

Week Beginning

09/02/2026

Dates for your diary

Walsall School Term dates

Half term holiday:

Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Class Assemblies

<u>11th Feb</u>	<u>4th Mar</u>	<u>11 Mar</u>	<u>18th Mar</u>	<u>25th Mar</u>	<u>22nd Apr</u>
Year 2	Year 6	Year 3	Year 1	Year 4	Year 2

Upcoming Events

11/02/2026 - Safer Internet Parents Workshop **9am**
13/02/2026 - Express Yourself Non- Uniform Day

05/03/2026 - World Book Day
19/03/2026 - Comic Relief - Non Uniform Donation
20/03/2026 - World Poetry Day - Pep The Poet!
25/04/2026 - Easter Bonnet Parade (details to follow)

Attendance

It is important that your child attends school everyday that the school is open unless they are unwell or for unforeseen circumstances. Taking children out of schools for holidays will not be authorised and therefore could result in a fine. Please remember that taking a child out of school can have an impact on their learning for the time that they are off and they can miss key concepts to learning. Not only can it impact academically but it can also have an effect on their social skills and confidence too.

Reception	97.9	Academic Year Attendance Ladder
Year One	99.3	
Year Two	95.9	
Year Three	96.6	
Year Four	95.3	
Year Five	92.3	
Year Six	97	

Well Done Year One !!!

PE Champions



Each week, one pupil from each class will get to bring home their class PE Champion trophy! This will be a pupil who has shown resilience, dedication and hard work during their PE sessions. Can we ask that the trophy is returned the following week, ready to be awarded to the next pupil.



<u>Nursery</u>	Peighton for her fantastic dance moves during our active blasts Well done!
<u>Year 1</u>	Rowan - for demonstrating an amazing goal keeper inspired jump!
<u>Year 2</u>	Rithika - for being amazing in every PE lesson and giving 110% effort at all times.
<u>Year 3</u>	No PE this week.
<u>Year 4</u>	All of Year 4 swimmers for their progression this half term.
<u>Year 6</u>	Lily - for her excellent leadership during games

After School Dance - Premier Dance Company

We are so proud of our After School Dance Club! The children have been working incredibly hard alongside Annabel and Scarlet from Premier Dance Company. Their enthusiasm, focus and commitment have really shone through in every session.

It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their routines come together so beautifully. They are already looking forward to performing for the school and parents in the future – watch this space for more details coming soon!

A special well done to our ★ **Star of the Week** ★ – we are so proud of you! Keep up the fantastic work!

STAR OF THE WEEK



After School Cooking Club

As this half term's after school KS1 cooking club comes to an end, we would like to say a huge well done to all of the children that have taken part! It has been a pleasure watching you join us each week with enthusiasm and create some fantastic dishes/snacks. It has also been wonderful seeing you put on your 'chef hats' at home, recreating some of our recipes alongside your family! Keep cooking!



Talking to Professor Lloyd Peck

This week, a group of children from Y1 were lucky enough to talk to Professor Lloyd Peck who is currently carrying out some research in Antarctica! Lloyd joined us via a video link live from Antarctica, where the children were able to ask him all about the continent he was visiting and the work he was doing. The children were left bursting with excitement and after talking to Lloyd one pupil shared 'One day I'm going to visit Antarctica to see the hump back whales!'. Thank you Lloyd for inspiring the next generation to dream big!



On Monday, a group of 15 children in Year 4 had the opportunity to also speak to Professor Lloyd Peck about his work in the Antarctic. This supported Year 4 with their book in Guided Reading. They were able to gain a broader awareness of the impact of global warming and how it affects the glaciers in both the Arctic and Antarctica. The group of children were very mature in their questions and this supported their passion for helping our environment.

One child said, 'I want to be like Lloyd and help the wildlife, especially those who are endangered'



Children's Mental Health Week!

All week, children at Leamore have been working hard to broaden their awareness of how we can support our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around us. We kick-started the week with the whole school watching 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse'. Following this video, each class has focussed on their own key theme from the film. This ranged from recognising our emotions to supporting ourselves when we have worries.

To book end the week, we invited children and staff to come to school dressed in a way that expressed themselves. What a wonderful week it was!



Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme

HAF Easter 2026

What's on offer this Easter?
 This Easter we have lots of exciting & free activities for children and young people aged 5-16 yrs on income based free school meals. The portal will be live for you to get booked on 23/02/26.

Free activities:

• Horse riding	• Pantomimes	• Swimming
• Arts & Crafts	• Football	• & much more!
• Cooking	• Sports	

FREE
Healthy
Meal

Sign up now!

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How to register and book for the 2026 programme?

You will need a code to register if you have not received a code, by post. Please contact us to see if you qualify for the programme via email wr4c@walsall.gov.uk.

To register your child, use any of the following options:

- Scan the QR CODE below
- Visit our website www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf
- Call us on 01922 653899
- Email us your enquiry on wr4c@walsall.gov.uk

Once you have registered you will be able to book onto activities.

To find out more visit our website or sign up to our newsletter:

www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf

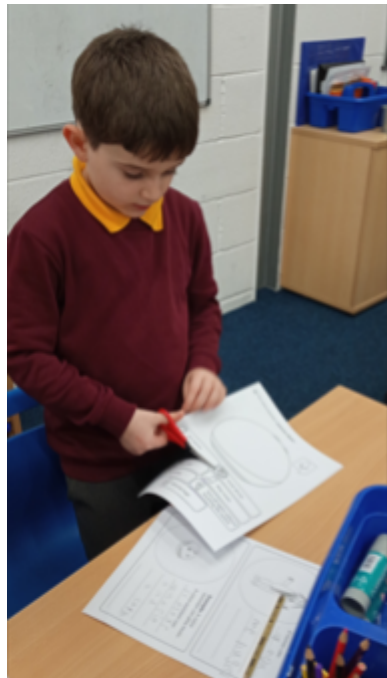
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Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was safer internet day! The theme for this year was Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. We began with an assembly all about AI and how to use it safely. We learnt about the amazing things AI can do but also how it should not be used. We talked about the importance of speaking to a trusted adult when we feel worried or anxious about something we see online. Then, we completed some activities in the classroom using resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre. On Wednesday, Street Teams came into school to work with parents, children and staff. Thank you to all parents who attended.



Messages from the headteacher



Miss L Francis
(Headteacher)

As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I wanted to share my gratitude with our entire school community for a fantastic start to the new year.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your unwavering support during these shorter, colder days. Whether it's ensuring your children are ready for learning or supporting our school events, your partnership is the foundation of our success.

To our incredible pupils, I am so proud of how you have returned after the Winter break with such focus and energy. Seeing your curiosity grow and your confidence flourish—even in the midst of the winter months—is inspirational and challenges our staff to do their best for you!

To our staff and governors, thank you for your tireless dedication. Your passion for providing a warm, nurturing, and ambitious environment ensures that our school remains a place where every child can shine, regardless of the season.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing half-term break. We look forward to seeing you back, hopefully with a little more sunshine, as we begin Spring 2.

Understanding My Child's World



The Walsall Safeguarding Partnership have designed and shared this tool to help you, as a parent, to understand the early signs of child neglect. This tool will provide topics of conversation you can have with the professionals supporting your family. It can help you describe what life is like for your child and why. Your supporting professionals can then help with preventative support and signposting to services and agencies.



Food for Life Walsall Training: Budget food growing in small spaces



Tuesday 17th March 2026
9.30am -12
or 1pm -3.30pm

at Ryecroft Community Hub
(28 New Forest Road, Shelfield, WS3 1TR)



Open to schools, early years settings and community leaders planning growing activities.

We are offering two sessions, one AM and one PM focusing on growing food, on a budget and in small spaces.

Join us at one of the workshops which will include:

- 🍏 Inspiration from a guided tour of an established community garden
- 🍏 Advice on suitable seasonal crops
- 🍏 Ideas for upcycled containers
- 🍏 Guidance on compost, seed sowing and looking after your plants
- 🍏 Hands on practical activities

Limited places available - Please book as soon as possible!



To book a place contact the local team:

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Becky - rdudley@soilassociation.org

