



Newsletter
Date 07.03.25

Together

Important Dates Coming Up

March 2025

- Monday 10th March – EYFS RJG parent drop-in – 2:45pm
- Tuesday 11th March – EYFS RLS parent drop-in – 2:45pm
- Tuesday 11th March – 4GO Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Wednesday 12th March – 4KM Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Thursday 13th March – 4LH Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Tuesday 18th March – Parents’ Evening and Book Fair – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- Wednesday 19th March – Parents’ Evening and Book Fair – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- Thursday 27th March – Green Focus Day – more details to follow
- Friday 28th March – Year 2 Mother’s Day Assembly – 9:15am

April 2025

- Tuesday 1st April – 5SM Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Wednesday 2nd April – 5LO Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Thursday 3rd April – 5ZB Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Monday 7th April – Year 2, 3 and 4 PTFA Disco
- Tuesday 8th April – EYFS and Year 1 PTFA Disco
- Wednesday 9th April – ABC afternoon at Forest School and Year 5 and 6 PTFA Disco
- Friday 11th April – EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade for parents on the KS1 playground – 3:00pm
- Easter Holidays - Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April



Please take a look at our latest news article in the Halesowen News this week - they have written an article celebrating our fabulous Ofsted report!

[Click on the link to read more!](#)

Learning

Attendance

3rd – 7th March 2025

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RJG	97.10	RLS	98.97		
1KH	99.23	1NF	97.73	1SB	96.12
2TR	94.00	2LO	98.00	2HM	100
3EG	98.46	3AC	97.14	3ES	98.21
4GO	93.55	4KM	97.33	4LH	98.33
5LO	94.52	5ZB	98.62	5SM	96.67
6BR	97.50	6EG	96.21	6AO	98.39

Worker of the Week 7th March 2025

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	Alayna W Jesse H	RLS	Elliette B Ilana R		
1KH	Harrison G	1NF	Alfred R	1SB	Remi-Jae H
2TR	Rui H	2HM	Olivia M	2LO	Lennon H
3EG	Raif L	3AC	Edith S	3ES	Samanta K
4GO	Seb W	4KM	Eden D	4LH	Olivia D
5LO	Alexi W	5ZB	Damocles A	5SM	Christian C
6BR	Luca B	6EG	Teddy A	6AO	Ben G



Learning

Bookworms

This week, our bookworms discussed what an effective 'book brag' looks like. They were challenged to model this to their classes on World Book Day with a story that they love and to support their peers in the delivery of their book brags. The bookworms have also decided on our new 'Author of the Fortnight'. David Baddiel is our new focus author for the next two weeks and our reading advocates will be raising the profile of this author within their classes.

World Book Day

This week, the school has been alive with the sound of book brags! Talking about texts and talking about reading is at the heart of our reading for pleasure culture in school. Book talk is fundamental to reading and being a reader. Through talking about books, our children model thinking aloud, formulating their views and opinions and sharing interests with their peers, enabling others to relate new experiences to prior knowledge developing their own reading repertoire.

We all had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day! The children looked fantastic in their costumes - there was a real buzz around school! It was brilliant to hear the children talking to their peers and teachers about their favourite books and recommending these widely.





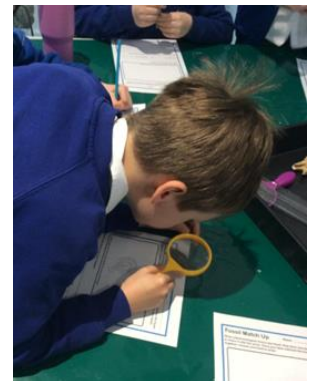
Learning

Trips and Visits

This week, EYFS visited Attwell Farm. The first adventure of the day was travelling there by coach - the first time for many of us! When we arrived at the farm, we went off to meet the animals. We were very lucky and got to see an assortment of animals - large and small. Feeding them created huge excitement and was thoroughly enjoyable. Later in the morning, we were able to stroke a gorgeous, fluffy bunny called Cappuccino and a guinea pig called Parsley! Many of us enjoyed exploring the fire engine too!



Year 3 have enjoyed their experience at Lapworth Museum this week, which introduced their science curriculum topic 'Rocks'. They were able to explore the museum, learning about how fossils are formed, followed by a workshop through which they explored and compared different fossils. What a fantastic start to the science topic!



Farm School

Farm School sessions will begin in the spring term for Year 3 on Tuesday afternoons, commencing 25th March.

We will be preparing the soil and sowing seeds in pots to germinate in the polytunnel. For this, the Year 3 Eco Councilors are currently preparing seed potatoes and will be planting them later this month to be harvested and sampled during the sessions, towards the end of summer term, along with salad and anything else that is ripe. Look out for future updates on our Farm School!

Trips and Visits

We are excited about the upcoming trips and visits linked to our school curriculum:

- EYFS – Butterfly hatching
- Year 1 – Dentist visitor
- Year 2 – Visit to the Nail Maker's Cottage
- Year 3 – Buddhism visitor
- Year 4 – St Margaret's Church
- Year 5 – Field Study: Leasowes Park
- Year 6 – Pioneer Residential

Congratulations to Year 4 for maintaining over 90% usage this week. Shout outs to 3ES and 5ZB for achieving over 85%.

If you haven't logged on at home yet, try a 5-minute slot each week on any of the platform's games. TTRS is a fun way to reinforce times table facts used in multiplication, division, fractions and problem solving!



Congratulations to 2KO, 2KR and 1NF for being the highest usage scorers this week.

If you haven't logged on at home yet, try a 5-minute slot with the busy robots to make them shine. From subitising to place value, from number bonds to early times tables, NumBots is a fun way to reinforce maths concepts in early number.

Each week, we will share a useful parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Keep your children safe by staying up to date! Also, take a look at <https://parentzone.org.uk/> for more.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Butherford is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

