

4 September 2026

Little Acorns Newsletter

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you and that's enough!*

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<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

Dear Parents/carers

A huge welcome back to the Autumn term 2026-2027. I hope you have had a lovely summer; enjoyed all of the sunshine we have had and made some special memories. It is with huge excitement and pride that I am now the new headteacher of Wednesbury Oak and I am really looking forward to working with the children, staff and parents to ensure that our children are at the heart of everything we do at Wednesbury Oak.

The children look so smart in their school uniforms, with new haircuts and shoes. It has been great to see their smiling faces coming into school the last two days.

No Nuts Please

The safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is our highest priority. As we have pupils and staff with severe nut allergies, we are a **nut-free school**.

We kindly ask parents and carers **not to send any food containing nuts into school**, including products such as Nutella and other chocolate spreads that contain nuts. Your support is greatly appreciated in helping us keep our school community safe.

Birthday Treats

We understand that children enjoy celebrating their birthdays with their classmates and are welcome to bring in individually wrapped sweets to share with their class.

If you would prefer your child **not to receive birthday treats**, please inform your child's class teacher and this will be accommodated.

To support families in making informed choices and to help manage allergies safely, staff have agreed that any birthday treats shared in school will **not be opened or eaten during the school day**. Children will take them home and may enjoy them with their parent or carer at a time that is suitable for them.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Walking Home Arrangements

To ensure the safety of all pupils, please complete the relevant permission form if your child will be walking independently at the end of the school day.

Year 4 pupils: If you would like your child to walk across the school site to meet you, please complete the permission form. Please ensure your child knows exactly where they are expected to meet you. It is also important that they understand that if they cannot locate you, they must return immediately to the school office. **Year 4 pupils will not be permitted to leave the school site unless they are accompanied by a responsible adult.**

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils: If you would like your child to walk home independently, please complete the permission slip and return it to the school office.

The Ultimate House Team Challenge!

We're excited to launch **The Ultimate House Team Challenge!**

The children of Wednesbury Oak Academy have been given an important mission: **to design a brand-new set of four house teams for our school!**

As you may be aware, our house teams play an important part of school life. Each child is part of a team and together these teams collaborate to earn points to become champions each year through collecting team points for following our school rules or from events such as Sports Day.

It has been a while since we renamed our house teams, so we have decided that now is the time. Who better to decide on the names? Our children themselves!

The challenge is to:

- 🎨 Choose an exciting theme
- 🏠 Create four house team names
- 🌈 Remember our colours are: red, green, yellow and blue
- 💡 Explain why they chose the theme and the names

We're looking forward to seeing the children's **creativity, teamwork and imagination** as they come up with ideas that will represent us as a school. Could their house teams be inspired by powerful or wise animals, famous explorers, nature, inspiring inventors, or something completely original?

There are no limits to their imagination — **the ultimate house team could be just one brilliant idea away!**

The closing date for this competition is Friday 25th September 2026. The winner will be announced in assembly the following week and through our social media platforms.

Please present your entry to your class teacher, this could be a poster, a letter, photographs of the theme, drawings – the choice is yours.

Good luck everyone!

Miss Steadman

Assistant Headteacher Years 1, 2 and 3

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.