Old Hall Junior School

Newsletter - Friday 6th November 2026

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Diary Dates for the coming weeks

November

Tuesday 10th -Parents Evening
Afterschool Club - Mad Science
Wednesday 11th - Parents Evening
Thursday 12th - Mexican Theme Day
Online safety workshops
Afterschool Club - Athletics
Friday 13th - Children in Need
Afterschool Club - Dodgeball
Wednesday 18th - Road Safety Awareness
Wednesday 25th - MTC Evening 5pm

December

Friday 4th - In school event for pupils - Christmas Fayre pm
Tuesday 8th - Winter Wonderland - 2pm
Wednesday 9th - Winter Wonderland -2pm
Thursday 10th - YR3 Christmas Experience Walton Church
Winter Wonderland - 2pm
Monday 14th - YR5 Islamic Art Experience
Tuesday 15th - Panto
Tuckshop PM
Wednesday 16th - Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th - Christmas Party Day
Friday 18th - Christmas Church AM
Santa Dash PM
School closes

January

Monday 4th - School reopens
Friday 15th - Ash Class Coffee Morning
Tuesday 19th - YR6 SATS information evening - 5.30pm
Wednesday 20th - PFA Book sale in the afternoon and afterschool
Friday 29th - Silver Birch Coffee Morning

February

Friday 5th - Sycamore Coffee Morning

We hope everyone had a lovely half term holiday! It was fantastic to welcome everyone back to school on Monday and we've had a wonderful first week back for the start of Autumn Term 2! We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with lots of wonderful opportunities and activities planned for the children. We are looking forward to sharing all the fun, learning and special experiences that the coming weeks will bring.



Year 4 Circus Skills Workshops

On Monday, Greentop Circus visited our Y4 Ash and Willow Classes.
As part of their learning this term, Y4 are studying a book called Leon & The Place Between which is a story set in a circus.

Our visitor from Greentop Circus dazzled the children with her circus skills and tricks and then the children had the chance to have a go themselves. They had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
Thank you to Greentop Circus for a memorable visit!





Christmas Activities at Old Hall!



We look forward to enjoying some fun activities in school together in the weeks running up to Christmas time!

Winter Wonderland - Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th 2pm.
Our Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children will be taking part in our Winter Wonderland Christmas performances. They will be delighting us with a wonderful selection of festive songs and Christmas poetry, bringing plenty of Christmas cheer for us all to enjoy! Information about tickets to follow.

Y3 Christmas Experience at Walton Church - Thursday 10th December
Thursday 10th December our Y3 children will be visiting Walton Church to enjoy their Christmas expereince and the Christmas story.

Christmas Panto - Tuesday 15th December
We will have the opportuntiy to enjoy the Panto in school - thank you to the PFA for funding this event for us all to enjoy!

Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Party Day - Thursday 17th December
On **Thursday 17th December** we will be having our Christmas Party day - children are welcome to wear non-uniform / party clothes on the day. Please remember warm, comfortable clothes / shoes for outdoor play times on the day.

Visit to St Thomas Church - Friday 18th December
On Friday 18th December our children will be visiting St Thomas' Church together to celebrate Christmas and share carols and the Christmas story. This is an event just for our pupils due to capacity at the Church.

Santa Dash - Friday 18th December
On Friday 18th December during the afternoon we will be undertaking the Santa Dash. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers / Santa hats etc. for the event. This is an in school event for our pupils.

Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal - 11th November 2026



As part of the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal, our Year 6 children will be helping to sell poppies next week, from Monday to Wednesday.

We invite our school community to make a small donation in support of this important charity, which provides vital help and support to serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces and their families. Every donation, however small, makes a difference. Thank you for helping us to remember and support those who have served our country. On Remembrance Day Wednesday 11th November we will be marking the 2 minutes silence together at 11am.

Jungle Jo Visits Year 3



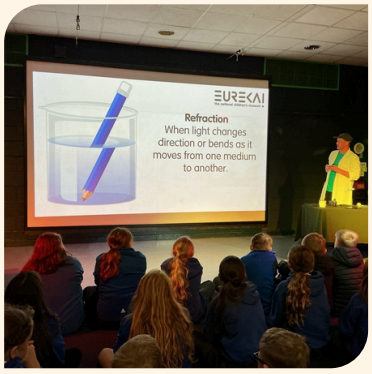


On Tuesday afternoon, Jungle Jo visited our Y3s and brought in a range of interesting animals for all the children to classify as part of their science learning. These included a snake, tarantula, cockroach, tree frog and many more. It was such an exciting afternoon which really helped embed the children's science learning from Autumn Term 1.

Year 6 School Visit to Eureka!

This week, Year 6 visited Eureka! The National Children's Museum. This visit was linked to their learning in Science, and the children explored many fascinating, interactive activities related to light and sound. They watched an exciting show which gave them insights into how light and sound waves travel.

They represented the school very well and we were very proud of their excellent attitude throughout the day. Great work Year 6!









NOV 13

Children in Need
Friday 13th November 2026

We are really pleased to be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November! Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for a small donation to this fantastic and worthwhile charity. Donations can be brought in by the children and made at school

This year's theme is "Challenge 26", and we will be taking part in a range of fun challenges and activities throughout the day, all centred around the number 26!

We are looking forward to great day of teamwork, laughter and fundraising as we come together to support Children in Need and make a difference to the lives of children and young people.

Thank you for your support!



After School Extra Curricular Clubs

Just a reminder that after-school extra curricular clubs start next week.

Mad Science / Electronics - Tuesday afternoons until 4.30pm
Athletics - Thursday afternoons until 4.30pm
Dodgeball Club - Friday afternoons until 4.30pm

Please can **all children be collected from after school clubs** by a trusted adult - with the darker evenings now being here. Thank you!



Parents Evenings – Tueday 10th and Thursday 12th November

We look forward to seeing parents / carers for our Autumn Term Parents Evenings next week on Tuesday 10th or Thursday 12th November.

Thank you to everyone who has made an appointment via the Arbor App. If you have not yet been able to do so - please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

NOV 18 Be Bright, Be Seen! Road Safety Day



We are looking forward to holding our Road Safety Day on **Wednesday 18th November**, with the important theme "Be Bright, Be Seen!"

This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about the importance of staying safe when out and about, particularly during the darker mornings and evenings. **To help us spread the message, we invite all children to wear something bright and colourful to school on the day!** Either wear bright colours or school uniform on the day
Let's make it a bright and brilliant day while reminding everyone how important it is to stay safe on the roads especially with the dark nights and weather! 🌈🚸

NOV 25 Y3/Y4 Muliplication Check information evening

On Wednesday 25th November at 5pm we invite parents / carers of children in Y3 & Y4 to an information evening about the Government's Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

The MTC is a national short online check taken by all children in Year 4 to assess their recall of times tables up to 12 × 12. Although the check takes place in Year 4, we encourage parents and carers from both Year 3 and Year 4 to attend, as the skills and confidence children develop in Year 3 provide an important foundation.

During the evening, we will explain what the check involves, how we support children in school and some simple, practical ways you can help at home. There will also be time to ask questions.

The session will last approximately 45 minutes and is an information based session for adults.

Next Weeks Menu - Week Commencing 9th November

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Vegetable, lentil & coconut curry with 50/50 rice	Chicken & tomato pasta bake	Roast chicken with creamy mash potato & gravy	All day breakfast	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Sweet & sour Quorn™ with 50/50 rice	Vegetarian pasta bake	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	Mushy peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Blueberry & banana muffin	Lemon biscuit	Fruit flapjack	Chocolate muffin	Orange jelly & fruit
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

ACE Winners and Ready Respectful Safe Winners this week!

Y3 Holly	**ACE –** Alessandro W **RRS –** Layla B	**Y3 Maple**	**ACE -** Evie H **RRS -** George B
Y4 Ash	**ACE -** Lucas D **RRS -** Maddox B	**Y4 Willow**	**ACE –** Luke W **RRS -** Willow T
Y5 Sycamore	**ACE -** Beatrice S **RRS -** Lucas P	**Y5 Silver Birch**	**ACE -** Sienna G **RRS -** Albie B
Y6 Oak	**ACE -** Darshan T **RRS -** Ella W	**Y6 Elm**	**ACE -** Mason GH **RRS -** Izzie B

Attendance at Old Hall

Well done to all our attendacne winners this week!



Class Winners:
Oak - 99.7%

Whole School Attendance this week =
95.5%