome visit from our local Police team to learn more about Road safety. This is such an important skill for children as they begin to navigate their local area more independently. Having the police car on the playground was a real treat for us all!

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all of those who attended our fabulous School Christmas Fayre last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many children, relatives and carers enjoying the event. A special thank you to anyone who helped set up, attend stalls or close down at the end of the day. Friends have updated us and the totals taken were £1680 from the raffle and £1196.89 for stalls, which is just amazing. Thank you to the Friends committee who worked tirelessly to make this such a successful event.

Choir—Brambles Care Home

'On Tuesday, our choir walked down to 'The Brambles Care Home' to sing some Christmas songs to the residents and spread some festive cheer. It really did brighten the day of the residents. The Webheath choir represented our school extremely well! Well done to everyone involved!

On Monday, Muriel at Brambles Care Home celebrated her 101st birthday. Children at Webheath made a birthday card to help her celebrate the special day. We are proud to be showing such kindness within our community. Happy Birthday Muriel, from all at Webheath!

Hospital Christmas Cards

Our children have been showing kindness by making Christmas cards for patients staying at the Alexandra Hospital this Christmas.
Thank you Laura from the Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity for sharing all the wonderful work you do to support patients in hospital.

We hope our cards help put a smile on someone's face this festive period. We even get a mention in their newsletter!

Pantomime

We look forward to welcoming M & M Productions into school on Wednesday 8th January 2025 to perform Jack and the Beanstalk. This always works wonderfully to ease the children back into school after the Christmas break and is something for them to look forward to in the first week back. This is funded by the Friends Association, once again, we're very lucky to have their support.

You will receive the Friends Newsletter today, please give it a read and see what you can do to support your children, via Friends in 2025!

Community News

Bereaved children—Winston's wish

We thought this link to a FREE Chester/London Zoo event n February 2025 might be helpful to any bereaved children.

Winston's Wish goes WILD! - Winston's Wish Events

The whole staff team, we would like to say a huge thank you so much for the Christmas well wishes, thoughts, cards and gifts this festive period. It is a pleasure to be a part of the Webheath community; please enjoy this magical time with your friends and family. We all wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year! We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th January.

Kind regards

Mrs Heffernan