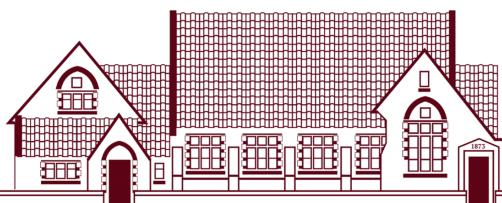


Newsletter



Week Beginning

18/01/2026

Dates for your diary

Walsall School Term dates

Half term holiday:

Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Class Assemblies

<u>14th Jan</u>	<u>21st Jan</u> <u>22nd Jan</u>	<u>28th Jan</u>	<u>4th Feb</u>	<u>11th Feb</u>	<u>18th Feb</u>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 1	Year 5	Year 2	Year 6

Upcoming Events

21/01/2026 - School Photographs
01/02/2026 - 09/02/2026 National Storytelling
01/02/2026 - 09/02/2026 - Children's Mental Health

07/02/2026 - Number Day - NSPCC
12/02/2026 - Safer Internet Day

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	98.9	Academic Year Attendance Ladder
Year One	91	
Year Two	97.1	
Year Three	98.4	
Year Four	94.7	
Year Five	91.3	
Year Six	96	

Well Done YR - A trip to the Education Garden for you in Year with milkshakes.

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>	Jake for his fantastic balancing and jumping skills.
<u>Reception</u>	Oliver S - for great balancing on one leg. You will make a great pirate in PE this half term.
<u>Year 1</u>	Nouran - for smashing her personal best when playing a game focused on sprinting.
<u>Year 3</u>	Romano - for excellent one-handed catching skills in PE this week.
<u>Year 4</u>	Divine for great perseverance in the pool to improve her swimming.
<u>Year 5</u>	Rosalie for fantastic teamwork and perseverance
<u>Year 6</u>	Bray for great technique in static volleyball.

After School Dance - Premier Dance Company

Our new after-school Dance Club has got off to a fantastic start and is already proving to be very popular. Pupils have shown great enthusiasm and energy each week as they learn new routines and develop their skills. To celebrate their hard work, a *Star of the Week* is chosen at every session. This award recognises children who demonstrate commitment, enthusiasm, 100% effort, and clear improvement throughout the session. We are very proud of everyone involved and look forward to seeing the club continue to grow.

STAR OF THE WEEK



Happy Retirement Mrs Barker!!!

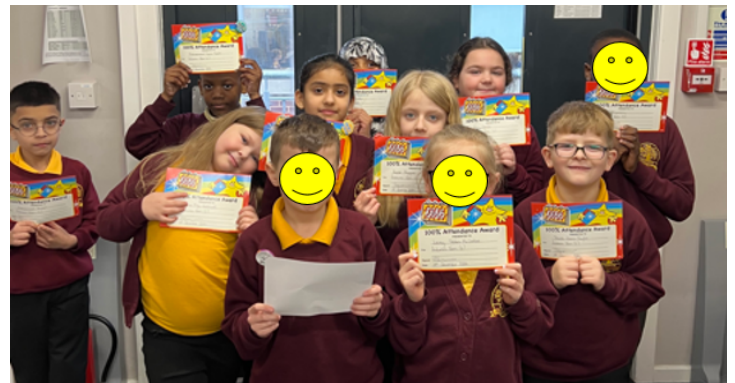
Often the first face many of us met when we walked through those main doors, for 37 years, with a smile on her face and an unwavering determination to help, Mrs Barker has been a consistent and reliable figure within the school office.

I'm sure it will come as a surprise to many of you however, we hope that you will join us in thanking Mrs Barker for her years of service and for all of the help and memories over her time with us at Leamore.

While you will be missed, Mrs Barker, you will always be a part of the Leamore family and we hope you enjoy every minute of your well-earned retirement.



100% Attendance



A huge well-done to these children for turning up every day!



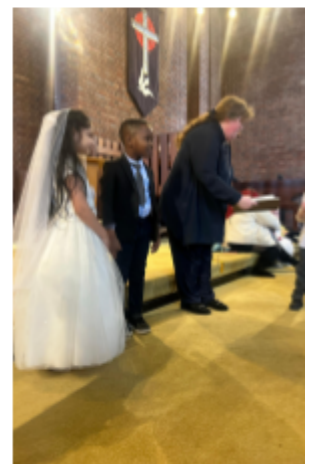
Amazing Insects Assembly

Today, our pupils took part in a fun and exciting assembly with Claire Studman, Engagement Officer from the Cannock Chase SAC Partnership. Children loved learning all about the amazing insects that live in Cannock Chase, why they are so important, and how they help nature to thrive. The assembly was full of fascinating facts, detailed images and lots of curiosity, with pupils asking brilliant questions throughout. Everyone came away inspired to look more closely at the insects around them and think about how we can help protect wildlife in our local area.



Year 1's mock Wedding

This week at St John's Methodist Church, our Year 1 children took part in a mock wedding, building on all their learning in RE about Christian weddings from last half term. It was wonderful to see them put their knowledge into practice as they confidently acted out a range of roles with great enthusiasm and care. They listened beautifully and played their parts so well throughout the ceremony.



FREE activities for families with young children [0-5] **January–March 2026 Activity Timetable**

We're bringing you a fantastic programme of sessions across Walsall, along with resources you can use at home to support your child's learning and development.

Inside, you'll find lots of FREE groups, activities, and workshops designed to help your child learn, grow, and have fun. There's something for everyone. Some sessions require booking, while others are drop-in friendly.

Click here to view our [Activity Timetable](#) Or scan QR Code for PDF

*Let's make this season full of connection, creativity,
and community – we can't wait to welcome you!*

Stay up to date by following us on Facebook:
[Walsall Families in the Know](#),
and feel free to share this with friends who'd love to join.



Nature Explorer Challenge: 15 Things To Do in Walsall

Over the winter break, a fantastic new campaign has been developed in collaboration with Public Health and Walsall Council and all schools are invited to take part in this wonderful initiative.

The campaign is called "Nature Explorer Challenge: 15 Things To Do in Walsall". In the challenge, children and their families are encouraged to explore and complete the activities listed in the leaflet. As children tick off each activity, they'll be building healthy habits, developing confidence, and engaging more closely with their community and, as an added bonus, spending time outdoors helps children develop curiosity, confidence, and a love of nature.

As if that wasn't a good enough reason, once they have completed the leaflet, they should return it to your school by 30th June 2026 for a chance to be entered into a prize draw. Each school will select one winner from Key Stage 1 (KS1) and one winner from Key Stage 2 (KS2) from the submissions that have completed the majority of the '15 Things To Do', and winners will be given a goodie bag - plus their names will be sent to us so they can be entered into the grand prize draw.

**SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE
CHALLENGE AND THE A-STARS PROGRAMME:**





Message from West Midlands Fire Service to Parents and Carers

‘Don’t enter or venture’ - Stay away from frozen open water as cold snap continues

West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) is urging the public to stay well away from lakes, ponds, rivers, canals and reservoirs as freezing temperatures hit the West Midlands.

Frozen water can look harmless, but it’s one of the most dangerous winter hazards we face. Surface ice can look deceptively solid, but is often thin, fragile and unpredictable. It can give way suddenly – plunging people or pets into freezing cold water and serious danger.

Cold water shock can affect anyone, regardless of age or swimming ability, and can quickly lead to loss of control, exhaustion and drowning.

WMFS is particularly concerned about the risks to children, who may be tempted to play near or on frozen water, and dog walkers who may instinctively venture on to ice or into the water if a pet gets into difficulty.

Parents and carers are urged to speak to children about the dangers, to ensure they understand that no ice is ever safe. Dog walkers are advised to keep pets on leads near water during icy conditions. Never step onto ice, and - crucially – don’t enter water or venture on to ice if a person or animal gets into difficulty. Call 999 immediately and ask for the fire service.”

What to do if YOU fall through ice:

- stay calm and shout for help
- spread your arms out across the surface of the ice in front of you
- first check if the ice is strong enough. If it is, then kick your legs to propel yourself forward
- lie flat and use your arms to pull yourself over the ice towards the shore
- if the ice on the water breaks, try to make your way to the bank or shore, breaking ice in front of you as you go
- if you find yourself stuck and unable to escape, wait for help. Stay as still as possible to conserve your energy. Bring your arms close to your sides and keep your legs together, while keeping your head out of the water.

What to do if you see SOMEONE ELSE fall through the ice:

- shout for help, call 999 or 112 and – if the incident involves inland water – ask for the fire service
- do not go on to ice to attempt a rescue
- call out to the casualty and encourage them to stay calm
- to try to reach the person from the bank, use a rope, pole, tree branch, clothes tied together or anything else that can extend your reach
- lie down flat on the bank, to avoid slipping or being pulled in
- if you can’t reach them, try sliding something that floats – like a football or large plastic bottle – to them, to help them float
- if the casualty is too far away, DO NOT try to rescue them yourself
- wait for the emergency services to arrive. Continue to calm and reassure the person.

More [winter water safety messaging can be found here.](#)