

21st July 2023

Happy Holidays!



We have all had such a busy year. It is brilliant to have such lovely children and supportive parents, and we would like to thank you all for making our school such a special place. Have a relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you fully refreshed on Tuesday 5th September.

Mr Pearson
Headteacher

Mrs Smith
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Harris
Deputy Headteacher

Goodbye to Year 6

At the end of the year we have some fond farewells, mostly to our Year 6 pupils. We wish them the very best as they leave us to go to BIG school (secondary school). We are so proud of these children who are conscientious, intelligent, polite and great fun to be with! Remember all the things we have taught you and cherish the memories from your time at Walmley Junior School. Good luck in all that you do; be kind and try your best. We think you're amazing!



Year 6 SATs results 2023!

WOW! Well done to all the children in Year 6 for achieving such incredible SATs results.

	WJS School Expected Standard	National Expected Standard	WJS School Higher Standard	National Expected Standard
Reading (test)	92%	73%	54%	*
Writing	93%	71%	26%	*
Grammar, punctuation and spelling (test)	97%	72%	71%	*
Mathematics (test)	96%	73%	53%	*

* 2023 National results not yet available.

New baby!

Congratulations to Miss Pearson, who had a lovely baby girl called Luna at the beginning of June! We send the family our warmest wishes.

Green Flag Award

This week, we are proud to announce that we have achieved the Green Flag Award for being an eco-school. Furthermore, we have achieved a distinction - the highest level of achievement possible! Many thanks to Mrs Rendell and the Eco Council who are amazing champions for making our school as 'green' as possible.

Year 4 Father's Day Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many Dads, Grandads and other relatives at our Year 4 Fathers' Day Assembly last month. The children really enjoyed taking the opportunity to share just how amazing their male role models are! We were incredibly proud of how well the children performed the songs and it was especially lovely to see everyone playing outside afterwards too. Thank you all for coming and we hope you had a great afternoon.

Year 6 France Trip

Our trips to France have always been great and this one was no exception! The children had a brilliant time and were a delight to spend the week with: they were happy, patient and well behaved. The



weather was perfect and we had fun on the beach, digging holes, collecting shells and running down the dunes! The Sea Life centre in Boulogne was impressive and we had a variety of other excursions.

It is very sad that this was our last ever trip, after almost 40 years as a school, but thanks to everyone for making it so enjoyable and special. We hope you will all have lovely memories to look back on.

Area Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 14th June, 24 children from across the school took part in a variety of athletics competitions against local primary schools. With some tough competition, it was great to see all children competing with incredible determination and kindness. We even finished with some individual top 3 placings! Well done to all that attended!

Sports Day 2023

What a day! After a quick change of plan, we were so pleased to have had such a successful Sports Day. All the children competed wonderfully - we have some very talented athletes amongst us! Thank you for all the continued support from the sidelines and at home. Yellow House finished the day as champions. Well done, everyone!

Eco Club

We were delighted to welcome the new Sutton Coldfield mayor, Tony Briggs, as part of The Big Green Week. Pupils gave a tour of the school, showing all their eco work and the outdoor areas. We had discussions about a sustainable Sutton Coldfield and pupils were very enthusiastic with lots of ideas for the future.

Parent Volunteers

We would like to thank our parents, Mr Mandefield and Miss Butler, for taking the time to visit pupils and talk about their job roles. Pupils were so excited, asked lots of questions and even got to try out some police equipment! It was a great opportunity to have role models being such a positive influence on our pupils.

We were also pleased to welcome Mrs Gill Hall into school, who did a fantastic workshop on forensic science! She is a fingerprint expert and Year 6 pupils were enthralled by what they learned. Thank you so much.

School Timings – reminder

Children should arrive anytime between **8.40am – 8.55am**. The gate will close automatically after this time.

They will finish the day as follows: Years 3 & 4 – **3.25pm** Years 5 & 6 – **3.30pm**

Uniform

Please do not buy new uniform without checking the full list on the school website first. Some children are still being sent in with 'variations' that are not part of our uniform. Please do not put your child in the difficult position of being challenged for wearing the wrong uniform – a navy skirt does not include black, and leather/leather look shoes do not include fabric trainers.

Could we also give out the usual reminder about writing your child's name in ALL of their clothing and belongings, please, especially lunchboxes, coats and jumpers/cardigans. This will save you money by items not being lost!

Uniform hub Ltd now has on line ordering available. To promote this they would like to offer a 10% discount on everything until the **31st July**. www.uniform-hub.co.uk Please use code **10-OFF** to claim a 10% discount up to the 31st July.

P.E. Days

From September, children will need to wear their P.E. kit for lessons on the following days:

Year 3 – Friday **Year 4 – Tuesday** **Year 5 – Monday** **Year 6 – Thursday**
(but not on 5.9.23)

Attendance

A reminder to all parents that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school office by telephoning to explain why your child is off that day, giving key details including symptoms of illness if they are unwell, by 9.30am on the first day of the absence. Please help your child to build their resilience and work ethic by sending them to school if they only have a mild cough/cold.

Earlybirds Bookings

A reminder if you need to make an emergency booking, it must be made before 12 o'clock on that day. In addition, if you cancel an Earlybirds session after 12 o'clock, you will have to collect your child from Earlybirds as they may have already been taken there by a member of the Earlybirds team.

Clubs Autumn 1

A reminder for parents that After School Clubs will start the second week back after the Summer Holiday and run for 7 weeks.

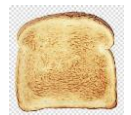
Cake Sale – For the whole Autumn Term – 14 Weeks

The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at **60p per week**. This will start on Friday 8th September. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay online payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the Summer Term only, which will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. **Please do not overpay!** **For the whole of the Autumn Term it will be £8.40.** Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 3rd September 2023.** **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.** As we are sure you can appreciate, Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary ingredients, which is why we have a deadline.



Toast Sale – For the whole Autumn Term – 15 weeks

The kitchen will be selling toast at break time priced at 40p per slice (2 halves) – max 1 slice per child.



Monday – Year 3

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 5

Thursday – Year 6

Toast sales will start w/c Monday 4th September. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay online payment. Toast can be found under 'Products' then 'toast'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the Summer Term only, this will ensure your child receives toast on their nominated day. **For the whole of Autumn Term the cost will be £6.00. For Year 3 pupils the cost will be £5.60 due to the INSET Day on Monday 4th September and for Year 4 pupils the cost will be £5.60 due to the Botanical Gardens Trip on Tuesday 17th October.** Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 3rd September 2023.** **Once the deadline date has passed, there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.** As we are sure you can appreciate Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary supplies which is why we have a deadline.

Hotdog Lunch - Wednesday 27th September

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 27th September. If you would like your child to have a lunch, the cost is £2.60. **Payment for Hot dog lunches should be made using Scopay online payment system.** Hot dog lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Hot dog lunch'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance; this will ensure your child receives a lunch on that day. Payment should be made no later than **Wednesday 13th September.** **Please only pay £2.60 for the March Hotdog lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system.** **If your child normally has a lunch on a Wednesday, you do not need to pay**

Payments to school

Can we please remind parents that we are a cashless school, and all payments should be made using our online payments system <https://www.scopay.com/walmley-jun> We do not hold any cash in school and therefore cannot refund any payments made in cash that subsequently need to be returned. **Please note that any cash payments made, that need to be returned will sit on your child's account for you to use for a future trip/event.**

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £13.00 per week (i.e. £2.60 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be **£101.40** for Tuesday 5th September to Friday 27th October. Please ensure that payments are made promptly using our online system. Outstanding dinner money invoices are sent by email and we wish to remind you that dinner money **should always be paid in advance not arrears**. We hope that your child will have school dinners, but please remember to give the school office one week's notice in writing of any changes to your child's lunch arrangements. The Autumn Term will start on Week 1 of the menus.

Free School Meals

Changes have been made as to how we collect information for Free School Meals. You no longer have to come into school to complete paperwork and bring in evidence as it is all done by simply registering online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham> . You only ever need to register once and school will automatically be updated of eligibility or any changes of eligibility; this information is data protected as per the terms shown.

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2023

4 th September	Teacher Training Day 1
5 th September	School Open
29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
17 th October	Year 4 Trip to the Botanical Gardens, Birmingham
27 th October	Break up for Half Term
6 th November	School Open
21 st December	Break up for Christmas
22 nd December	Teacher Training Day 2

Spring Term 2024

8 th January	School Open
9 th February	Break up
25 th January	Young Voices Choir Concert
19 th February	School Open
21 st March	Break up for Easter
22 nd March	Teacher Training 3

Summer Term 2024

8 th April	School Open
10 th May	Year 3 Trip to Woodlands
w/c 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
24 th May	Break up for Half Term
3 rd June	Teacher Training Day 4
4 th June	School Open
20 th -21 st June	Year 6 Trip to London
19 th July	Break up for Summer
22 nd July	Teacher Training Day 5