



The Royal School

Wolverhampton

## The Royal Primary Newsletter

We are delighted to share the latest news and updates with our parents as we embrace the improving weather and exciting learning experiences throughout the school.

As the sun shines brighter, we kindly remind all parents to ensure their children bring hats and suncream, as well as water bottles, to school every day. It is essential to keep our young learners protected and hydrated during the warm days ahead.

In other news, we are pleased to announce that Year 3 has appointed new librarians who will soon commence their librarian training in the upcoming weeks. The standard of applications was exceptional, and we are confident that our Year 3 librarians will excel in their roles.

This week has been brimming with enriching trips and engaging learning experiences for our pupils. Year 3 enjoyed an immersive Stone Age Day, while Year 5 embarked on a thrilling visit to Drayton Manor Park and Zoo, as well as Reception's visit to Wonderland and Year 2 to Arley Arboretum . All of these excursions are thoughtfully linked to the Cornerstones topics, providing real-world connections to classroom learning.

We always take great pleasure in hearing about our pupils' extracurricular activities, such as dancing and boxing. Parents and pupils are encouraged to share these accomplishments with the school, as we celebrate the diverse talents and interests of our students.

A gentle reminder to all parents to be considerate of our local residents and avoid blocking driveways during drop-off and pick-up times. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can ensure a positive and fulfilling educational experience for all our students.

**Mrs Kathy Jefferson**  
Primary Head Teacher



# ASSEMBLY

The second half of the summer term is a time where we start to consider change as we look towards the new year.

During this week's assembly, we focused on the learning behaviour adapter, especially considering the numerous transitions our pupils will be undergoing in the coming months.

The assembly highlighted the importance of developing effective coping strategies when faced with change. We explored how change can be both challenging and exciting, marking the beginning of new adventures and opportunities for personal growth. Through engaging stories and discussions, our students learnt valuable lessons on resilience and flexibility in the face of change.

As a school, we understand the importance of supporting our pupils through transitions and equipping them with the skills they need to navigate change successfully. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home, discussing the positive aspects of change and helping your child build confidence in their ability to adapt to new situations.

In light of these discussions, I urge you to keep an open line of communication with your child's teachers. By working together, we can provide the necessary support and guidance to ensure a smooth transition period for our students. Should you have any concerns or questions regarding these upcoming changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Please find attached the assemblies to aid your discussion at home.

EYFS/KS1 Assembly

[Click HERE](#)

KS2 Assembly

[Click HERE](#)



## Diary Dates

Monday 10th June 2024 YR 5 Swimming Gala  
Friday 14th June YR 3 Wolverhampton Art Gallery



**Dear Parents,**

**We are excited to announce that this half term, Year 4 are learning all about healthy habits, including the significance of oral hygiene and overall dental health.**

**In order to make this initiative a success, we are kindly requesting the presence of a dentist to come and speak to our students about dental care practices, the importance of regular check-ups, and tips for maintaining a healthy smile.**

**If you are a parent who is a dentist or knows a dentist who would be willing to volunteer their time for this educational session, please send an email to primary reception [primaryreception@theroyal.school](mailto:primaryreception@theroyal.school)**

**Thank you for your support.  
Miss Dorricott**

Save  
THE  
Date

**Re-scheduled ICT Parent  
Workshop**

**Wednesday 10th July 2024**  
**Start time 2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**in Primary Hall**



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**Notice Board**

Save  
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**Sports Day**

- Reception to Year 2 Wednesday  
19th June 2024
  - **Start time 1:15pm - 3:15pm**
- Year 3 to Year 6 Wednesday 3rd  
July 2024
  - **Start time 1:15pm - 3:15pm**

Save  
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**Primary Prize Day  
Invitation Only  
Uniform to be worn**

**Saturday 29th June 2024**  
**9:45am Arrival**  
**9:55am Seated**  
**10:00am Ceremony will  
commence**

Save  
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**Childrens University  
Graduation  
Yr 3- Yr 6**

**Monday 8th July 2:30pm**  
**Chapel**

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Date

**Parents Evening  
Drop in session  
no appointment necessary**

**Wednesday 10th July 4:00pm**  
**5:00pm**



**Dear Parents and Carers of Prize Day Winners,  
Thank you to those who have already responded to the Prize  
Day invitation.**

**We kindly remind the remaining parents and carers of Prize  
Day winners that it is essential for us to know whether you  
will be attending. Please inform us at your earliest  
convenience. Please e-mail  
[primaryreception@theroyal.school](mailto:primaryreception@theroyal.school)**

Save  
THE  
Date

**PTA**

**Summer Festival**  
**Friday 28th June**  
**3:30pm - 7:00pm**





Last half term, we were fortunate to have been selected by Eva Abley to host her disability talk, as featured on Sky News. The news report titled FYI Investigates: Disability and Me can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [fyi-investigates-disability-and-me](#)

The talk was informative and the children engaged brilliantly. It was a valuable opportunity for our pupils to gain insight into the experiences of individuals with disabilities, promoting empathy and understanding among our school community.

Events like these not only enrich our curriculum but also reinforce the importance of inclusivity and diversity in our school. We are committed to creating a learning environment where every individual feels respected and supported, regardless of their abilities.

We are grateful to Eva Abley for sharing her expertise with us and to all the pupils and staff who actively participated in the event. Together, we can continue to foster a culture of acceptance and appreciation for differences within our school.



Congratulations!



We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about one of our talented pupils, Mackenzie. She is a dedicated member of the competitive cheer team with the Sharon Ann Cheer Academy, and we are incredibly proud to announce that on Saturday, June 1st, her team achieved first place in the final cheer competition of the year!

We are excited to share a special moment from Year 4. Recently, Cole visited Mrs. Jefferson to showcase his enthusiasm for a sport he enjoys outside of school: boxing. It's wonderful to see our pupils pursuing their interests and excelling in activities outside the classroom. Cole's commitment to boxing not only helps him stay physically active but also teaches him valuable life skills such as perseverance, focus, and resilience.

## Year 2's Exciting Adventure to Arley Arboretum

We are thrilled to share some delightful moments from Year 2's recent trip to Arley Arboretum! Yesterday, our young explorers had a wonderful time immersing themselves in the natural beauty and educational opportunities offered by the Arboretum.

The day began with a scenic exploration of the grounds, where the children participated in the engaging tree trail. This activity allowed them to learn about various types of trees, enhancing their understanding of nature and the environment. The curiosity and enthusiasm of our students were evident as they eagerly identified different species and shared their newfound knowledge with each other.

A highlight of the trip was the fascinating bee talk. The children were captivated by the informative session, which provided insights into the lives of bees and their crucial role in our ecosystem. This interactive talk sparked many questions from our inquisitive students, who were eager to learn more about these incredible insects.

Lunch was another memorable part of the day. The children enjoyed their meals surrounded by the charming sights and sounds of chicks and ducklings. The presence of these adorable animals added a special touch to their picnic, creating a joyful and relaxing atmosphere.

We are proud to report that the Year 2 students received numerous compliments from other visitors and Arboretum staff for their exemplary behavior. Their conduct throughout the trip was a true reflection of the values we uphold at The Royal, and they were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Please take a moment to enjoy some of the wonderful pictures from the trip, showcasing the joy and learning experienced by Year 2 at Arley Arboretum.





## **PTA Volunteer Request**

The PTA has only a handful of members and we urgently require parent support for our upcoming events.

If you can spare an hour or two, your support will make a significant difference to the success of upcoming events.

The PTA urgently requires volunteers for the following events -

### **KS1 Sports Day**

Wednesday 19th June

12pm - 3.30pm

Set up and selling light refreshments.

### **KS2 Sports Day**

Wednesday 3rd July

12pm - 3.30pm

Set up and selling light refreshments.

### **Summer Festival**

Friday 28th June

12pm - 8pm

The PTA hopes to continue to organise fundraising events for pupils and families at the Royal School, but this is only possible with volunteers.

If you are able to help at any event, for any length of time, please contact your PTA year rep.



At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**MATURE CONTENT** 18  
RENOVED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

**VIOLENCE**

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

**SUGGESTIVE WRITING**

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**PEGI 12**

**ONLINE PLAY**

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

**DIFFICULTY**

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game. In places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**WATCH GAMEPLAY**

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

**LEND A HAND**

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

**SET CONTENT LIMITS** UNR18

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

**PLAY TOGETHER**

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

**PLACE BOUNDARIES**

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

**Meet Our Expert**

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

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## HOLIDAY FUN!



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## Reception Trip to Wonderland

On Wednesday, June 5th, the Reception children had a fantastic day at 'Wonderland' in Telford. They interacted with a range of fairytale characters, explored the inside of their cottages, and watched a live stage performance. The children were particularly excited about riding on the various attractions and enjoyed eating their lunch in a castle. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout the day, truly doing the Royal School proud.



# School Council Meeting

This week, the School Council at The Royal had a productive meeting with Mrs. Jefferson to relay feedback from the student body. These representatives, elected at the beginning of the school year by their peers, have been actively participating in various school activities and ensuring that pupil voices are heard.

During the meeting, the School Council members proudly shared several highlights they have been involved in. Notable among these were the catering meetings, the vibrant celebrations of World Book Day, and the much-anticipated opening of our new library. These events have not only been significant milestones but have also enriched the school experience for everyone.

The School Council also expressed their enthusiasm for some of the activities and systems currently in place at The Royal. They spoke passionately about the class dojo system, which has been well-received by pupils for its motivational and engaging approach to learning and behavior.

In addition to celebrating successes, the School Council proposed a few changes they believe could enhance the school experience further. Their thoughtful suggestions reflect the collective voice of the pupils and aim to make The Royal an even better place to learn and grow.

Mrs. Jefferson was pleased to hear the feedback and shared some exciting upcoming initiatives that will soon be introduced. While the details were kept under wraps, her announcement has certainly built anticipation for what's to come.



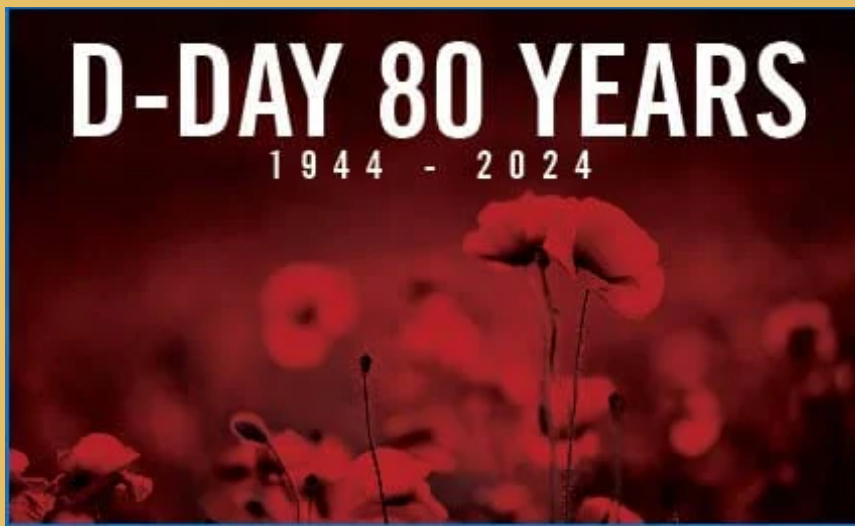
# LIBRARY



We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Year 3 has appointed a new team of librarians, who are set to embark on their training in the upcoming weeks. This marks a significant step forward in fostering a love for reading and promoting literacy within our school community.

The selection process for our Year 3 librarian positions was highly competitive, with an exceptional standard of applications submitted. It was truly inspiring to see the enthusiasm and dedication from our students, all eager to contribute to the school library and support their peers in discovering the joy of reading.





## Honoring D-Day: Our CCF Contingent Remembers

We are deeply moved to share an image of our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) contingent as they observe a moment of remembrance for those who lost their lives on D-Day 80 years ago. This poignant occasion serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by so many during one of the most significant events in history.

Our CCF cadets, dressed in their uniforms, stand solemnly in a tribute that reflects their respect and gratitude for the heroes of D-Day. This image captures not only a moment of reflection but also the embodiment of the values that our cadet force upholds: honor, duty, and remembrance.





We had the most amazing week away at Dunfield. We spent the week in the sun, surrounded by sheep, nature and fresh air. We competed in teams completing team building activities as well as arts and crafts and outdoor learning in the woodland area. The children also had the opportunity to use the pool throughout the week, having fun swimming as well as synchronized swimming. During the evenings, we had a blast having discos, movie nights, taskmaster and a campfire. The children were brilliant, always displaying the school values and learning behaviours, showing kindness to all and including all in their activities. They really were a privilege to spend the week with. Thank you to all the children who threw themselves into all the activities with a smile. Thank you to Dunfield who were, as usual, kind and catered for our needs and to the year 6 staff who arranged and organised the trip as well as volunteering their time. A fantastic week! Click on the links to see all the amazing photos.

**Monday** [https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared\\_item?item\\_id=item.fde8ad4a-f9e1-42a6-a22d-93e428fd1f68&share\\_token=EPqTii2SSZ6Lz9zOXNbA2g&mode=share](https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.fde8ad4a-f9e1-42a6-a22d-93e428fd1f68&share_token=EPqTii2SSZ6Lz9zOXNbA2g&mode=share)

**Tuesday** [https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared\\_item?item\\_id=item.32b8299a-c959-4c22-989d-3edaa0f9015a&share\\_token=HzHwNINnTFOifW7-G4id9Q&mode=share](https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.32b8299a-c959-4c22-989d-3edaa0f9015a&share_token=HzHwNINnTFOifW7-G4id9Q&mode=share)

**Wednesday** [https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared\\_item?item\\_id=item.1fee845d-ea42-4a9a-8c67-4296c6bd34a9&share\\_token=RAQIOliTOiqNuRw1SMdvg&mode=share](https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.1fee845d-ea42-4a9a-8c67-4296c6bd34a9&share_token=RAQIOliTOiqNuRw1SMdvg&mode=share)

**Thursday** [https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared\\_item?item\\_id=item.07a05940-5670-4f76-89ba-f1a13a935d8a&share\\_token=TMD0jpdmTnmMjx2M8Z8OZg&mode=share](https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.07a05940-5670-4f76-89ba-f1a13a935d8a&share_token=TMD0jpdmTnmMjx2M8Z8OZg&mode=share)

