

Week Beginning

15/12/2025

Dates for your diary

Walsall School Term dates

Teacher Training Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Class Assemblies

<u>14th Jan</u>	<u>21st 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

05/01/2026 - Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils

06/01/2026 - School resumes for pupils.

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		Academic Year Attendance Ladder
Year One		
Year Two		
Year Three		
Year Four		
Year Five		
Year Six		

Well Done Y? - 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>	No PE this week
<u>Reception</u>	No PE this week
<u>Year 1</u>	No PE this week
<u>Year 3</u>	No PE this week
<u>Year 4</u>	All Children for their progress in swimming.
<u>Year 5</u>	No PE this week
<u>Year 6</u>	No PE this week.

Primary school applications are now open for September 2026.

It is important that applications are submitted by this date as any late applications can significantly reduce the chance of parents/carers receiving an offer of a preferred school. The **Closing Date is 15th January 2026.**

Reception

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 are due to start reception in September 2026.

Please remind parents/carers that having a place in the nursery class attached to a school does not guarantee a place in the reception class at that school. Parents/carers must submit a separate application for a place in the reception class.

Preferences

As always, we recommend that parents and carers **make use of all three preferences** available to them. The applications **process is all online** and our **school admissions team are hosting drop-in sessions throughout this term to support parents and carers with any questions they have.**

Offers will be sent by email to on-time applicants on 16 April 2026 for primary school places.

Further information and help with school admissions can be found on the council's website: [Apply for a primary school place | Walsall Council](#) or by emailing schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk

Infinite Monkey Cage - Our Very Own Lloyd Peck!!!

As a science lead in school and as a massive Infinite Monkey Cage fan and listener, Mr Dwyer was very excited when our Antarctic explorer and researcher governor, Lloyd Peck, got in touch to share that he will be on the panel with comedian Robin Ince and the legendary scientist, Brian Cox and others!

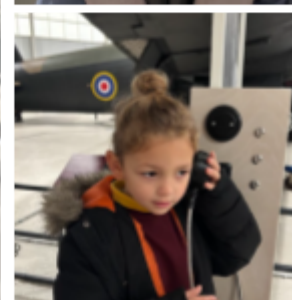
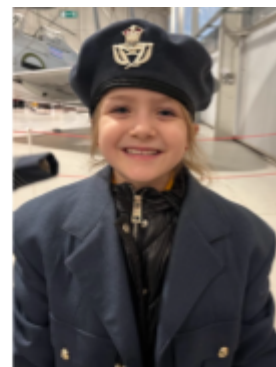
Sure to be packed with very cool facts, lots of laughs and everything between, whether you're a seasoned scientist or someone who nodded off in physics class, listen in to learn all about funny, fascinating and sometimes ridiculous topics – with the occasional monkey business.

The festive episode will be broadcast on Christmas Day at 11 O'Clock!



Year 1 RAF Cosford

This week Year 1 visited the RAF Cosford Museum! The children were blown away by the different aircrafts we were able to see. They enjoyed learning all about how planes have changed over time, something we have been looking at in History this half term. As always, the children were extremely well behaved and I was very proud of each and every one of them. The staff at Cosford even commented on how knowledgeable the children were and said that they were able to answer questions that even some Year 6 pupils were not able to answer!



Compromised Link - 'According To Humphrey' series

We have been made aware that several titles in the 'According to Humphrey' series contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised & now leads to inappropriate material.

Right are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books you may.

The link can be found on the back cover or may be also included on a page inside.

This unfortunately appears to be an issue which is starting to occur on an increasing basis, please remain vigilant



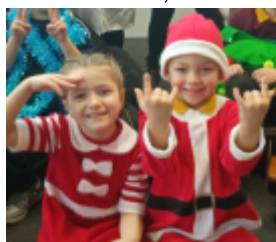
Nursery Breakfast with Santa

This week our nursery children had a very special visit from Father Christmas. The children were filled with awe and excitement as Santa sat right before them, happily telling him what they would like for Christmas and how very good they have been. Father Christmas then surprised each child with a gift, bringing big smiles all around. The magic continued with a special breakfast of pancakes and warm hot chocolate, topped with cream and marshmallows. It was truly a magical and memorable morning for everyone.



Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

A huge well done to all the children in Year 1 and Year 2 for a FANTASTIC Christmas performance. We were all blown away by your amazing singing and dancing, you really did get us all in the festive mood! We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of you that were able to attend, it was incredible to see such an amazing turn out.



Merry Christmas From Leamore!

As part of a Christmas Present for Miss Francis, most of the Leamore Team worked together to create a Christmas tree photo. We had so much fun making this picture and wanted to share it with you all!



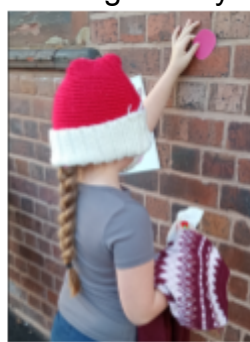
Animal Charity Donations

The children that were part of the Animal Care Discovery Learning group would like to say a BIG thank you for your amazing donations to support animals that are in rescue this Christmas. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity! We would also like to thank the staff at Bloxwich Asda who went above and beyond to support us with our collection and Tammy from the Bloxwich Knave Co-op who also kindly donated to our Christmas collection.



Christmas Jumper, lunch and Party Day

On Thursday 11th December, children came to school wearing a Christmas jumper and donated for our local animal rescue center. During this day, children participated in Christmas party activities and enjoyed a Christmas dinner during lunch time. What a magical day it was!



Messages from the headteacher



Miss L Francis
(Headteacher)

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year — it truly makes a difference.

To our wonderful pupils, thank you for being so positive, hardworking and resilient; your enthusiasm and determination inspire our staff every day to deliver the very best education possible.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for their commitment, care and professionalism. They consistently go above and beyond to ensure that our children feel supported, challenged and valued.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable winter break, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in January.

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Champion Challenges - Disco Dome - Sticker Time
Bungee Run² - Wrecking Ball - Leap of Faith
Nerf Shootout - Wipeout Sweeper - Under 5's zone
Festive Soundtrack - Character Meet & Greet
Refreshments Only £1 - Media Moments

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Cheadle - Sun 30th Nov
Kidsgrove - Sat 6th Dec
Redditch - Sun 21st Dec
Oak Park - Mon 22nd Dec
Cannock - Tues 23rd Dec
Swadlincote - Sat 27th Dec
Solihull - Sun 28th Dec
Bloxwich - Mon 29th Dec
Stourbridge - Tues 30th Dec
Stafford - Fri 2nd Jan '26

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