



Dates for the Diary

October

Thursday	2nd	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Monday	6th	Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	7th	Flu vaccinations in school - parents to send consent to Vaccination UK Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School Parent's Evening
Wednesday	8th	Year 6 Class 10 Sports Club After School
Thursday	9th	Photograph Day Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School Parent's Evening
Monday	13th	Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	14th	Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	15th	Year 6 Class 10 Sports Club After School
Thursday	16th	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Monday	20th	Year 4 Class 4 Sports Club After School
Tuesday	21st	Year 3 Class 1 Sports Club After School
Wednesday	22nd	Year 6 Class 10 Sports Club After School
Thursday	23rd	Swimming for Year 3 Class 1 Year 5 Class 7 Sports Club After School
Friday	24th	Inset Day - School Closed to all children

Inset Days

24th October 2025
19th June 2026
20th July 2026

Term dates for the
2025 - 2026 academic
year are on the school
website at

[https://
tinyurl.com/2fw6drn8](https://tinyurl.com/2fw6drn8)

Unsure on a date?
Check the school
calendar at

[https://
tinyurl.com/5n7ynk66](https://tinyurl.com/5n7ynk66)

School Council and House Captains

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's School Council and House Captain elections. It was fantastic to see so many children in all classes presenting their values and beliefs. Please do not be too disappointed if you have not been elected - the results were very close and there may be other opportunities for your help in school. All children received five house points for their efforts and presenting this year.

Mrs Bates is pleased to be working with Anum A, Abella B, Aleena N, Yusuf M, Dylan S and Jeevan G. The Lower School Councillors will have a great time this year planning events together with the following children from Upper School: Aizah A, Ayaan A, Arjun J, Ishaan K, Harkiran K and Avanie T. They have already met with Mrs Bates to plan the year ahead as well as raise money for their chosen local charity 'Acorns'. We look forward to what you have planned School Council.

Year 6 House Captains have been voted. Our representatives this year are:

Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
Pavleen G and Ruben C	Shaan C and Rishi P	Quynh N and Jovan C	Eve L and Rayan B

Walk to School Month

Walk to School Month will be taking place from Wednesday 1st October to Friday 24th October across Walsall. Children who walk, cycle, or scooter to school will receive a leaf template. They will:

- Colour it in using pencil crayons
 - Write (in pen) how many trees they counted on their journey
- Additionally, children can take part in a fun 'Guess the Tree' competition, where they will try to identify 10 tree names based on leaf samples. Entries for this competition should be placed in the A*Star box in the hall. Two winners will be selected after half term, good luck!



Reminder: Vaccinations in School - 7th October 2025

A reminder that Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray's or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on 7th October 2025. It is important that Vaccination UK receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline. Failure to complete a consent form, may result in your child missing their flu immunisation this year. We cannot guarantee that you will be contacted by our team to obtain consent. Please complete the link to state whether you wish to consent or decline: <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/walsall>



Parents Evenings

Tuesday 7th October and Thursday 9th October 2025 (5:00pm – 7:00pm)

Appointment bookings can be made through your child's Scopay, which are now live. The deadline to book an appointment for Tuesday 7th October is Monday 6th October 2025 at 12:30pm and to book for Thursday 9th October the deadline is Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 12:30pm. If you are unsure of the booking process, then please contact school office for support.

If you would like to meet with Mrs Dickson, our SENCO, please contact the school office to book an appointment.

In addition, a staff member of Walsall College will be available to speak to parents during both parents evenings to discuss education and training provisions for adults. If you are interested in what is available, please find them at their display in the school hall. There will also be some second hand, good quality school uniform available for you, should you need any spare.

If booking multiple appointments for siblings, please give yourself enough time between bookings.

PARENTS
EVENING

School Photographs

The photographers will be in school on Thursday 9th October to take our yearly individual and sibling photographs of children. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform on their photograph day; all years should now be wearing their school tie as part of their uniform.

Children in Year 5 and Class 1 should come to school in full school uniform with their PE kit and trainers in a bag.



Hello Yellow: Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness

Nationally, Hello Yellow will be raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing. On Friday 10th October, we are allowing children to add a little yellow to their usual school uniform. Children may come to school wearing yellow accessories. This could be a pair of yellow socks, a yellow hair bobble or a yellow sticker on their jumper. Normal school uniform will be worn this day. Children will be provided with a yellow band featuring a positive affirmation.

Activities will be shared with the children on this day to allow them time to think about mental health and wellbeing.



Harvest Festival

For this year's Harvest Festival, School Council will be continuing their ongoing support by collecting food for our local foodbank in Walsall.

We are asking you to please help support this charitable cause and bring in what you can. Our school councillors and Mrs Bates will then deliver these items to BCFB in Walsall. Please bring in items and hand to your class teacher by Friday 17th October at the latest.

We would be appreciative of any of the following if possible:

- Cooking sauces
- UHT milk in cartons
- Crisps
- Biscuits
- Any Tinned food items
- Packets of rice/noodles
- Toiletries: shower gels, roll on deodorants, shampoo, soap and wet wipes



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Acorns Charity Day

Thank you to everyone who donated money on our Charity Non-Uniform Day - we raised **£420.47** for the Acorns Charity! Well done for organising this School Council!

Pages and Co: Tilly and the Bookwanderers by Anna James

Reviewed by Avleen



This marvellous book is about a girl called Matilda Pages, nick-named Tilly. She has lived with her grandparents ever since her mother disappeared. Tilly finds out she can talk to her favourite book characters and follow them in their mythical worlds with the magic of bookwandering. She visits Alice from Wonderland and Anne from Anne of Green Gables.

I think that this is a magical book full of adventure. It is like no other book I have ever read before. It is beautifully brilliant and takes you on a breath-taking adventure.

Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman

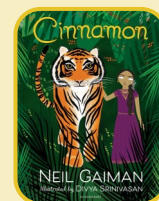
Reviewed by Aveer

This book is about a girl who can't speak, called Cinnamon. Her Mom and Dad put up a poster, requesting help for their daughter. Cinnamon's parents were hoping someone would succeed in helping their daughter speak, but they couldn't. One day a tiger arrived at the palace and attempted to help, Cinnamon's Mom and Dad were scared, but they let the tiger try. When the tiger goes up to her room he says a few words to Cinnamon and scratches her palm with his long, pointy and sharp nail, but immediately Cinnamon starts to repeat the exact same words as the tiger. When her parents found out, it was the most joyful moment of their lives. The tiger got the rewards as promised but instead he gave it to one lucky member of the public and then Cinnamon and the tiger took foot in the jungle and lived happily ever after.

I thoroughly enjoyed the suspense to find out who would be able to help Cinnamon.

I recommend this book because it raises awareness of people's disabilities through adventure and storytelling.

5/5 stars!



Secondary School Applications for September 2026

Closing Date - 31st October 2025



Applying for a secondary school place for your child is an important step in your child's educational journey. For those encountering this for the first time we know that this process may feel a little overwhelming. However, there is plenty of help and advice to support all parents applying.

It is advised that parents submit their application before the end of Autumn 1 on **Thursday 23rd October 2025 - particularly if you think you may need assistance.**

The online portal is now open for applications and the deadline for applications is **31st October 2025.**

All details needed to make your online application may be found on the Walsall Council website.

[Home– Schools and Learning– Apply for a Secondary School Place](#)

Online applications are made to the local authority where you reside and pay your Council Tax to, for example, Sandwell, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, etc.

Residents in these boroughs will need to create an account, if you have not already done so, prior to completion. If you wish to speak to us in school please do so before **Thursday 23rd October 2025.**

If you apply late, you may not get a place at one of your preferred schools.

If you live outside Walsall, you should complete an application from your home local authority (even if you are applying for a Walsall school).

Below are the upcoming open days at just some of our local schools. Remember to explore school websites, read school admissions policies and entry criteria. This will help you understand how schools make their admissions decisions.

Upcoming Secondary School Open Days

Please be aware some of these events must be booked via the school's website. Please check each school's website to find out further details.

Barr Beacon

Open Morning will take place on Friday 10th October 2025 9.10- 10.10am.

The Streetly Academy

Open Evening 2025 will take place on Thursday 25th September – please book a place via the Streetly Academy website.

Aldridge School

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th September 2025 at 6pm.

Willenhall E-Act Academy

Wednesday 24th September between 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Joseph Leckie Academy

Thursday 25th September 2025, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Open Evening Thursday 2nd October 2025 from 4.45p.m. - 7.00p.m

Shire Oak Academy

Wednesday 24th September from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. See the Shire Oak website for more details.

Other schools may be holding open events. Information and dates about these can be found on the school's website or by telephoning the school for further help. Many schools also have virtual tours available on their websites.

Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance

Week Commencing Monday 15th 2025 - 98.1% Highest Attendance - Class 2 and Class 9 - 99.7%

Week Commencing Monday 22nd September 2025 - 97.8% Highest Attendance - Class 6 - 99.7%

Well done Class 2, Class 6 and Class 9!

Class	% Attendance w/c 15/09/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 15/09/25
1	96.1	7	98.3
2	99.4	8	96.0
3	97.0	9	99.7
4	99.1	10	98.2
5	99.1	11	99.1
6	99.1	12	96.2

Class	% Attendance w/c 22/09/25	Class	% Attendance w/c 22/09/25
1	97.3	7	96.3
2	99.7	8	96.9
3	99.1	9	95.5
4	97.6	10	96.7
5	99.1	11	98.3
6	99.7	12	97.4