



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2
2025/2026



Mrs Curry

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! May I start this week's newsletter by thanking you all for your support at our annual Christmas Fayre. **We raised a whopping total of £2400!** We are so grateful, this money will go towards providing play equipment for the children to use at playtimes. May I also thank all of the staff for their support and to the **Friends of Windy Arbor** for their dedication to raise money for all of the children. The Friends of Windy Arbor are mostly members of the staff team - if you're interested in getting involved in events like these, please contact Mrs Faulkner. We'd love to have some parents on our team!

This week in school, the children in **Year 6** and other year groups have been completing their end of term tests. We are very proud of their efforts and we look forward to supporting them with the areas that they are still finding tricky. We will be in touch with you regarding any areas you can support with from home!

We are now on the **countdown to Christmas** - so we have decided to launch our second attendance challenge! It is called the 10-day Countdown to Christmas Attendance challenge...can the children get here every single day up until we break for Christmas? Please see further correspondence from Mrs Sherrington.

In other news this week, our very own Mrs Taylor was recognised for her bravery and courage. She had been nominated by a member of Solihull Local Authority for helping a child in need. We are very proud to have her on our team! She got to meet the Mayoress of Solihull and received a certificate and plaque. Well done Mrs Taylor.



Next week, we will be continuing our Christmas celebration with Christmas dinner day and a Christmas themed letterbox workshop! **Have a wonderful weekend!**

10 Day Countdown to Christmas Attendance Challenge!

Monday 8th December – Friday 19th December

Come to school **EVERYDAY**, on time to be in with a chance of your name being drawn to win a golden envelope containing a £20 gift voucher!

PRIZE 1
Phase 1: Nursery – Year 1

PRIZE 2
Phase 2: Year 2 – Year 4

PRIZE 3
Phase 3 – Year 5 & Year 6



Calendar Dates

9th December	Year 5 Inspire Workshop – 9:15am
11th December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner day
11th December	Letterbox Project – invite only
16th December	Nursery Inspire Workshop
17th December	Christmas Party afternoon!

Cross Stitch Club

Cross Stitch Club on a Wednesday lunchtime is proving a popular club around school! Children are learning a great new skill that requires patience and perseverance and are reporting how calming and peaceful the Club is! Children from Years 4–6 can enquire about joining – just find Mrs Faulkner around school!



Young Carers at Windy Arbor

At Windy Arbor, we have a small group of children who are registered Young Carers – aka 'Super Heroes' who work hard at home to help look after their family. Over the past couple of weeks, our Young Carers Leads Mrs Sherrington and Mrs Woods have met with the children individually and this week, the children attended their first group meeting – 'Time for Us'

The children were so excited to get together, having time to talk and a treat. Discussions quickly turned into making plans for special events for the new year!

If you think that your child may be a Young Carer and need advise, please contact Mrs Sherrington or Mrs Woods.



SMART Award Winners

- Reception – Frankie and Willow
- Year 1 – Lilly and Tommy L
- Year 2 – Hayden and Charlie
- Year 3 – Logan and Braxton
- Year 4 – Fatima and Lucas-Elijah
- Year 5 – Chloe and Tia
- Year 6 – Bayleigh and Kyle
- ARC – Belle and Charlie

PE Star of the Week

- Year 1 – Auriella and Leo
- Year 2 – Stanley and Donte
- Year 3 – Mason and Coby
- Year 4 – Mya-Isabelle and Phoebe
- Year 5 – Sadie and Phoebe
- Year 6 – Luca and Lenayah



Stay connected and discover all the amazing things happening in your child's class by following their Class Story!

Attendance

96%
School target

Blue Caterpillars	80%	ARC	96%
Purple Butterflies	91%	Yellow Butterflies	83%
Bluebells	98%	Daffodils	94%
Snowdrops	95%	Foxgloves	90%
Beech	92%	Ash	91%
Hawthorn	85%	Ivy	89%
Maple	98%	Oak	96%
Willow	94%	Sycamore	95%

Golden Ticket
Reward Winners

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Book vending machine, this week's winners...

Jaxon, Phoebe S, Tommy B, Hudon, Brooke & Freddy!

100%
Attendance



Nurture – School based anxiety

If your child is anxious about coming to school, it is very easy to give in to their anxiety and keep them at home for the day. This however, sends out all the wrong signals – it tells them that you agree they are right to feel anxious and will be safer at home. This is a dangerous message to give your child and will make it much harder to get to school the next day. Instead, try to get your child to pin point what it is that makes them anxious. If this is something like having a friend to play with at break, or the noise in the dinner hall, you can talk to the school to try to resolve this for your child. If it is more generalised anxiety, you need to calmly remind them that they are safe in school, their teacher will look after them, perhaps name a member of staff like their teacher or TA that they could talk to if they are worried.



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