



Wrockwardine Wood Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

'Love, Laugh, Learn'

13 September 2024. Autumn Term: Week 2



A Message from the Headteacher

What a joy it was to welcome the first group of parents/carers to our celebration assembly today! It was really heart warming to see the how proud both children and adults were.

Please keep an eye out for an invitation next Monday to join us for our next assembly if your child has been selected. We also have something extra special planned for Friday's Celebrations – the amazing 'Music Heroes' band will be joining us for a fantastic treat!

Our children are continuing to settle well into their new classrooms, and we are so happy with their progress so far.

This week our lunchtimes have also been going really well. The lunchtime supervisors have introduced a variety of fun physical games to help the children develop new skills while they play. In the dining hall, the children have been fantastic in following expectations – lining up calmly, using good table manners, and remembering to say "please" and "thank you" when receiving their meals.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events! Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Jenny Gascoigne

The children selected to be part of celebration assembly have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations:



We are kind to one another

We work hard together

We are honest with each other



To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:



It's Cool To Be Kind

I Worked Wonders

I Did the Right Thing



Would you like to join our Team?

The governors are currently looking to recruit for the the following job



vacancies:

*Breakfast Club Supervisor
(5 hours per week)*

National Joint Council (NJC) Scale 1

*Lunchtime Supervisor
(6.25 hours per week)*

National Joint Council (NJC) Scale 1

Please contact: A2116@taw.org.uk
for more details and for a copy of the the job
description and personal specification.

Attendance award

This Weeks attendance cup winners were:

Chicks 1

100% attendance

Well done Chicks 1!



Important reminders.

Reporting your child's absence.

Please call the school office on **01952 387860** before **8:40am**.

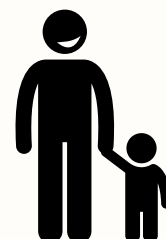
Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could

you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office.



Collections.

In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



Our Mission, Vision and Values

On our recent Professional Development day, staff and governors came together to revisit and re-energise our school's mission, vision, and values. As the new Headteacher, it was a fantastic opportunity for me to work closely with the team, reflect on our core purpose, and ensure our guiding principles align with the needs of our school community. I'm excited to share our renewed commitment and focus with you. Please see the information below for details on our refreshed mission, vision, and values, which will shape our work with the children and guide our journey forward.

'Love, Laugh, Learn'

Mission- We want our children to love, laugh and learn.

With children at the heart of everything we do, we will inspire happy, resilient, and confident learners.

Our Vision Statement

We want our children to be the best that they can be.



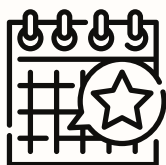
Our vision is to provide an inclusive, equitable and holistic learning environment that nurtures the intellectual, emotional, and social development of every child. A child's uniqueness and connections within family, communities, cultures, and the natural world will remain at the heart of our practice.

Equity- Ensuring all children have access to the same high quality educational opportunities. Recognising cultural diversity, abilities, or circumstances.

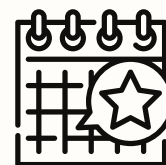
Excellence- Striving for the highest standards in teaching, learning and academic achievement.

Hard Work- Encouraging teamwork and cooperative learning among children, educators, and the wider community.

Kindness- Cultivating an understanding of and compassion for others, both within and beyond the school community.



Key Dates



Date	Event
18 September	SENDCo Parent Meetings
19 September - 24 October	Family Learning Commences <i>'Learning Through Play'</i>
W/C 23 September	Meet the Teacher sessions Click here for more information.
23 September	Harvest collections from today
1 October	Black History Month
3 October	National Poetry Day
9 October	School Photo Day <i>(More details to follow.)</i>
10 October	World Mental Health Day
14 October	Recycle Week
21-22 October	Year 2 Residential to Edmond Hall Click here for more information
W/C 21 October	Diwali activities
21 October	Apple Day
25 October	Last Day of Autumn first half term
28 October - 1 November	Half term
4 November	Return to School

For more term dates please click [here](#).

Don't forget to find out about your child's learning this week from the class page on the website.



Go to: <https://www.wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk>
and click on the 'Classrooms' tab

Harvest

From the week Commencing 23 September we will be collecting donations for our harvest table.

We would appreciate any dried or tinned goods that will be donated at our local food bank for families in need.

Thank you in advance.



Meet the Teacher

During the week Commencing 23 September, parents / carers have the opportunity to join their child's class teacher in the school hall for one of our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

Please access the parent communication by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk/parents-area/parents-communication>

Letters will also be sent out next week.

Influenza Information

All Primary school-aged children, including children in Specialist Schools, in Reception Year to Year 6 (aged 4 to 10 years old on 31st August 2023) will be offered the vaccine.

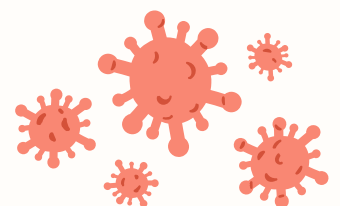
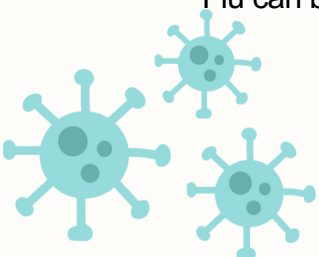
This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications.

Please follow the link for an informative video from NHS

[Flu Heroes - Nasal Flu Spray for Kids](#)

A letter will be sent out to parents with more information and a consent form soon.



SEND News

A Message from the SENDCo

Welcome to the academic year 2024-2025

For those of you who don't know me, let me introduce myself.

I am Mrs McNamee and I am the Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-Ordinator (SENDCo) at Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information regarding Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Further information can be found on our School Website on the SEND Page. This also links to the Local Offer provided by the Local Authority.

<https://www.wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk/discover-our-school/learning/send>

We are proud of our inclusive provision for our children and have successful practice in supporting children effectively to unlock barriers to their learning and enable them to succeed.

We work in partnership with other professionals from the Education services and the Health teams across Telford and Wrekin.

I would like you to know that we have an open door policy in school and if you are ever concerned about your child's progress or provision in school then please make an appointment through the school office to meet with me.

I will also be offering SEND Coffee Mornings throughout the year which will provide opportunities for us to meet together to discuss your child's individual targets and also I will be inviting some guest speakers to provide advice and support for families. Please come along.



Mrs McNamee
SENDCo

Areas of SEN & Disability

Special Educational Needs and Disability and provision can be considered as falling under four areas of need:

1. Communication and Interaction
2. Cognition and Learning
3. Social, Mental and Emotional Health
4. Sensory and/or Physical

SEND provision at our school

Some of our children in School and Nursery have special educational needs which require special educational provision to be made for them. That which is additional to or different from the educational provision made generally for children of their age. This could be:

- Learning which is adapted within their own classroom
- An intervention programme run individually or within a small group
- The use of specialist resources
- The use of personalised advice from other professionals

As parents, you will have been informed if your child requires additional provision to be made for them.

SEND Support

Your child may be on the SEND register at SEND Support. This means that there will be an Individual Provision Map (IPM) in place for them with targets and interventions set by the class teacher to enable your child's needs to be met and to ensure they make steps of progress in their learning.

SEND Coffee Mornings

IPM target sharing
18 September



School Admissions 2025



Reception & Junior Applications



For Reception or those transferring from Infant to Junior (Year 3) in September 2025, applications will be available via the Telford & Wrekin website from **12th September 2024**.

All parents will need to apply via the parent portal.

How to apply for a place in Year 3 in September 2025 (Infant to Junior transfer)

As your child is attending an infant school, you will need to apply for a junior school place in Year 3 for September 2025. To apply for a junior school place you must apply online at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date for all applications is **15 January 2025** or **31 October 2024** for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan. If you do not have access to a computer, you can go to your local library and use their computer facilities.

You can find out more information on www.telford.gov.uk/admissions where you will be able to find our Guide to Primary School Admissions.

Alternatively, please contact School Admissions at admissions@telford.gov.uk



Starting School?



How to apply for a Reception Place for September 2025

Please scroll to the next page...



Apply online
NOW



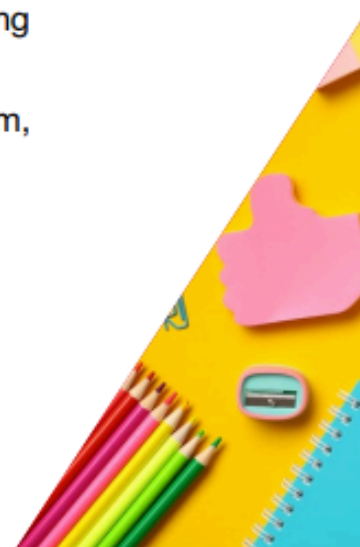
Starting school?

Closing date for applications:
15 January 2025

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2024**.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- You are advised to list four schools on your application form, including your catchment area/nearest school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information **www.telford.gov.uk/admissions** or contact School Admissions at **admissions@telford.gov.uk**



Online safety

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12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device.

Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

