



Newsletter 25.09.26

Dear Families,

As we move towards the mid-point of the half term, I wanted to share how proud we are of the children. They are becoming increasingly confident in their new classes and are challenging themselves every day to 'be the best that they can be' whether it is in their learning or in their interactions. The calm and purposeful atmosphere in school around school is a credit to them all and our classrooms are buzzing with excitement.

Particular highlights for me over recent weeks have been:

- Watching the children interacting with each other during OPAL
- Seeing some amazing work from the children in every year group
- Being told by a child in Year1 that the only way the school would be better was 'if they could sleep here'!
- Seeing the children so proud to have their pictures taken in their uniforms

There is lots coming up in the next few weeks including: a trip for Year 4, Harvest Festival, MacMillan coffee morning, Parents evenings, Open Evening for our new intake and lots more. We can't wait!

Finally, our partnership with families plays a huge role in helping our children to succeed. Taking a few moments to ask your child what they are proud of each day or who they have helped is great way to reinforce the positive messages we are sharing in school.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Gordon

Stars of the Week



Pre School

Reception Louis B, Caitlin, Isaac, Isla

Year 1 Jasper, Rylee, Ava, Oscar, Henry, Hadley

Year 2 Katy, Maxwell, Billy, Kyra, Rudy, Delilah

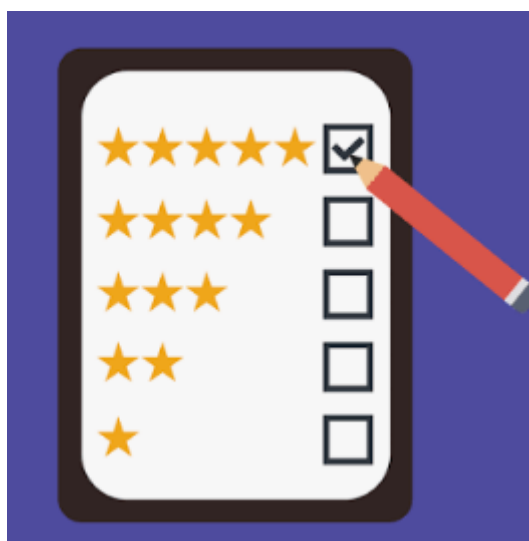
Year 3 Charlotte, Rosie A, Thomas S, Bethany, Tommy, Reuben

Year 4 Perry, George, Daniella, Aubrey, Archie, Lunar, Jack

Year 5 Darcie, Ethan, Poppy, Louie, Charlie S, Eli, Livi H

Year 6 Millie, Taylor, Grace U, Millie H, Edward J, Ruby B

Parent questionnaire



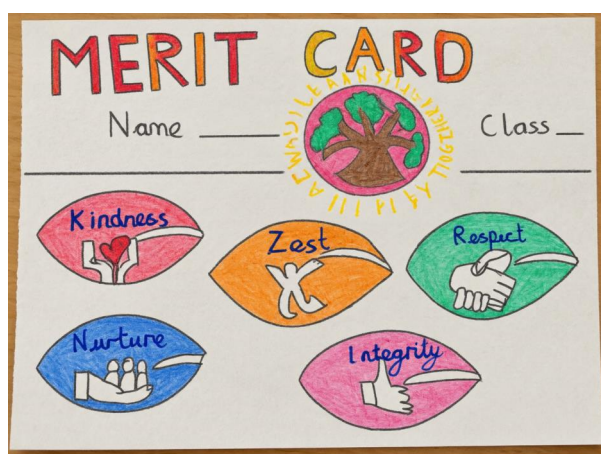
Thank you to all the families that responded to the Trust wide parent questionnaire. There are many positives to be taken from the report including:

- 88% of parents agreeing that the school is welcoming and easy to approach
- 78% of parents agreeing that communication is clear and regular (a significant improvement)
- 84% of parents feel that teaching and learning is of a good quality

It has also helped us to identify some areas for improvement which we have begun work on

- The school deals well with bullying 55%. We have rewritten our policy which includes a stronger statement on bullying and will be working with the children on developing an anti-bullying policy.
- My child gets an appropriate amount of homework 62% agree. We will be surveying parents again around this area in order to inform our next steps

Merit Awards



This is the winning design for our merit cards. Congratulations to all of the entries - judging them was a very difficult task and I needed lots of help from the children to whittle it down to the best 6. The final winner was chosen by all of the classes across Key Stage 2 and the design has been sent off to the printers to be turned into merit cards for every child.

ATTENDANCE: WORKING TOGETHER

A simple parent guide to Webheath Primary Academy & Nursery's Appendix 1

■ **Attendance is monitored throughout the year.** These stages are a guide, not rigid rules. Every child's circumstances are considered individually, including illness, unavoidable absence and support needs.

94%–96%	EARLY SUPPORT • First-day calls help check that absence is appropriate and GP guidance is being followed. • A safe-and-well check may be made if contact cannot be made or concerns arise. • Parents may call back at break/lunchtime if unsure whether their child is well enough to attend. • The class teacher will welcome the child back.
91%–94%	CLASS-BASED SUPPORT • Child highlighted on the persistent absence tracker, updated fortnightly. • Class teacher/teaching assistant checks in with the child. • Safeguarding concerns are reported to the DSL. • Family Help conversation may be offered where appropriate. • Return-to-school interview after an absence of 5 days or more. • School expects absence to be reported by phone rather than email/in-app.
90% OR BELOW	PERSISTENT ABSENCE + SUPPORT • Persistent absence: the policy identifies 19 days' absence as the point at which a pupil will remain persistently absent for the year. • Regular check-ins continue. • Parents may receive a letter, Supporting Families Plan, or home visit/safe-and-well check. • School and family identify barriers and agree support and, where needed, targets. • Reasonable evidence may be requested where there is genuine and reasonable doubt. • School will clearly explain days and lessons missed.

90% OR BELOW + NO IMPROVEMENT	FURTHER REVIEW • A second review meeting is held. • Previous discussions and support are reviewed. • Timing of the next meeting depends on the number of days missed. • School will clearly communicate days and lessons missed. • Referral to FFD or legal action may be considered where appropriate.
75%–80% OR BELOW	ESCALATED SUPPORT • Meetings with parents continue and are documented on the Supporting Families template. • Referral through to FFD may be made where appropriate. • The school may consider legal processes, including prosecution and fixed penalty notices.

■ HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

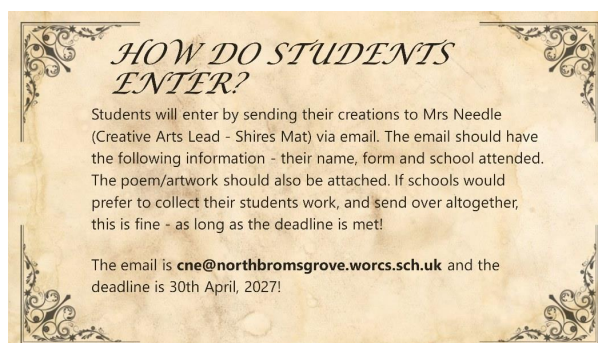
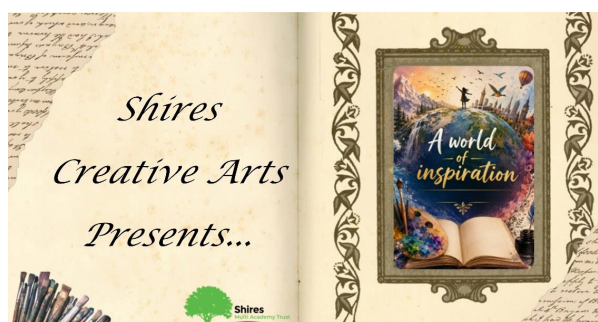
■	Report absence promptly Use the school's agreed reporting process on the first day and keep in contact on subsequent days unless another arrangement is agreed.
■	Talk to us early If illness, anxiety, SEND, family circumstances or another barrier is affecting attendance, speak to school so support can be considered.
■	Keep track of days missed The school will explain missed days and lessons, not just the headline attendance percentage.
■	Work with school The aim is to understand barriers, provide support and help children return to regular attendance.

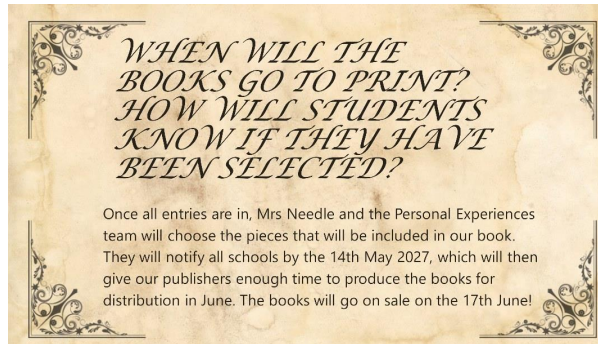
NEED HELP OR HAVE A QUESTION?

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Source: Webheath Primary Academy & Nursery Attendance Policy 2026–2027, Appendix 1 – Absence Escalation Procedure.

Trust wide competition





Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning yesterday. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the incredible turnout and generosity of our school community.

We are still busy counting all of the donations, so we don't have our final total just yet. As soon as we have counted everything, we will share the fantastic total with you! ❤️

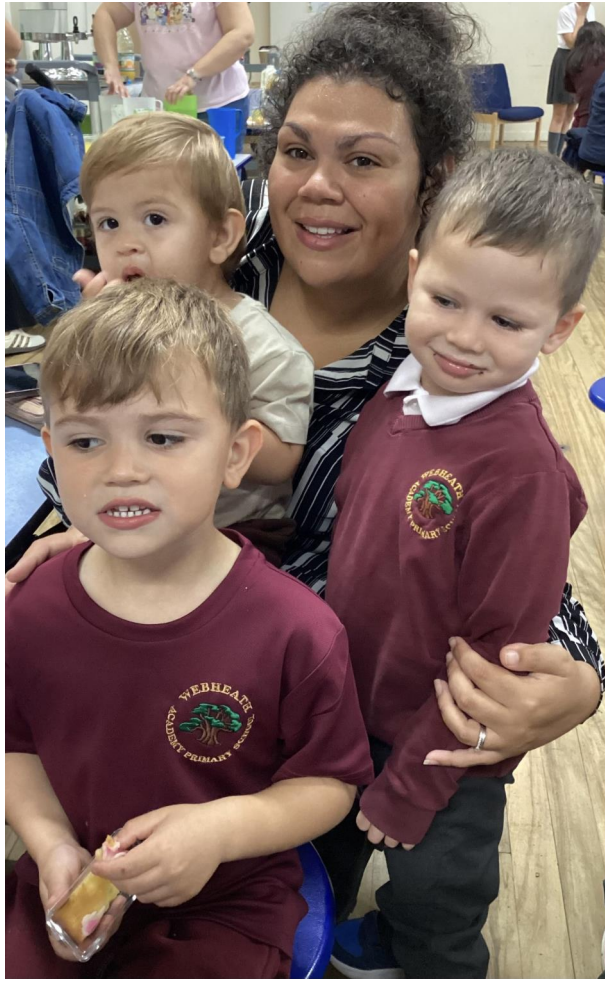
We know that there were some queues and waiting times during the morning, and we would like to apologise for any delays. We are incredibly grateful for your patience, kindness and understanding, particularly when we know how busy everyone's mornings are.

Macmillan is such an incredible cause that touches the lives of so many families, and we feel incredibly lucky to have such a supportive and generous community of parents and carers who help us to take part and raise money for such an important charity.

A very special well done to our Year 6 children, who took on their roles with such enthusiasm, maturity and professionalism. They welcomed visitors, helped with the event and represented Webheath Academy brilliantly. We were incredibly proud of them. ✨















National Fitness Day

Our children enjoyed getting their steps in during our MAT Fitness Day Challenge last Friday, where through a whole class effort, they covered more miles than a marathon! Year 6 embraced the light rain and enjoyed the loud music, which motivated them. Some even got even more steps in by enjoying a boogie after their miles! Many of our children also completed some fitness challenges during active lunchtimes with George.

Well done to all who participated across school.

Traffic Enforcement

We have been made aware that there will be an **increased traffic enforcement presence in the local area.**

We would therefore like to remind parents and carers to please **park legally and considerately** when dropping off and collecting children. We recommend parking a little further away from school and walking the remaining distance, rather than parking on **double yellow lines, opposite junctions or in other areas where parking may cause an obstruction.**

We appreciate that this may mean a slightly longer walk, but it helps to keep the area around school **safe and accessible for everyone**, including pedestrians, buses and other road users.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Reminders



Year 6 Children - Secondary School Admissions



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Deadline dates for applying for a school place

High / Secondary Schools
31 October

First / Primary / Middle Schools
15 January

No internet access? Visit your local library where access is free.

For further information, how to apply and guidance on the admissions process, Scan the QR Code or visit our website below

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

 **worcestershire**
county council

We'd like to remind year 6 parents and carers the deadline to apply for Secondary school places for September 2027 is **31st October 2026**.

Studley High had their open event on 24th September - if you missed this, you may want to contact them and see if they can offer you a show round or meeting.

Ridgeway have their open event on Thursday 8th October - it is a bookable event and it sold out quick last year. They have info on their website and social media pages. If you have missed booking a slot, it might be worth contacting them to see if they can offer you a meeting or tour.

Please apply via Worcestershire County Admissions portal for your school places:

[Apply for a school place | Worcestershire County Council](#)

First/Primary/Middle School applications

The deadline for September 2027 places is 15th January 2027.

[Apply for a school place | Worcestershire County Council](#)

This weeks whole school dates for your diary

28th – 30th September - 'Trash to treasure toy swap' for recycling week. Bring a toy into school on Monday 28th September and swap it for something different on Tuesday 29th after school.

Tuesday 29th September – Harvest Festival (Nonperishable donations for Issaac's food bank)

Wednesday 30th September – Flu spray vaccinations Reception to Year 6 inclusive (not Nursery)

Friday 2nd October – 'Animal Guyz' visiting Children from Reception – Year 6 (www.theanimalguyz.com)

Please check your emails from year groups for the week ahead .

Lost property - We'd prefer to return to you!

 **Lost Property Reminder – Please Label Clothes!**  

We've had a *huge* number of emails and phone calls over the past few weeks about lost property. Yesterday, I was able to return several items to children (which was great!), but we still have a very large pile of unclaimed clothing, including:

- ◆ Unnamed clothing
- ◆ Items belonging to children who have now left the school and have been handed down
- ◆ Names written in pen that are now illegible
- ◆ Black felt tip that has bled and can't be read
- ◆ Sticky labels that look lovely... but are already peeling off

 **Please, please, please label your children's clothes clearly!**

This helps *all* staff members – even those who don't know your child – return lost items quickly and easily.

✨ We strongly recommend checking out the links below to order **Stickins labels** – they seem to survive washing machines and tumble dryers better than any others we’ve seen!

💡 A quick tip: Use **first AND last names**, as we have several children with the same first name.

💙 We genuinely want to return items to families – we know how expensive they can be. Thank you for helping us make that possible!

🌸 **Over the long bank holiday weekend, please take a moment to check and refresh the labelling in all of your children’s clothes** – it really does make a huge difference!

Friends Association





Help Keep the Friends Association Going

Raise Money for Our School!

For those of you who are new to the school Friends of Webheath Academy are a group of parents and members of the community who come together to organise fundraising events throughout the year in order to provide resources and valuable experiences for pupils.

From 2024-25 year we funded play equipment for OPAL, the construction of a sandpit, Lego therapy kits, 16 visualisers for classrooms and more. We hold meetings four times a year at Webheath Village Hall and our next AGM will be held on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7:30pm** where we will vote in each of the four committee roles, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We have parents who have expressed an interest at nominating themselves for each role so we're hopeful we'll fill them to continue our fundraising for the next school year.

We know everyone is busy - our current committee are all working parents too - but we'd like to find a few more volunteers to contribute a little time to keep Friends going. There is no set commitment – just help us when you can.

Although our AGM was a few days ago, please still get in touch and reach out. Some of our current wonderful parents will move on at the end of the academic year as their own children move on to secondary school, so we need parents to fill the void they will leave.

Check out our Facebook group, messages from our reps on WhatsApp or send us an email for more info:

friendsofwebheath@gmail.com

Thank you!

Click Here for Facebook Group:

[\(1\) WEBHEATH FRIENDS ASSOCIATION | Facebook](#)



Easyfundraising – Raise Money for Free

Our Supporters and Total So Far

Friends of Webheath Academy are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help raise money for the school for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! We already have 37 supporters and have raised £179.30 for the school but we need more of you to help us! If you haven't had chance yet, please sign up here

To make sure you never miss a donation, add the donation reminder tool:

On A Computer or Laptop

Once you've joined easyfundraising it takes just 3 clicks and you'll never miss another donation. Visit easyfundraising, click 'browser extension', 'add extension' then 'add to browser' and you're done.

On a Smartphone

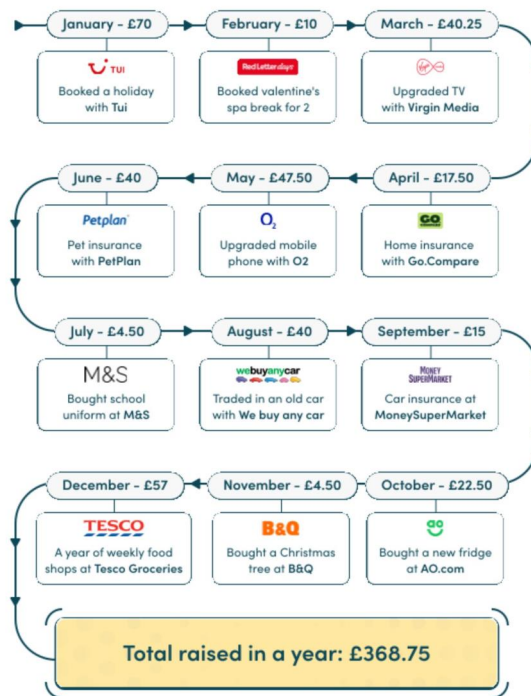
To get the donation reminder on your phone, download the easyfundraising app, click your profile on the top left and add 'donation reminder'.

Support us by shopping with popular retailers like these:

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Apple, Currys, Dunelm, Expedia, Skyscanner, lastminute.com

How much could a supporter raise?

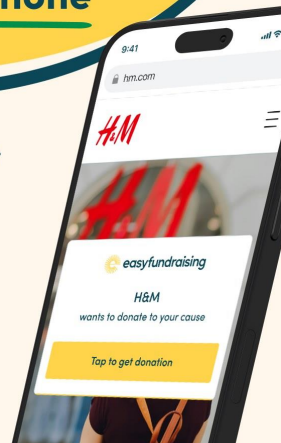


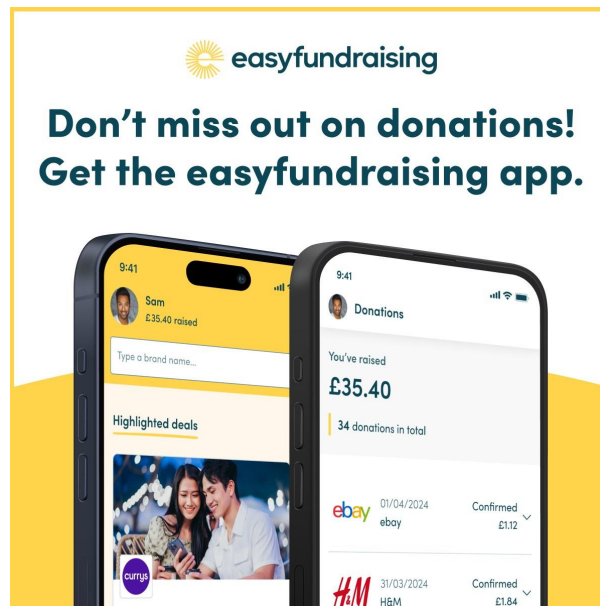
*Donation rates change from time to time
The amounts above were correct as of 2/12/2024

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Raise in seconds with the Donation Reminder on your smartphone

Download the app to get the Donation Reminder





Stikins - Order Name Labels - Earn Money for School!

Keep Uniform out of Lost Property – Label With Stikins!

We all know how quickly jumpers, cardigans and PE kits can end up in the lost property pile. The simplest way to make sure your child's belongings find their way back home is by clearly labelling everything - and **Stikins name labels** make it quick and easy.

Stikins labels are:

- ✓ Easy to apply - just stick onto the wash-care label
- ✓ No sewing or ironing needed
- ✓ Durable and long-lasting
- ✓ Suitable for clothing, shoes, bags and lunchboxes

Not only will labelling help prevent lost items (and save you replacing uniform!), but it also helps staff return belongings to children quickly and easily.

Support our School While You Shop

Don't forget - every time you buy Stikins labels, **Friends receive 30% commission** from your order, which directly benefits our school.

To make sure your purchase counts, simply click [ORDER HERE](#), quote our fundraising number **24663** and complete your purchase.

It's a simple way to keep track of uniform *and* support school fundraising at the same time. Thank you for your support!

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/>

Community

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I'm sure your kids will all have told you about George, our fab coach from Sporting club Inkberrow who does sports on the playground with the kids at lunchtime and after school with wrap around children.

Have a look at the image attached showing an event on Saturday 21st November against Swindon Supermarine. Students with a voucher can get in for free. We have a few in the office if you would like to collect.

It also details what Sporting club Inkberrow do to build skills and develop talent. They have sessions for boys and girls ages 6 - 15 and even do goalie training.