



THE NATIONAL
FOREST

Outdoor Learning
Champion

A message from Mrs. Harris

Dear Parents and Carers,

October has got off to a fantastic start, with lots of exciting opportunities for our children. A gentle reminder that we are still collecting food donations for the YMCA Food Bank. Any dried, tinned or long-life food items are greatly appreciated and will help support local families in our community. Thank you for your continued generosity.

We have also enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day. It has been wonderful to see so many children developing their confidence and sharing their poems, with some even performing at Achievement Assembly. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, creativity and courage they have shown.

Across school, we have continued to embed our coaching model. Every staff team takes part in group coaching sessions, while teachers and teaching assistants benefit from regular incremental coaching to support their professional development. It has been a real pleasure visiting classrooms, seeing high-quality practice in action and watching staff collaborate to provide the very best learning experiences for our children. The positive impact of this work is evident in the enthusiasm, engagement and progress we are seeing across the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to help every child thrive.





Sponsored Poetry Recital Week



A HUGE thank you to everyone who kindly helped their child to learn their poem. We loved listening to them last week and the children certainly enjoyed performing them to an audience!

Also, a massive thank you to everyone who helped to collect the sponsorship money. We still have money coming into school, so we will let you know next time what we managed to purchase to make the reading areas look even better!

Little Wandle

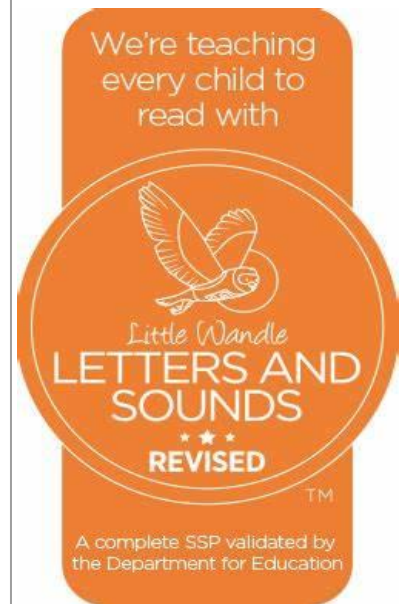
Thank you for reading at home with your child; it makes such a difference! Please remember that Little Wandle Big Cat books should be returned to school on **Mondays** each week.

Please remember to look at the Little Wandle website for more information:

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Later this term, there will be open sessions where you can watch – and participate! - in your child's phonics lesson in their class. The dates are in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section and more details will be in the next newsletter.

We hope you can join us then!





Forest School Champions

We have been awarded Forest School Champion Status -we are very proud! Thanks to all the hard work of Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Bob to ensure this happened.



Jewellery in school

Please do not send your child in with jewellery such as bracelets or necklaces, this is for Health and safety reasons and clearly in our policies. Earrings should be small or studs and removed on PE days or taped. Thank you

Book Fair

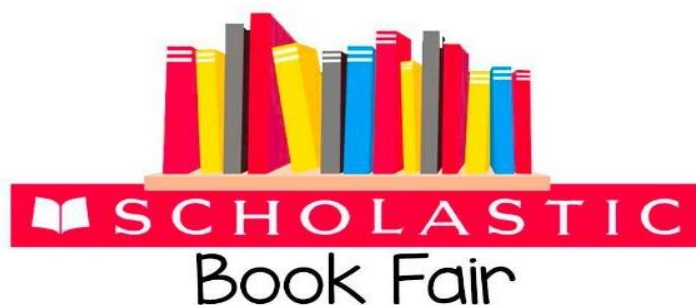
The school will host a book fair which has some brilliant books on sale and helps us to raise funds for new books.

It will be open on the following dates in the school hall:

Tuesday 13th October – after school during parents' evening

Wednesday 14th October – after school until parents' evening

Thursday 15th October – after school until 4pm.





Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Spring

Parents are invited to join their child, every three weeks for a parent library session. Gates will open 5 minutes earlier for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Thursdays. Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Tuesday. Parent library morning sessions start the week after next. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Year 1 Tuesday Sessions

Dragonflies	22/9	13/10	10/11	1/12
Ladybirds	29/9	20/10	17/11	8/12
Busy Bees	6/10	3/11	24/11	15/12

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	23/9	14/10	11/11	2/12
Owls	30/10	21/10	18/11	9/12
Woodpeckers	7/10	4/11	25/11	16/12

Reception Thursday Sessions

Foxes	-	-	12/11	3/12
Squirrels	-	-	19/11	10/12
Badgers	-	-	26/11	17/12

Forest School Sessions – Will be fun for a FULL week (bar Wednesdays)

Forest School Timetable

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Squirrels	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds
1 w/b	2 w/b	3 w/b	4 w/b	5 w/b	6 w/b	7 w/b	8 w/b	9 w/b
7/9	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10	2/11	9/11
16/11	23/11	30/11	7/12	14/12	4/1	11/1	18/1	25/1
1/2	8/2	15/2	22/2	1/3	8/3	15/3	22/3	12/4
26/4	3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	7/6	21/6	28/6	5/7

Wb19/4- Den

Wb 14/6 - Den



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Parent Forest School Dates - Fridays

Class	Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers	Den
	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM
date	30/4	7/5	14/5	25/6	2/7	9/7	21/5	11/6	28/5	17/6

Dates for your diaries, all being well weather wise, we will be inviting parents to join us for the above forest school afternoon sessions.
Please arrive at 2pm arrive at the school office.



heat
HEAT & EAT

Every Thursday 3.30pm to 7pm at

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FERRY STREET

You are very welcome to join us for
company, warmth and a free bite to eat.

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Dates for Your Diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

- Inset day: Tuesday 1 September
Term Starts: Wednesday 2 September
Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
Term Ends: Friday 18 December
Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027

- Term Starts: Monday 4 January
Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
Term Ends: Thursday 25 March
Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 28 March

- **Summer Term 2027**
Term Starts: Monday 12 April
May Day: Monday 3 May
Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July
Holiday: Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1 Sept

Violet Way INSET Days 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September - INSET

Monday 4th January - INSET

Friday 12th February - INSET

Friday 18th June - INSET

Wednesday 21st July - INSET

What's Coming Up?

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October -

Parents' Evening

w/b Monday 12th October -

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 19th November -

Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Open Sessions

Thursday 3rd December -

Reception Phonics Open Sessions

Harvest Assemblies-Friday 23rd October

Join us for a **short** class assembly-

9:10 Kestrels

9:30 Owls

9:50 Woodpeckers

10:10 DragonFlies

10:30 Busy Bees

10:50 Ladybirds

1:40 Squirrels

2:00 Foxes

2:20 Badgers





Please may I gently remind parents that, as a school, we are committed to ensuring children are in school and learning every day. We understand that family time and holidays are important, but we are required to follow national attendance guidelines, including issuing fines where necessary. These decisions are not made by the school directly, and any money collected from fines goes back to the County, not to us.

We know this can be frustrating at times, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to give every child the best possible start in life.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



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FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1

 Day =

2

 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320

2 children = 640

3 children = 960

4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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