

15 October 2026

Little Acorns Newsletter

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*Be kind to your mind, you're
you and that's enough!*

Well-being support and information can be found on our website
<https://www.woak.co.uk/Parents/Well-Being/>

Happy and Confident
Encourage a love of language
Aspire to reach your potential
Resilient and Independent
Tolerance and Respect

Dates for your Diary

21 st Oct 3.15 – 4.30	Nurs, Rec, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Spooky disco
22 nd Oct 3.15 – 4.30	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Spooky disco
22 nd Oct 9.00	Y5 Curriculum Showcase
23 rd Oct	TT Rockstars Day
26 th – 30 th Oct	SCHOOL CLOSED – HALF TERM
2 nd Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED – TEACHER TRAINING
18 th Dec 1.15pm	END OF THE SCHOOL TERM

**Don't forget to
check out
everything that
is going on in
school on
Facebook and
Class Dojo**

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you so much for all of the donations we have received for harvest. These will be shared with people in the community that are in need. We have had a super two weeks since the last newsletter. Year 5 visited the Space Centre in Leicester which they really enjoyed and were excellent ambassadors for Wednesbury Oak, well done Year 5.

I have spent time visiting every class to look at progress in writing, it was amazing to see how well the children are doing with their handwriting, the children are so proud of their achievements so far this term.

Don't Forget – The Clocks Go Back! 🕒

A reminder that British Summer Time ends on **Sunday 25 October**, when the clocks go back one hour. While many of us will enjoy an extra hour in bed, the darker mornings and evenings can take a little getting used to.

Please take extra care when travelling to and from school, ensuring children are visible and aware of road safety, particularly during darker afternoons. It's also a good opportunity to revisit bedtime routines to help children feel rested and ready to learn each day.

We hope everyone enjoys the extra hour and a safe transition into the autumn season.

Mrs Gingell
Headteacher

Y5 would love it if you could join us for our Curriculum Showcase on 22nd October at 9 am. Please enter the hall via the car park entrance.

We are practicing A Million Dreams (The Greatest Showman), Space Oddity (David Bowie) and Proud (Heather Small). Please help us by encouraging your child to practice at home. Thank you!



www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place

☀ Early Years Open Events ☀

We are delighted to welcome prospective families to visit our school and find out more about our wonderful Early Years provision.

Open Event Dates:

- 📅 Monday 19th October, 1:15pm - 2:15pm
- 📅 Wednesday 11th November, 1:15pm - 2:15pm
- 📅 Monday 30th November, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

To book a place, please contact the school office on 0121 556 3387.

Please note: Due to limited capacity, a maximum of two adults per child may attend.

We would be grateful if you could help spread the word by sharing this information with friends, family, and anyone in the local community who may be interested in joining our Early Years family. We look forward to welcoming new families and giving you the opportunity to see all that our school has to offer.

We can't wait to meet you! 😊

Y6 - SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your Y6 child is transferring to secondary school in September, you must submit your application by 31st October.

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♣️ Calling all Wednesbury Oak Rock Stars

After the huge success of our last **Times Table Rock Star Day**, we are so excited to be holding another TTRS Day across school, on **Friday 23rd October**. Like last time, the children will spend some time playing on the app (hopefully earning lots of coins and improving their score), participate in other Maths activities and maybe even have the chance to take part in a whole school times table battle in the school hall!

However, this year there is one difference: there will be a **competition** beginning on the week before (running from Friday 16th to Friday 23rd October) where some fantastic **prizes** will be up for grabs! The children who earn the most coins across Years 2/3 and Years 4/5/6 will have the chance to win a **£10 Amazon Gift Voucher**.

In order to get in the rock star spirit, we would like the children to **come to school in their best rock star outfit**, whether this be inspiration from their favourite musician, or wearing a rock star t-shirt. Please be mindful that the children in Years 1 – 6 will still be outside for OPAL, so sensible shoes are a must.

Nursery and Reception, you're also included in the fun! Come to school in your best rock star outfit ready to join in on the excitement and have the chance to win a prize too.

Find your outfit, get on TTRS and let's look forward to another fun day! 🎸 🎤 🎧

Attendance Matters

We have had a great start to the term with attendance. Reception classes have had 100% for 3 weeks.

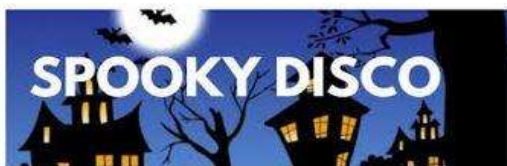
Let's keep the momentum going! 🚀 📚 ✨

Every Day Counts! 🕒

A child's attendance has a huge impact on their learning and future success. Missing just **5% of the school year (95% attendance)** means missing around **10 school days**, which is approximately **50 hours of learning**. Missing **10% of the school year (90% attendance)** means losing around **19 school days**, or nearly **100 hours of learning**.

Those hours include essential reading, writing, maths, friendships, confidence-building and memorable school experiences that simply cannot be fully replaced.

Of course, we understand that children will sometimes need to be absent due to genuine illness, but wherever possible, regular attendance gives children the very best chance to thrive.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Your children are invited to join us at our Spooky Discos.

Dates: Wednesday 21st October – **Nursery & Reception**

Years 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 22nd October – **Years 1, 2 & 3**

Time: Straight after school until 4.30pm

(the children will all be taken by staff straight from their classes to the discos).

Years 1-6 will be held in the school hall. Nursery and Reception will be held in the Nursery.

Tickets for the disco are **£4**, which includes a snack, drink and a spooky tattoo.

If your child would like to attend, please make payment via your Gateway app by Friday 16th October. **If you do not wish for your child to have a tattoo, please comment "NO" when booking their ticket.**

Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes for the discos (spooky themed or normal "party" clothes) in a small labelled bag on the morning of their disco.

ALL children will need to be collected from their usual classroom doors at 4.30pm where staff will dismiss them.

We look forward to seeing your children there and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Lost Property

Has your child lost any of their uniform since the beginning of this term?

Please pop into the school office foyer and check in our lost property where we currently have lots of items.

Also, a reminder to put your child's name in their clothing so it can be returned to them.

POLITE REMINDERS

- Please dismount from bikes and scooters before you enter the school site. Under no circumstances should bikes or scooters and particularly e-scooters be ridden on the school site by either children or adults.
- When you leave a message on the attendance line please give a reason for your child's absence rather than saying they are 'unwell' or "poorly".
- We have a no smoking policy at Wednesbury Oak and ask that you DO NOT smoke or vape on or adjacent to the school grounds.
- We aim to be a nut free school, please support us to keep everyone safe at school.