



It has been an eventful week with very unpredictable weather! Ensuring that your child has a suitable plain dark blue, grey, or black coat at school is a wise decision given the variable forecast. Safety and comfort for the pupils are top priorities, especially when they need to walk across the road for PE and swimming lessons.

Naming the coats is essential for easy identification and retrieval, considering the large number of children in the school. It can be quite challenging for staff to reunite pupils with their coats if they aren't clearly named. Please make sure your child's coat is clearly labelled with their name to avoid any mix-ups or lost items.

The Primary School remains busy, and it is wonderful to see that our pupils highly engaged in their learning. The visit from author Katie Kirby has been an exciting and enriching experience for the Year 5 and 6 pupils. Her "Lottie Brooks" series sounds intriguing, and it's great to see our pupils being exposed to literature and creative endeavours. Katie Kirby's website (<https://katiekirby.co.uk/>) will provide more information about her books and perhaps even some resources for interested pupils. Such visits from authors can inspire a love for reading and writing and expose them to different creative paths they can explore in the future.

The Harvest festival soon approaches, and our family service will take place on Sunday 8th October in the school chapel, and you are very welcome to join us. This will be followed by Year 3's Harvest event on Monday 9th October, further details of timings to follow. Both the school choir and Year 3 have been practising their harvest songs in readiness for these celebrations. Harvest festivals are a meaningful tradition that bring communities and families together, and I'm sure they will be memorable events for all involved.

Any food donations for the Harvest will be gratefully received and shared with Good Shepherd for local distribution once the services have finished. The Good Shepherd is a local charity that helps support the most vulnerable people in our local community, <https://www.gsmwolverhampton.org.uk/>.





As we settle into the new school year, we would like to emphasise the importance of labelling your child's uniform items.

With over 630 pupils attending our school, keeping track of clothing, and ensuring it is returned to its rightful owner can be quite a challenge. Properly labelled uniforms play a vital role in helping us maintain order and ensure that your child's belongings are returned promptly.

Here are a few reasons why labelling uniforms is crucial:

Efficiency: Labelling uniforms allows us to quickly return misplaced items to their owners, reducing the chances of items getting lost or mixed up.

Responsibility: Teaching your child to label their uniforms instils a sense of responsibility and helps them keep track of their belongings.

Uniform Policy Compliance: Clearly labelled uniforms make it easier for us to identify any deviations from the school's uniform policy.

Community Spirit: When we all work together to label uniforms, it fosters a sense of community and cooperation among parents, students, and staff.

To label your child's uniform effectively, please follow these guidelines:
Use permanent markers or iron-on labels to ensure longevity.

Write or attach labels to the inside of garments, such as collars, waistbands, or hems.
Include your child's full name and class information on each label.

Check labels periodically to ensure they remain legible and attached.

We understand that labelling uniforms can be a time-consuming task, but it pays off in the long run by reducing lost items and ensuring a smoother school experience for everyone involved.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain an organized and efficient learning environment for all our pupils.



Harvest Festival – Donations

Year 3 will be holding our Harvest Festival service in Chapel on 8th October 2023 parents are welcome to attend.

Please could we ask for non-perishable food donations from **Monday 25th September** and perishable foods nearer the time. Please drop off at Primary reception. All food donations go to The Good Shepherd a local charity based in Wolverhampton.



Veer, Jenna & Arturo 3KM visited Mrs Jefferson last week with some wonderful work. All three were the first visitors of the new term and were awarded Head Teacher Stickers. Well done!



We are excited to highlight a fantastic learning opportunity for our primary school students – Makaton!

What is Makaton?

Makaton is a unique language program that uses signs and symbols to help children and adults with communication difficulties. It's a powerful tool that promotes inclusive communication, allowing everyone to express themselves more effectively.

Why Makaton Matters

Inclusivity: Makaton makes it possible for all students to communicate, regardless of their verbal abilities.

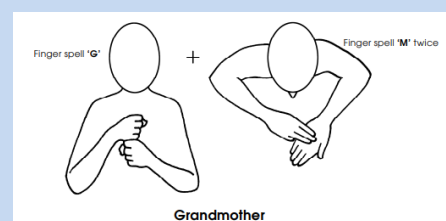
Enhanced Learning: Using signs and symbols can aid memory and understanding, making learning more engaging.

Boosts Confidence: Makaton empowers students by giving them the tools to express their thoughts and feelings.

Each week we will feature a QR code showing Makaton sign of the week.

Please see this week's sign:-

#WeTalkMakaton





School Photographer 28th & 29th September 2023

As pupils will be having their school photograph **taken next week**, our focus will be on the school uniform.

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clean and correct and that they remember their blazer, tie, hair is tied back (**no large bows please**) and most importantly their smile!

Housepoints

Balmoral	1255	2nd
Buckingham	1352	1 st
Sandringham	1235	3rd
Windsor	1192	4th

Dates for the Diary

- 28th & 29th September School Photographer
- 8th October – Whole School Harvest Festival
- 9th October – Yr 3 Harvest Festival School



Attendance

This week's attendance champions: -

RSD

2AT

3RC

Congratulations

Sporting Fixtures

- Wednesday 27th September - U11 Football v Birchfield (A)



Donation Appeal

The pre-loved uniform shop is running low on **PE items for all ages**.

If your child has outgrown any items of uniform, please consider donating it to the school's shop.

Funds raised will be spent on PTA funded projects such as playground and sporting equipment.

The PTA are very grateful for any uniform items that are still in good condition and donations can be dropped off at both senior and primary reception.

The PTA resell uniform items at 75% of the current retail prices.

Our next preloved sale will be during primary parent's evening on October 24th.

If you have any urgent uniform requests, please email preloved@theroyal.school

Thank you for your continued support.

Message from PTA

Upcoming PTA meeting dates:

The next PTA meeting will be on September 29th at 8.15am.

All parents are welcome to attend. It will be held in the swimming pool cafe.

The PTA's AGM will be held on October 10th at 7pm.

All parents are welcome to attend. It will be held in Victoria Hall.

Wellington Boots Appeal!



Do you have any pre-loved wellington boots to donate for our new woodland area? Please drop them off into our reception area. Thank you

**Message from Mr M Heywood
Principal**

Words are so important.

Education, personal development and the strength of a community are underpinned by effective communication at every level and as George Bernard Shaw said, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

Whilst we frequently send out communications, listen and speak to parents and our near neighbours face to face, it seems that sometimes the message we give is not received in the spirit it is intended and we fall out with members of our community. There are many areas on which we communicate, where we need others to understand what needs to be done and how we would like things to be done. As Maya Angelou stated "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

At the Royal School we are all voluntarily part of this wide community of 1500 children and their families, 230 staff members and their families and 100's of local neighbours in surrounding areas. At the Royal School we have five simple values that underpin everything that we do as staff, pupils and families: Respect; Trust; Community; Initiative and Risk. Sadly this week there have been examples where members of our community have not behaved in a way that reflects those values whether in parking unhelpfully in front of local residents homes and driving in a way that puts our own children at risk for a 10 second advantage in traffic, communicating unsympathetically to staff about their child or speaking aggressively between each other. These are not things we would expect our wonderful children to model, so nor should we as the 'adults' expose our children for them to emulate.

I was delighted on Thursday when we hosted Tettenhall Inner Wheel's ladies in the school chapel for their celebration of the International Day of Peace on 21 September that they commented so fervently about the politeness and courtesy of our senior prefects who largely managed the school for their event. As is normal, our young people know what is right, how to behave and treat others with respect. Perhaps we adults have plenty to learn from the young people of our community?

I do hope you have a peaceful and pleasant weekend and model 'kindness' in your words and actions.