

18 September 2026

Little Acorns Newsletter

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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
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Tolerance and Respect

Dates for your Diary

12th October Parents' Evening

We will be sending out an email on 26th September with more information and instructions on how to make a booking.

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

Dear Parents/carers

What a fantastic start to the autumn term we have had over the past two weeks. It has been wonderful to see our children settling back into school so positively, embracing new learning opportunities and enjoying time with their friends.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Chris from Severn Trent Water, who delivered an engaging assembly about what can and cannot be flushed down the toilet. Year 4 pupils also took part in follow-up workshops, where they deepened their understanding of how everyday choices can help protect our environment.

Our Year 5 children have also begun their swimming lessons, and it has been lovely to hear how much the children in 5F have enjoyed developing their confidence and skills in the water.

One of my personal highlights this fortnight has been seeing our OPAL provision in action, spending time in classrooms and joining our singing assemblies. I have been incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and talent shown by our pupils. Our children are truly wonderful singers and their joy and confidence shine through every week.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to sharing more of our exciting learning and achievements with you throughout the term.

Mrs B Gingell

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

All children should now be in school ON TIME (by 8:45am) EVERY DAY.

Please ensure all future travel arrangements are planned during the school holidays. Children have 14 weeks holiday each year – 13 weeks plus 5 days staff training days. This is a huge amount of time for you to go on holiday or visit family abroad. You should not take any more time off.

Our school holidays this year are on the following dates:

October Half Term: 26 Oct – 30 Oct

Christmas: 21 Dec – 1 Jan

February Half Term: 15 Feb-19 Feb

Easter: 26 March – 9 April

May Half Term: 31 May – 4 June

Summer: 21 July – 1 Sept



Attendance Challenge



Come to school Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and receive a raffle ticket to be in with a chance of winning a prize!



The more raffle tickets you collect between Monday 14th September and Friday 23rd October 2026, the more chance you have of a winning a prize!



- 1st prize: £50 Amazon voucher
- 2nd prize: £30 Uber Eats voucher
- 3rd prize: £20 Asda voucher



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all pupils for wearing smart school uniform. Don't forget to write your child's name on their belongings

(including water bottles) to help us return any lost items. Lost property can be found in the office foyer.

Be safe online:

We would like to remind ALL FAMILIES to check the age ratings of games and apps that children access at home. Some popular games, including Fortnite, Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto (GTA) contain content that is not suitable for primary-aged children.



Please make use of parental controls and talk regularly with your child about safe and responsible online behaviour. By working together, we can help ensure that children enjoy technology in a safe, positive and age-appropriate way.



🎸 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! 🙌 🎸 🎤

Mrs Mason

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.