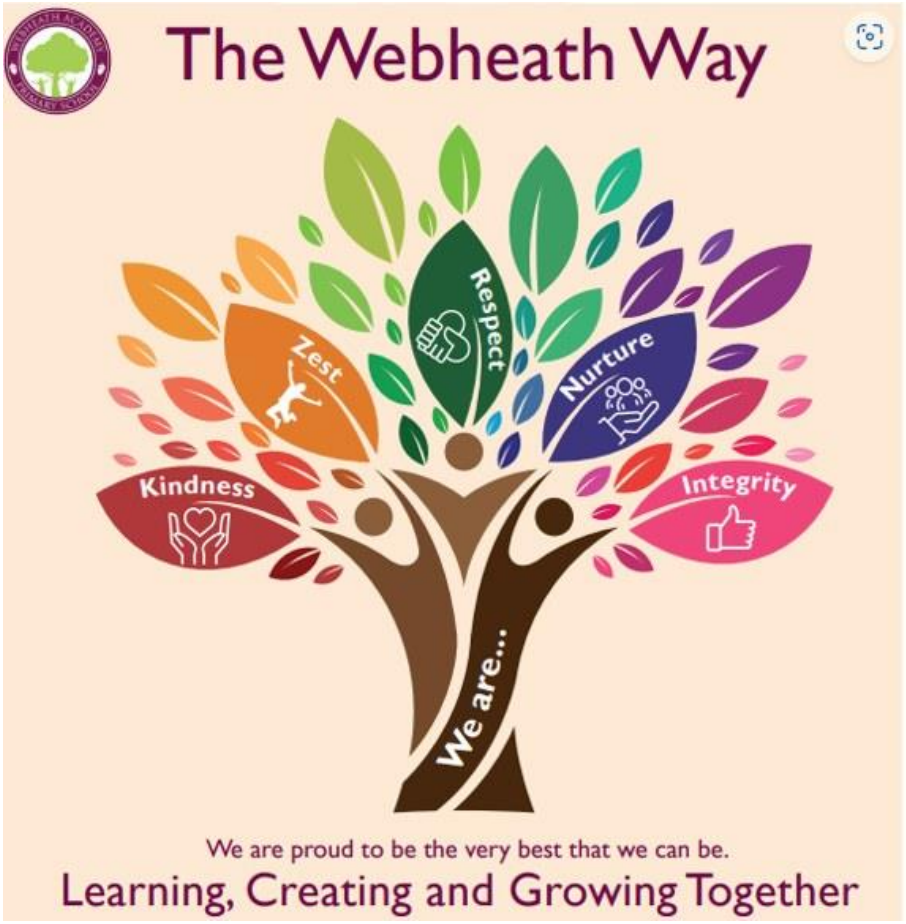


Newsletter 22.10.26

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all of our children, families and staff for the wonderful start we have made to the academic year. It has been a busy and successful few weeks, and I have been incredibly proud to see our school motto, **"To Be the Best That We Can Be"**, lived out each day across the academy.

Being the best we can be is not about being perfect. It is about striving to improve, showing perseverance when things are challenging and taking pride in our achievements. Most importantly, it is about how we treat one another. This half term, we have focused particularly on our school value of **Respect**. We have encouraged children to show respect through their words, actions and attitudes; respecting themselves, others and the environment around them.

I have been delighted to see so many examples of this value in action. Children have welcomed new classmates, supported their peers with kindness, listened carefully to adults and taken pride in caring for their classrooms and outdoor spaces. These small acts help to create the positive and inclusive culture that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home. When school and families work together, we help our children to develop not only academically but also as respectful, responsible and caring young people.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next half term as we continue our journey to be the very best that we can be.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Gordon

Stars of the Week



Pre School

Reception **Seth, Jude, Bonnie, Keanu, Archie**

Year 1 **Harper-Raine, Arianne, Carrie, Arlo**

Year 2 **Alice, Luey G, Maisie, Joey**

Year 3 **Emilia, Coral, Gabby, Louie, Max, Daniel H**

Year 4 **Elliott, Milo, Lyla-Rose, Kit**

Year 5 **Tommy J, Aryan, Jack, Mai, Lola, Imogen L**

Year 6 **Ruby Rose, Taylor, Daisy, Zac, Kai**

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd November – Autumn Term 2 Starts

Friday 13th November – Children in Need - children can wear spotty accessories/clothing or dress as a superhero, donations accepted for Children in Need charity. If not participating, then children are welcome to wear school uniform

Friday 27th November – School closed to children (SDD day)

Friday 4th December – Christmas Faye (Please don't use the village hall to park as it will be locked at 4pm for their light switch on)

Monday 7th December – Deadline for handing in 'Make Christmas Special' Toy Appeal (further details to follow)

Thursday 10th December – Choir Carol Concert St Stephens Church

Thursday 10th December – Preschool Festive family fun (details to follow)

Friday 11th December – 9am Yr 5 Festive family fun

Friday 11th December – 2pm Yr 6 Festive family fun

Monday 14th December – 9am Yr 3 Festive family fun

Monday 14th December – 2pm Yr 4 Festive family fun

Tuesday 15th December – 9am Yr 2 Festive family fun

Tuesday 15th December – 2pm Yr 1 Festive family fun

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner & Party Day

Thursday 17th December – Rocksteady Concert

Friday 19th December – Last day of term

Monday 4th January – School closed to children (SDD day)

Tuesday 5th January – Spring Term 1 starts

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 29th October we celebrated our Harvest Festival. The children listened to an inspiring presentation delivered by Claire from Friends of Isaac Foodbank, it was so lovely to have the whole school gathered together. A huge thank you for all of the kind donations that will help support local families in need.



Year 4 Ragley Hall Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic day at the Ragley Hall Festival, enjoying a hands-on learning experience all about woodlands, conservation, and the many careers linked to forestry and woodcraft. Guided around the festival by expert leaders, the children were fascinated by incredible chainsaw wood-carving demonstrations, learned how different forestry machinery works, watched an exciting pole-climbing competition, and even discovered how horses can help transport logs through forests. The day was packed with interesting facts and memorable experiences, and the children represented our school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and curiosity throughout. We are incredibly proud of them all!











Lower Smite Trip - Year 1











Year One had a super day at Lower Smite Farm! We used our senses in looking for signs of autumn, hunted for different types of apple trees and compared the leaves from a range of trees. We especially loved finding out about the wildlife on the farm. We learnt a lot about how hedgehogs hibernate and we really enjoyed carrying out an experiment to see if we could make a nest for a hedgehog that would keep it warm through the winter. The children all behaved so well and were all completely engaged in their outdoor learning.

Bishops Wood Trip - Year 3

Year 3 had a brilliant day at Bishops Wood travelling back in time 10,000 years to the Mesolithic Stone Age. We became nomadic hunter gatherers, packing up our huts, transporting everything across the forest and setting up a new camp. We tried out a range of ancient skills including spear throwing, fire lighting, weaving a wattle house and grinding grains to make flour. The children had great fun, got involved in every task and behaved excellently (even in the drizzly weather).



























Year One Grandparent Event

As part of our History topic, Year One had a very special visit from their grandparents, who came into school to share memories of their childhood. The children enjoyed interviewing their grandparents to discover how life in the past was similar or different from their own. They asked some great questions about the food they ate, the clothes they wore, the toys and games they played, and how they celebrated their birthdays.

It was a truly lovely occasion, filled with smiles, stories and shared memories. The children were fascinated by the photographs and toys from the past, which brought their grandparents' childhood experiences to life. A huge thank you to all the grandparents and adults who joined us and helped make this such a memorable learning experience for everyone!



Dancing for Our Wellbeing

To celebrate World Mental Health Day, all of our children took part in an exciting dance workshop! The children had an amazing time learning new moves, dancing together and having lots of fun. Physical activity is a fantastic way to support positive mental health, helping to boost our mood, reduce stress, build confidence and strengthen friendships. It was wonderful to see so many smiles, so much energy and everyone getting involved. A brilliant reminder that moving our bodies can make us feel good, both inside and out!



Animal Guyz

We were very fortunate to have Animal Guyz visit our children thanks to the funds raised by our wonderful Friends. The animals came to life through puppetry and the children were fully immersed in learning all about animals around the world, their habitats and adaptations . A lot of fun was had exploring the sounds of animal calls... who knew Miss Steele makes such a good ostrich!









Trash to Treasure Toy Swap

♻️ **Trash to Treasure Toy Swap – Thank You!** 🧸

A huge thank you to everyone who donated toys and came along to support our very first **Trash to Treasure Toy Swap!** 💚

We're delighted with how successful our first event has been! It was wonderful to see so many toys being given a new lease of life and finding new homes, helping us to reduce waste, reuse resources and make playtime a little more sustainable. 🌎✨

Thank you for helping us make this event such a success. We're so proud of our Webheath community for getting behind this brilliant initiative, and we hope the children are enjoying their new-to-them treasures! 😻

Here's to giving more toys a second chance! 💚♻️










Three Little Pigs
SHAKE STORIES


SONIC


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Ten Pin Bowling

Some of our Key Stage 2 children attended the SEND Ten Pin Bowling Event this week. They had a fabulous time, and they were an absolute credit to the school, with exemplary behaviour and helping to create a fab atmosphere 😊




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Preschool

Settling In

What a wonderful start to the year we've had! The children have been growing in confidence, building friendships and becoming more independent every day. From dancing along to Dough Disco and tackling our Tape Monster challenges to developing our listening and attention skills, we've been learning so much through play.

We've also been exploring our feelings using our feelings board and stories such as *The Worrysaurus*, helping us recognise emotions and learn how to talk about them.

A big thank you to all our families for donating milk cartons for our Elmer elephant creations! The children have loved exploring colours, patterns and differences through our story, celebrating what makes each of us unique. We're so grateful for your support in helping us bring our learning to life!

We're incredibly proud of all the little steps, achievements and wonderful moments we've shared so far, we can't wait to see what the next term brings!






















WORRYSAURUS



How are you today?
Happy
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Autumn Adventures

We've had a wonderful time exploring autumn at preschool! From our autumn walks and leaf printing to getting hands-on with messy play and investigating pumpkins, the children have been busy exploring the world around them. We've even worked together to make our very own scarecrow! Along the way, we've been discovering different colours, textures, shapes and smells, encouraging the children to use their senses, ask questions and share their ideas. It's been lovely to see their curiosity and excitement grow as we explore the magic of autumn together!






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Paper towels











✵ Some wonderful news to share with you all! ✵



A huge congratulations to **Miss Tyler**, who has shared the lovely news that she is expecting a baby! 💞👶

Miss Tyler will begin her maternity leave early in 2027, and we are absolutely delighted for her as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

We will be advertising for her replacement very soon, and we look forward to sharing further details in due course.

Please join us in congratulating Miss Tyler and wishing her all the very best! 💗

Term Time Absence Requests



We have seen a significant increase in requests for holidays during term time. Unfortunately, this has left us with no option but to refer unauthorised absences to the Local Authority, who will consider each case and make the decision on whether a penalty notice (fine) should be issued.

Should you Request absence in Term time from today, 22nd October, you will be emailed the information below and the attached Microsoft Forms Document for you to complete. From 22nd October, the old absence request forms will not be accepted. Please email the office asking for an absence request and we will send you Guidance Notes and a link to complete.

Please complete the form in full, making sure your child's class is correct and parents/carers and children's names are the full legal version not nicknames or shortened names.

Guidance Notes for Parents requesting Leave in Term Time

1. Parents wishing the school to consider granting leave of absence in school term time should read these notes carefully and then complete and submit the request form attached.

This form should be sent to the school in time for the request to be considered well before the desired period of absence. Parents are strongly advised not to finalise any holiday booking arrangements before receiving the school's decision on their request. In any event the request form must be received by school at least four weeks before the departure date to allow sufficient time for appropriate consideration.

2. The granting of leave of absence in school term time is, by law, a matter for consideration and decision by the school. There is no automatic right to any leave in term time. The Department for Education (DfE) and Worcestershire County Council (WCC) policy is that family holidays should not be taken in school term time. Where such requests are made, for the leave to be granted, the Headteacher should decide if there are exceptional circumstances.

3. Each case will be considered individually and on its own merits. Parents need, therefore, to consider very carefully before making any request for leave of absence the demands of the National and wider School Curriculum especially at the Key Stage assessment stage. In considering a request, the school will take account of:

- the exceptional circumstances stated that have given rise to the request;
- the age of the child;
- the stage of the child's education and progress and the effects of the requested absence on both elements;
- the overall attendance pattern of the child;
- the nature of the trip.
- students/pupils on examination courses or due to take SATS will not normally be granted leave of absence.

4. Where parents have children in more than one school a separate request must be made to each school. The Headteacher of each school will make their own decision based on the factors relating to the child at their school. It is possible that because of these factors different decisions may be made. It is hoped that if this situation arises parents will be persuaded to accept the reasons for refusal given and, thereby, withdraw any other requests.

5. Where requests for a grant of leave of absence are received from only one parent the response letter - agreeing or refusing - will be either addressed to both/all parents where they live at the same address or to each parent where they do not. This is to ensure, particularly in the case of a refusal, that both or all 'parents' are fully aware of the consequences of ignoring a refusal as the refusal letter clearly states that each parent will receive a penalty notice.

6. Should the school decide to grant leave of absence, but, the child does not return to school at the time he/she was expected to (ie following expiry of the granted leave of

absence period) and, no information is available to the school to explain/justify the continuing absence or, make known the whereabouts of the child, his/her place at the school could be lost.

7. Should the school decide not to grant leave of absence and parents still take their child out of the school the absence will be recorded as unauthorised which may be subject to a Holiday Penalty Notice fine of £80 per parent per child. If not paid within 21 days this fine increases to £160 per parent per child. Failure the pay the £160 fine within the period 22 to 28 days may lead to Court proceedings.8. The third period of unauthorised leave of absence incurred within 3 years of the first penalty notice issued; a further penalty notice will **not** be issued. If suitable, the matter will be presented to the Magistrates' court under S4441 Education Act 1996. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates Court could result in a fine up to £1,000 per parent, per child, and will also result in a criminal record for failing to secure regular attendance.

A Little Independence Over Half Term



As we head into the October half-term break, we would really appreciate your support in helping children develop their independence with toileting, particularly when it comes to **wiping their own bottoms after using the toilet**.

We understand that accidents can happen, especially with our younger children, and these are an expected part of their development. However, over the last seven weeks, we have noticed a significant increase in toileting-related accidents and soiling in school.

If you currently help your child with wiping after a poo, please use the half-term break as an opportunity to gently encourage and practise this important life skill. With a little patience, guidance and encouragement at home, children can build the confidence to manage their own personal hygiene more independently.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure all our children feel confident, comfortable and ready to manage their toileting needs independently in school. 💛

👟 **A Little Reminder for Half Term – Learning to Tie Shoelaces!**

With the October half-term holiday approaching, we would kindly ask parents and carers to take the opportunity to help their children practise and develop their shoelace-tying skills.

If your child wears shoes or trainers with laces, please encourage them to practise tying them independently over the break. This is a valuable life skill that helps children develop confidence and independence.

Where possible, if your child is not yet able to tie their own laces, we kindly ask that you choose **Velcro or pull-on footwear** for school. This will make life easier for your child, help them feel more independent and minimise disruption to their learning and the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping our children become more confident and independent! 💛

Introducing our Trust Family Support Worker



Reminders



Year 6 Children - Secondary School Admissions



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**.

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

Please check your childs Belongings

We have had increasing contact from Parents and Carers saying their labelled items are not finding their way home. We are checking areas, outside areas, lost property and we have the site manager on the case too.

Can we kindly ask Parents and Carers to check they don't have items labelled with other children's names at home in error.

📣 **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





Come Along and Have Your Say!

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We'd love to see as many of you as possible at our next meeting! It's a great opportunity to share ideas, offer suggestions and get involved. You never know, you might come up with something we haven't thought of!

We'll be discussing:

🎅 Preparations for the Christmas Fayre

📅 Dates and plans for upcoming events

📚 Fundraising ideas to help us raise as much as possible towards refurbishing the school library!

Every idea, suggestion and helping hand makes a difference, and we'd love to hear your thoughts.



🏠 The Little Jobs, Big Difference Challenge! 📚

“What little jobs can you do at home to help our school fundraiser?”

The Friends Association works hard each year to raise vital funds for our school. Their contributions have supported exciting opportunities and resources, including a visit from The Animal Guyz, pantomime performances, OPAL resources, outdoor play equipment for Early Years and books for the new EYFS CUSP curriculum.

Our latest challenge is to raise funds to refurbish our school library, transforming it into a calm, welcoming space that inspires a love of reading. We hope to organise books by genre, making it easier for children to find books suited to their reading levels and interests, and create cosy reading areas for everyone to enjoy.

How can you help? We’re inviting pupils to take on small, age-appropriate jobs at home to earn a little money towards our fundraiser. Every contribution, however small, will make a difference - there’s no set target, just lots of little jobs adding up to something big!

For example:

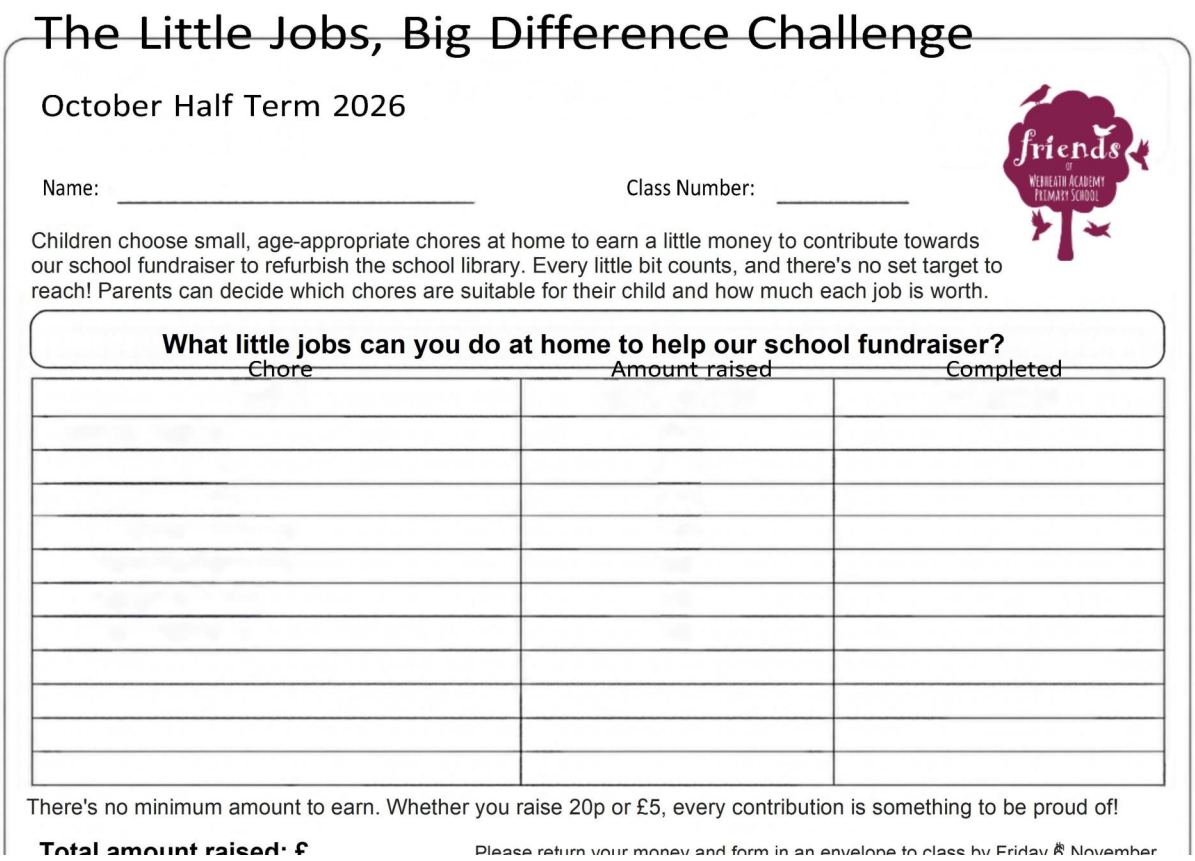
- Make your bed – 20p
- Sweep the floor – 50p
- Put laundry away – 50p
- Empty the dishwasher – 50p
- Help clean the kitchen – £1
- Help in the garden – £1
- Help wash the car – £1

Parents can decide which chores are suitable for their child and how much each job is worth. Every job completed and every penny raised will make a difference! The aim is to encourage children to take responsibility, help their families and discover how small contributions can add up to something special.

Remember: There’s no minimum amount to earn. Whether children raise 20p or £5, every contribution is something to be proud of!

Your child will receive a sheet in their book bag to record their jobs as they go along, to track how much they've raised. Please send your money home with your form in an envelope by Friday 6th November.

The class that raises the most money will win an extra OPAL play session! 💛📖✨



The Little Jobs, Big Difference Challenge

October Half Term 2026

Name: _____ Class Number: _____

Children choose small, age-appropriate chores at home to earn a little money to contribute towards our school fundraiser to refurbish the school library. Every little bit counts, and there's no set target to reach! Parents can decide which chores are suitable for their child and how much each job is worth.

What little jobs can you do at home to help our school fundraiser?

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There's no minimum amount to earn. Whether you raise 20p or £5, every contribution is something to be proud of!

Total amount raised: £ Please return your money and form in an envelope to class by Friday 7 November

Friends Association AGM – Committee Update

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM on Wednesday 23rd September!

We're delighted to announce that our four trustee positions have now been filled, allowing us to continue running the charity and fundraising for the school for another year.

A special welcome to our new committee member, Vicky - we're so pleased to have you on board!

And, of course, a big thank you to everyone who took the time to come along and support us at the meeting. Your continued support means so much to us and helps us keep doing what we do.

Here's to another year of fundraising and making a difference!



Christmas Fayre Volunteers Needed! – Friday 4th December

The Friends Association is already making plans for our Christmas Fayre where there will be a free Santa grotto, various games for the children, stalls and refreshments so you can grab a bite whilst you're there. They will also be holding a raffle draw at 5pm on the day and are looking for donations of raffle prizes, for example gift cards, hampers, restaurant vouchers or tickets for attractions. Any donation big or small would be welcomed.

In order for the event to go ahead, Friends will need volunteers for the following:

· Run a stall at the fayre 3:15pm – 5:30pm

· Be a Grotto Elf, managing the queue and handing out gifts 3:15pm – 5:30pm

· Donate a raffle prize or tell us who we can contact for a prize

Stalls include classics like Splat the Rat, Lucky Lollipop Tree, Pop a Bauble, The Human Fruit Machine and new for this year – Sprout Roulette, to name a few!

Proceeds from sales at the fayre and from raffle tickets will go towards a full refurbishment of the library transforming it into a calm, welcoming space that inspires a love of reading.

If you think you can help with any of the above, or you know a family member or friend who would, please contact Friends on friendsofwebheath@gmail.com


CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES WANTED
• 3 GRAND PRIZES
• health/beauty/wellbeing vouchers
• restaurant vouchers
• tickets for attractions and performances
• food and alcohol hampers
• vouchers for kids clubs
• retail gift cards
friends


Pop a Bauble





Raise Money for Our School!



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.

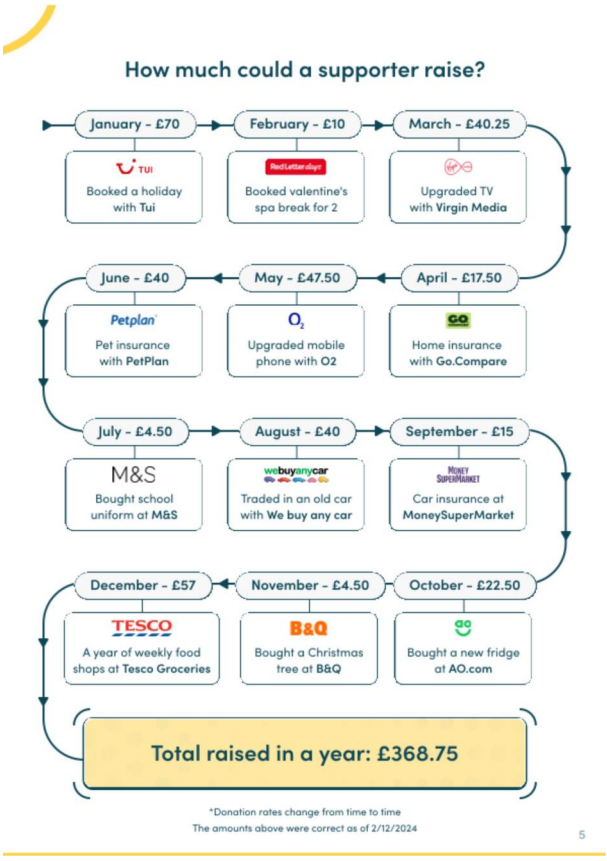
📱On a Smartphone

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









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

London Marathon - Autistic Society

One of our Wonderful parents is running the London Marathon next year in support of the National Autistic Society. She has asked us to share this information with you:

Next year I'm running the London marathon in support of the national autistic society. I'm running for my son and to raise awareness!

I was hoping school could share my page and share the news and hopefully raise some extra money for charity! I was also wondering whether we could arrange a non school uniform day and all the earnings would go to the charity?

I'm just throwing out feelers to help my fundraising page and earn as much for this charity as I can!

Thank you for your help,

regards, Holly :)

https://www.justgiving.com/page/holly-phelan-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&fbclid=IwZnRzaAU4uehleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBwZG9mBWZkaWQWUQGL3jyoSwJlzkHqvNhEZ6HcCX1db3NydGMGYXBwX2lkCjY2Mjg1NjgzNzkAAR68uKtzU759Relr34Ci4EksGieI10NBTURJr6hkh6WgUDIbeSIOGhyBU5aKzQ_aem_CLReUjRRTRtXb7rfh72_eA

Redditch Hockey Club are on the look out!

Redditch Hockey Club have asked us to share some information on their Club:

Good Evening

I am writing on behalf of Redditch Hockey Club who are on the lookout for new junior members.

Redditch Hockey Club is a friendly and vibrant club based on Bromsgrove Road, Redditch, B97 4SP. The club is looking for new players of all abilities and ages from five. We have fabulous coaches who go above and beyond to support every child. Our aim is to not only to develop hockey skills but also to build confidence. Experienced or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome.

I have attached a flyer for the club highlighting the training times for juniors being Wednesdays 6-7:30pm. The flyer includes contact details for the club and I would be grateful if this could be included in any end of term newsletters.

If there is anything which Redditch Hockey Club can do in terms of arranging any intra school hockey tournaments, coaching sessions then please do let us know and we will see if there is anything we can do to help.

Regards

Paul KilkennyClub Development Officer


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Come and give it a go!
Fun • Friends • Fitness • For All!
Ages from 5
Great coaches!
LEARN SKILLS
MAKE FRIENDS
BUILD CONFIDENCE
HAVE FUN!
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AT REDDITCH HOCKEY CLUB
SESSIONS START AT 6
Contact Redditch Junior Hockey Club on Facebook
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Play • Learn • Grow • Together

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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.