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NEWSLETTER – Autumn Term 2026 – Issue 4 – Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy couple of weeks, with children progressing well and engaging in a range of great activities. Well done to the children who have represented the school, below are some of the great things taking place;

- Our A-stars sheriffs led an assembly for the whole school on Monday 5th October. Williams and Elsie in Y5 and Riley P and Oakley in Y4 are our sheriffs for this year, and they shared with children the activities taking place.
- Some Y4 and Y5 children competed on behalf of Abbey Primary School at Walsall Cross Country. Well done to each of you, a great effort all round.
- Some Y5 and Y6 children took part in Foot Golf at Aldridge Airport, on 8th October. Photos are below.
- Y2 led our Harvest assembly brilliantly, some super singing and a wonderful reminder of how important this harvest season is to our community.

PTA HALLOWEEN RAFFLE & FUNDRAISING FOR CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Just a reminder that up until we break up, we have a Halloween raffle for children to take part in. Tickets are 50p a strip or three strips for £1. The draw will take place on Friday 23rd October 2026.

Also on Friday 23rd October 2026, we are holding a non-uniform day where instead of a monetary donation, we request a chocolate or bottle donation. Please bring this in on the day and if it is glass or alcohol, only an adult dropping off at the office is allowed.

Thank you for your support.

PHOTOGRAPH DAY

We can now confirm that children will have individual photos taken on Wednesday 4th November, please can you ensure that all children are wearing uniform that day, even if they usually have PE lessons.

REMEMBERANCE DAY

From next week, children will be able to bring in some money to put towards buying a poppy or poppy related item. The items range from 10p - £1, and we are limited with the stock we have. They will be on sale until 11th November 2026.

PARENTS MENTAL HEALTH GROUP

Just a reminder that each month all parents can attend the parent's mental health group, held from 2pm-3pm. The next meeting is after half term on 19th November 2026 at 2pm, where we have a special choking and allergy awareness course as part of the group. Mrs Perkins, our pastoral support assistant, is part of this group.

ATTENDANCE

WB 28th September Y3 were our winners with over 97%, they won extra playtime as a reward.

Secondary school applications for September 2027.

Parents and carers are advised to submit their applications before the 31 October 2026 closing date. Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are due to start Year 7 in September 2027.



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As always, we recommend that parents and carers make use of all five preferences available to them. The application process is online, and the Admissions and Education Sufficiency Team will be hosting drop-in sessions throughout the autumn term to support parents and carers with any questions they may have.

School Admissions drop-in sessions

· Friday 30 October 2026 – Lichfield Street Hub, 9am–5pm

Please make use of the support available. On-time applicants will receive their secondary school offer on 1 March 2027. Further information and support with school admissions can be found on the council's website:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions>

PHOTOS FROM FOOTGOLF AND CROSS COUNTRY



The Cross-Country runners above, when they were back in school.



The children in Y5 and Y6 who took part in FootGolf





The photos show the cross-country event. For Y4, Reyyan came 16th, Blake 18th and Lorie 27th out of over 50

For Y5, all the children who took part came in the top 60 out of a field of over 120.

Well done to all the children who ran and represented the school so well.



DFE BREAKFAST CLUB

Your voice matters, and you could win £100 by telling the Department for Education about your family's morning routines!

Abbey Primary School is taking part in a national study about morning routines, breakfast and before school childcare. To take the 5-10-minute survey click here:

<https://insights.ipsosinteractive.com/mrlWeb/mrlWeb.dll?l.Project=S26048194&Id=&i.user1=CRA8RG>

Researchers worked closely with parents to make sure this survey asks the right questions and doesn't take up too much of your time.

- The ask: complete a 5-10-minute
- The thank you: a chance to win a £100 voucher!
- Who: everyone! We'd like to hear from you whatever your mornings look like.

Please complete the survey by 23rd October 2026.

Your answers will help inform the national rollout of free breakfast clubs.

WIN £100 AND HELP IMPROVE THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN!

We are helping the Department for Education to understand how families start their day.



THE ASK

A 5-10 minute online survey.

WHO

Everyone!



Designed by parents, for parents

Scan this QR code, complete the 10 minute survey and have the chance to win £100!

Make sure the findings reflect families like yours!

FOREST SCHOOL REQUEST

Mrs Sheargold has asked for the following Autumn treasures for Forest school please;

- Conkers
- Pine Cones
- Some pond edging stones

Please send them in to the office or on the gate.



St Thomas Church presents...

LIGHT PARTY

Dress up as a character that inspires you

1st November 2026
5-7pm

£1 per child (includes pizza and juice)

No scary costumes

Tickets available in advance from 1st October

Please see poster for the Light Party at St Thomas's church on Sunday 1st November from 5-7pm.

Tickets can be sought via the email addresses below;

ade@bloxwichparish.org.uk or donnatitley62@yahoo.com or visit St Thomas' Facebook page and leave a message.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 20th October, NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe day.

Wednesday 21st October – YR-Y6 parents evening until 7pm.

Thursday 22nd October – 2.30pm - Y4 Class Assembly, Black History Month for Y4 parents.

Friday 23rd October – PTA non-uniform day (please bring a bottle or chocolate) & Halloween raffle draw. Break up for half term at 3pm.

Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd November – **TRAINING DAY**, no children in school

Tuesday 3rd November – Start of Autumn Term 2 & Y3 A-stars Learn to Ride sessions

Wednesday 4th November – School Photos in school – all day.
Y3 A-stars Learn to Ride sessions

Thursday 5th November – PM Flu Vaccinations in school for YR-Y6

Friday 6th November – RE Day – Diwali

Wednesday 11th November – 2.30pm Y5 Remembrance Day assembly for Y5 parents

Friday 13th November – Children in Need day

Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week

Thursday 19th November – 2pm, Parent Reflexions session – Choking and Allergy Awareness Course

Tuesday 1st December – all PM Book Bus in school

Wednesday 2nd December and Thursday 3rd December, 9.15am YN and YR Nativity

Wednesday 9th December – 10-11am – EYFS Christmas Play and Stay.
After school – PTA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 10th December – 2pm Parent Reflexions session.

Sunday 13th December – Pudding Run organised by Sneyd Stryders.

Monday 14th December – AM, KS1 visit to the Hive to see Father Christmas

Wednesday 16th December – 5pm, Carols Around the Christmas Tree. Final wraparound club until 4.15pm only.

Thursday 17th December – WOW of the term assembly. Finish at 1.30pm – no wraparound club

Friday 18th December – **TRAINING DAY**, no children in school on this day.

Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

All other term dates are on the website for this year, as part of the overview planner

Yours sincerely,
Mr M. Gilbert, Headteacher