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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

12 th October	Parents' Evening
We sent out an email on 26 th September with more information and instructions on how to make a booking.	
12 th – 15 th October 3.25 – 3.45	Autumn Book Fair
13 th October 2.30 – 3.00	Parent Coffee & Chat with Mrs Gingell and Mrs Kular in the school hall
21 st Oct 3.15 – 4.30	Nurs, Rec, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Spooky disco
22 nd Oc 3.15 – 4.30	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Spooky disco
23 rd October	TT Rockstars Day

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

Dear Parents/carers

As I come to the end of my first month at Wednesbury Oak Academy, I would like to say a huge thank you to our children, staff and parents for the warm welcome and support I have received. It has been a pleasure getting to know our wonderful school community, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks here.

I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to working together to provide the very best opportunities for all of our pupils. Thank you once again for making me feel so welcome.

The last two weeks have been busy, prefects have been elected and are now busy carrying out their roles. We had an amazing drumming assembly with Tony. There was wall to wall smiles on children and staff faces as they enjoyed dancing and clapping the beat. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for parents evening on the 12th October.

Please can I remind all parents that dogs are not permitted on site even if they are being carried. Also can we ensure that children are not on bikes or scooters on school land. Thank you.

Finally, Mrs Kular and I would love to warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a relaxed, informal 'Parent Coffee & Chat' on 13th October, in the school hall from 2.30pm – 3pm. This is a great opportunity to connect with our school community. No need to book, just drop in. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs B Gingell

Headteacher

Autumn Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving in school again soon, with hundreds of children's books to browse and buy. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

The book fair will be open:

Monday 12th October - 3:30pm through till 6.30pm for Parents' Evening

Tuesday 13th October 3:25 – 3:45pm

Wednesday 14th October 3:25 – 3:45pm

Thursday 15th October 3:25 – 3:45pm

Please enter through the main school entrance.

Staff will be there to guide and greet you to the correct place.

Cash and card payments will be accepted.

Every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Ward

Assistant Head, English Lead



♣ 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

Harvest Celebration

We have been busy learning a fantastic Harvest song in school. Ask your child to show you the actions at home!

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we have been learning about what harvest means and why it is important to help those in our community who may be facing difficulties. We would be grateful if children could bring in a tin or packet of non-perishable food which we can donate to support local families and individuals in need. Thank you for your generosity and support. **All donations should go to your child's class by 16th October.**

🌻 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! 😊

Secondary School Applications

Don't forget Year 6 parents to complete your application for secondary school places by 31st October 2026. If you need any help please speak to the year 6 team or Mrs Gingell.

Attendance Matters

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

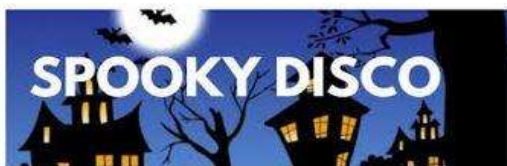
Let's keep the momentum going! 🚀 📖 ✨

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.