



Friday 19th January 2024

Welcome back to school, and Happy New Year! We trust that you had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting start to the new year.

New Year, New Opportunities: The start of a new year brings a sense of renewal and fresh possibilities. We are excited to continue the journey of learning and growth with your children. Already we have been invaded by Y4 Vikings and Y1 have been to space.

Our dedicated teachers have prepared engaging lessons, activities, and projects that will captivate young minds and inspire a love for learning.

Upcoming Events and Activities: Stay tuned for a term of exciting events, workshops, and activities planned for the upcoming months. From celebrating science week, careers week to 'World Book Day' and the opening of a school library, we have a host of opportunities for pupils to explore, learn, and showcase their talents in our performing arts concerts.

Reminders and Updates: Please take note of any important dates for the coming weeks. Our school website and communication channels will provide you with all the necessary information to ensure you don't miss any key events.

Parents' Evenings: Your involvement and support are invaluable to the success of our school community. We encourage you to stay connected with your child's teacher, attend parent-teacher meetings, and participate in school activities.

Together, we can create a positive and nurturing environment for our pupils to thrive. Wishing you a fantastic start to 2024!



Mrs Kathy Jefferson
Primary Head Teacher

Year 2 enjoyed their Beat, Band, Boogie Day last Thursday. They had workshops from the Music Company where the children learnt to make music with junk materials. They also experience how to play using different instruments from around the world. The children were also fortunate enough to have a visit from Alicia Belgarde, a performer from London's West End Musical Grease. Alicia taught the children some of the show's choreography from hit songs such as Greased Lightning!



THANKYOU



Thanks to your generosity, we are thrilled to announce that we've raised an impressive £413.25 for UNICEF following our Christmas Jumper Day last term. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without your enthusiasm and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of children around the world.

Your contributions will go a long way in supporting UNICEF's mission to provide essential services, education, healthcare, and protection to children in need.

We are truly inspired by the kindness and compassion demonstrated by our school community.

Diary

- Monday 22nd January – Yr 4 Author Workshop
- Tuesday 23rd January – Yr 5RK Safeside
- Tuesday 23rd January – Yr 3 Author Workshop
- Tuesday 23rd January – Yr 4 Kingswood Parent Evening
- Wednesday 24th January – Yr 5ED Safeside
- Thursday 25th January – Visiting Speaker Eva Abley
- Thursday 25th January – YR 4 Junior PCSO Programme
- Friday 26th January – Yr 5KG Safeside

Housepoints

Balmoral	1830
Sandringham	1505
Buckingham	1605
Windsor	1590

ASSEMBLY

It was wonderful to share in a celebration assembly of Guru Gobind Singh Ji whose birthday was on 5th January. It was great to explain the accomplishments of the tenth guru as part of the Sikh faith. Children from both KS1 and KS2 were able to link his recognition of the 'Panj Pyare - 5 Beloved Ones' as an essential moment of history when the formation of a pure identity for Sikh followers, The Khalsa Community was formed. Discussions took place regarding the characteristics and link to our school values of trust, respect and risk the followers demonstrated in order to express their full commitment to the Sikh faith.



Year 4 Hockey

On Thursday 18th January, Year 4 hockey players performed against Tettenhall College in uni-hoc indoor hockey games winning 3-2 and 2-0. They were umpired and coached by our Year 13 sports leaders Louise and Emma.

Due to the cold weather, they also participated in a dance session led by Kezeyah in Year 10 and Safa in Year 13.

Well played everyone and thanks to our senior school sports leaders!



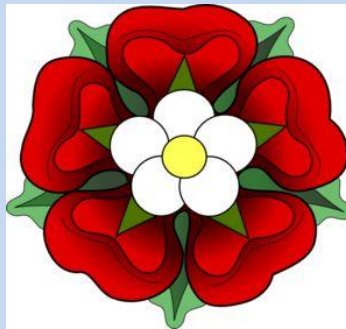
Year 5 Tudor Day

Year 5 enjoyed an immersive Tudor Day that brought history to life in a vibrant and engaging way. Dressed in elaborate Tudor costumes, the students embarked on a journey to the past.

The day was filled with hands-on activities, including playing authentic Tudor board games that transported them to the era's leisure activities. In a creative twist, the students collaborated to construct intricate 3D Tudor houses, showcasing their architectural skills.

The crafting continued as they fashioned aromatic pomanders, a popular accessory in Tudor times. Outdoors, amidst the fresh air, students delved into the past by piecing together the intricate puzzle of Henry VIII's family tree.

This immersive experience not only deepened their understanding of Tudor history but also fostered teamwork, creativity, and a genuine appreciation for the rich tapestry of the past.

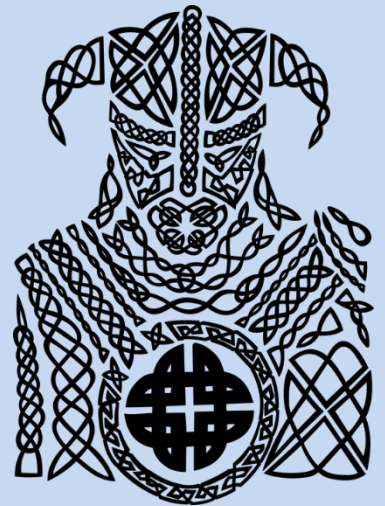
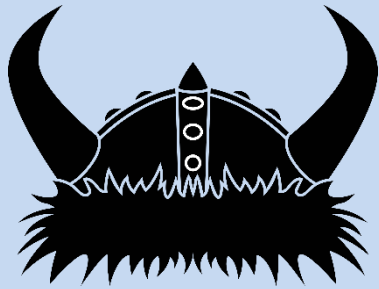


Year 4 Viking Day

What an exciting start that Year 4 have had to their new topic, 'Traders and Raiders'! Steve the Viking visited all Year 4 students to discuss the life of a Viking. Children made mini shields and an ancient clay rune stone, as well as participating in a dragon boat race and learning a wide range of facts about how the Vikings lived. Great fun was had by all!

Zorawar 4LD - "Steve the Viking taught us how to blow the cow horn and this was my favourite part of the day."

Amaya 4HE - "I enjoyed Viking day because Steve showed us how to work together as a team to make a longboat."



Is my child too ill for school?

As we navigate through the winter months, it's inevitable that illnesses may impact our families. We understand the concerns and questions parents may have about whether to send their children to school when they are feeling under the weather. In this feature, we aim to provide clarity on our school's policies and offer guidance to support the well-being of our pupils and the broader community. For further information, please click on the NHS guideline [CLICK HERE](#)



Public Health
Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox

At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhea & /or Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Respiratory Illness

(e.g colds & flu)
Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed



Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

German Measles (Rubella)

5 days from onset of rash

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Makaton Sign of the Week



#WeTalkMakaton

Wider Wellbeing Café

FREE Coffee and Craft

Come and join us for some breakfast, chats and crafts – meet new people, learn new skills and bring your friends. Sandwich and drink included FREE!



When – Monday January 29th

Times – 10am – 1pm

Where – The Workspace, All Saints Road, WV2 1EL

To book email – sue.widerlearning@gmail.com



Message from Vaccination UK

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are **outstanding** one or both doses.

The MMR would have been given at the age of 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands which have been on the rise within the last few weeks. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on 01902 200077 to make an appointment. This will be at an alternative venue and **NOT** at the school.

Polite Reminder Reception Castle

It has come to our attention that, after school hours, there has been an increasing number of children from other year groups using the reception play area and the castle within it. While we appreciate the enthusiasm for play and socialisation, we must emphasise the importance of adhering to designated play areas to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils.

The reception play area, is specifically designed for the use of our reception pupils during school hours and should not be used by children of any age after school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Protect your child this winter from

Influenza

Children's Flu vaccination clinics 2024

1 To consent your child for a FREE vaccine:

It's not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccine. We are holding clinics for school aged children at the following venues in January 2024.

These are **free walk in** flu clinics, where we are offering the nasal flu vaccine and the **gelatine-free** flu vaccine.

You can walk in and get the vaccine, or we can book you an appointment. Please contact our team via telephone on the numbers below:

2 Follow up clinic dates and times:

DUDLEY: Fens Pool Community Centre, 111 Tennyson, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, DY5 4HY
Call to book: 01384 431712

Saturday 20th Jan 9am - 13.30pm

SANDWELL: Wood Lane Community Centre, 157 Wood Lane, West Bromwich B70 9PT
Call to book: 0121 592 1110

Saturday 27th Jan 9am - 1.30pm

WALSALL: The South and Central Hub, Birchills Street WS2 8NF
Call to book: 01922 9020352

Saturday 27th Jan 9am - 1.30pm

WOLVERHAMPTON: Health Hub, Mander Centre
Wolverhampton WV1 3NH
Call to book: 01902 200077

Saturday 20th Jan 9am - 2.30pm



Available to all children from Reception to Year 11

SAFE!

For further information go to: www.schoolvaccination.uk

Today Year 1 took part in a "Space Day". A company came in and delivered a VR session taking us into space. We looked at what a rocket would need to take us into space and made our own using water bottles. Finally, we designed and painted our own planets.



Attendance

Week Beginning 8th January 2024

3KH	5KG	5RK	6SH	3KM	RAR	RAG	2HD	3RC	6LS	5ED	2AT	ACC	2GB	4HE	6EP	IAC	1KN	1ER	RSD	4LD
100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	96%	95%	94%	93%	93%	92%	92%	90%	90%

Week Beginning 15th January 2024

3RC	5ED	RAG	2AT	3KH	2GB	RAR	2HD	4HE	ACC	5KG	6SH	5RK	6EP	RSD	3KM	6LS	1KN	IAC	4LD	1ER
100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	96%	96%	95%	91%

National Careers Week 2024: 4th - 9th March



We're thrilled to announce that National Careers Week is just around the corner, taking place from March 4th to March 9th, 2024.

While our primary-aged pupils may not need to make career decisions just yet, it's never too early to start thinking about the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. That's why we're reaching out to you, our fantastic parents and family members, to help inspire and educate our young minds about the diverse range of careers that await them in the future.

We believe that every job is an opportunity for learning and growth, and we want to expose our pupils to as many different fields as possible. Whether you're an engineer, artist, scientist, entrepreneur, or have a unique profession, we invite you to share your experiences with our pupils. Your insights can help them understand the vast array of careers available, the skills required, and the journeys people take from school to a fulfilling career.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Class/Year Group Talks: Share your career journey and insights with a class or year group during the school day.
- Assemblies: Inspire a broader audience by leading an assembly that highlights various careers and the paths that lead to them.
- Child-led Interviews: Let our students take the lead in interviewing you about your job, giving them the chance to explore and learn more about your profession.
- Local Community Involvement: If you have a job or business in the local community, we'd love to showcase the wonderful careers right here in our neighbourhood.

Additionally, we are open to flexibility in scheduling, including presenting during after-school clubs (3:45pm – 4:45pm). If attending in person isn't feasible, we also welcome the option of recording a video to share with the pupils.

If you're interested in participating, please reach out to us via email at sholdsworth@theroyal.school with details about your job and your availability. We are eager to hear from you and appreciate your willingness to contribute to the education and inspiration of the next generation.

Let's make National Careers Week an unforgettable experience for our students as they embark on a journey of curiosity and discovery about the world of possibilities that await them.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs S Holdsworth
Assistant Head
Careers & Transitions

