

Friday 27th March 2026

Article of the month: 6

School Value: Kindness

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final week of the spring term has offered opportunity to look back at all our achievements whilst looking ahead to the summer term. In our collective worship assemblies we have learned about other religious festivals, national and local special events, British Values and character values.

Congratulations to Dawberry for being our spring term winning House Team. They will be awarded their House Celebration Event with Premier Sport after the holiday. Also, a huge well done to our **Celebration of Character** awarded children for how they have shown Kindness consistently throughout this half term:

Rec - Thea
Y1 - Niamh
Y2 - Zachary
Y3 - Amara
Y4 - Alfie
Y5 - Athea
Y6 - Reuben

Much of our behaviour curriculum has been centred around how we can show kindness in the things we say and do. This half term, **255** points were earned for showing acts of kindness.

Villa Vision visited on Wednesday for Year 2 and Year 6 workshops and vision screening. Another brilliant and effective partnership which supports and benefits our children and their families.

Year 3 had a fantastic time on Wednesday morning with some very special visitors to Woodthorpe School – a praying mantis, tarantula, skunk and owl (to name a few). The Animal Handling session was a brilliant first-hand way of learning about these amazing animals.

Year 1 enjoyed their educational visit to Cadbury World on Thursday. They were extremely well behaved and learned a lot more about Bournville Village and George Cadbury as part of their History/ Geography local area study.

Some children went on a ten-pin bowling **enrichment visit** with Ms Carrington and Mrs Preston on Tuesday. They really enjoyed the games and demonstrated great skill and teamwork- well done!

Thank you for supporting **Wear a Hat Day** on Thursday and helping us raise **£411.63** for Brain Tumour Research. Thank you to Mrs Mason for organising this event for the whole school community. The cake sale was very well received!

We are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Field, who is leaving Woodthorpe today. On behalf of all the children and staff we sincerely thank her for all she has contributed to our school and the children she has supported over the past three years.

Thank you to Woodthorpe Friends for organising our **Easter Bonnet competition** today. The winners were:

Rec – Kobe
Y1 – Tyler
Y2 – George
Y3 – Ajuni
Y4 – Edward
Y5 – Matilda
Y6 - Seth

May we take this opportunity to say **Happy Easter** to all our families who will be celebrating in the holiday and **Chag Pesach Sameach** to our families celebrating Passover.

Have a wonderful end of spring term break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the summer term on Monday 13th April.

Ms McGrath

Pupils of the Week

Rec: Aisling – Superb learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Y1: Aarya – For writing independent sentence. Joining two sentences with an 'and'.

Y2: Freddie McA – A positive attitude to learning & real improvement in behaviour.

Y3: Tyler – For working hard and trying his best in maths and reading.

Y4: Elaine – Great school spirit and work with student council.

Y5: Aila – For always working super hard and being a great role model.

Ernest – For showing impressive resilience using feedback to strengthen and improve everything he does.

Y6: Yahya – Great improvement and hard work shown in maths.

Year 6	89.3	3
Average % / Total Lates	91.9	34

Notices, Updates and Reminders Road Restriction – before and after school

Just a reminder that Greenwood Close is traffic restricted to permit and disability badge holders only during the following times of day, Mon- Fri: 08.30-09.15 and 14.45-15.30. Please avoid driving down the close at these times to keep our children and their families safe.

Book Fair

Thank you for helping us to raise **£197** at our Scholastic Book Fair last week.

Arbor App

If you are not receiving Notifications, please check you Arbor App settings & ensure you have selected - *allow notifications* & for the app to be *running in the background*, to receive real-time notifications.

House Points Weekly Leaderboard

Brandwood – 540

Dawberry – 532

Jasmin – 486

Highbury – 502

A huge congratulations to **Dawberry** House for winning overall with most Class Charts points earned this half term: 3225!

Attendance & Punctuality

w/c 16.03.26

Year Group	Present marks (%)	No of Lates
Reception	93.4	7
Year 1	90.0	7
Year 2	94.3	5
Year 3	94.0	2
Year 4	93.3	1
Year 5	88.9	9

Meal Information – New Summer Menu Week 1 (attached)

Please let us know your child's Meal Pattern, if this is changing for Summer term one.

Please could we ask that all meals are paid for promptly, where required, via Arbor App – Payment Section – Meal Account. Please continue to report any discrepancies to the school office.

If your child requires a school meal (instead of providing packed lunch from home) as a one-off emergency, please let the school office know at the beginning of **the day or as soon as possible**.

A reminder that you do not need to select your child's meal preference or order your child's meal, as this is generated automatically from your child's 'Meal

Pattern'. Any changes of meal patterns, please notify school office at the end of each half term. Thank you – School Office Team

KS2 Fruit available to purchase in School Shop – 45p per item

Daily Fruit for junior children will now be available from the School Shop on Arbor App. A selection of Apples/Oranges/Bananas will be available to purchase.

School Fund Contributions

School fund contributions kindly welcomed.

Diary for the Week

Arts Week - textiles

- Summer *Menu Week One* – *attached*
- No choir or after school sports clubs this week
- Y3 swimming daily (week 1) 13.30 - 14.15

Monday 13th April

8.30 – 8.45 am The Daily Mile

Guitar lessons

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th - World Art Day

8.30 – 8.45 am Wake -Up, Shake Up

Thursday 16th

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Arts Club

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Drama Club

8.30 – 8.45 am The Daily Mile

Brass and Keyboard Lessons

Friday 17th

Remaining staff training days 2025-26:

- Polling Day 7th May
- Monday 20th July



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Clubs and Activities



Position	Year Group	Distance Travelled
1 st	Year 2	27.78
2 nd	Year 4	13.29
3 rd	Year 3	7.25
4 th	Reception	7.10
5 th	Year 5	5.89
6 th	Year 6	4.38
7 th	Year 1	1.81
		67.5 miles

We had an impressive 55 active children this week, travelling a total distance of 67.5 miles! Year 2 were once again our most active class this week – travelling a total distance of 27.78 miles! A great effort! Don't forget that it takes place every Monday and Thursday morning at 08:30. Please note Wake-up Shake-up will be on Wednesdays for all year groups.

After-School Sports Clubs – Summer 1

Information will be shared via Arbor and class blog sites during the first week back after the Easter break. After-school sports clubs will commence from Monday 20th April.

Big Walk & Wheel 2026

We have continued to maintain a place in the top 50 (out of over 1000 schools) nationally in the Big Walk & Wheel 2026! So far, we have logged 1483 active journeys, can we beat 2025's total of 1653..... Check class blog sites for the final totals in the coming days.



All Stars and Dynamo Cricket Sessions

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Mr Page from Warwickshire Cricket to work with Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4. The children took part in exciting sessions focused on developing their catching and throwing skills, and some even had the chance to practise a bit of batting. Everyone showed fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the morning! If you'd like to find out more about our community links with cricket or upcoming opportunities for pupils, please follow the links: [Clubspark / Dynamos / Search](#) and [Clubspark / All Stars / Search](#)

Personal Bests

Over the past two weeks, our Year 6 BAs have been busy collecting scores for the Personal Best Challenge: How many L-shaped hoop jumps can you complete in 45 seconds? The children showed brilliant encouragement towards one another. Tiwa (Y6) made the greatest improvement over the fortnight – a great achievement! A big well done to all the children who took part and challenged themselves to beat their personal best.



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Power-Up Assessments

All children have now completed their Power-Up assessments, and we are thrilled to share that every class has shown improvement. Their hard work over the past weeks have really paid off. To support pupils with their continued progress, challenge cards have been uploaded onto class blog sites, giving children the chance to work on their next steps at home or in school. Well, done to everyone for their fantastic effort!

Villa Vision – Year 2 and Year 6

Mr Nesbitt from Villa Vision visited Woodthorpe this week, with Year 2 and Year 6 completing the classroom-based practical sessions relating to the importance of eye health. Letters went home today to those children who completed a screening check.

Blackwell Adventure – Year 3/4 Residential

A reminder that the deadlines for the forthcoming residential visit to Blackwell are as follows:

Payment 2 – 28/02/2026

Payment 3 – 31/03/2026

Payment 4 – 30/04/2026



Aston Villa Foundation Curriculum Support

The Aston Villa Foundation completed their reading programme this week. The children gathered information from online and then made PowerPoint presentations based on the people they had researched. The children have enjoyed reading their books over the last few weeks.



Lunchtime Sport Provision – Summer Term 1

Tuesdays – Aston Villa Foundation - Handball

Wednesdays – Mr Trevor - Football

Fridays – Premier Education – Four Square

Woodthorpe in the Community

Congratulations to George, Rory and Rupert (Y2) who recently won the Central Warwickshire League Under 7's with their football team, Kings Heath Panthers. They won 7-3 and this was their first season as a team! Amazing effort boys!





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Well done to Aarya (Y2) for participating in a recent swimming gala at Blythe Barracudas Club a few weeks' ago. Here she is with her well-deserved medal!



Pupil Voice

"The cricket session was great because we started by trying tricks and catching. Then, we got into a game. We had so much fun!"

Edward (Y4) Cricket Sessions

"We learnt about what it would be like to be colourblind. I enjoyed wearing the 3-D glasses."

Alice (Y6) Villa Vision






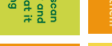

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th April- The Daily Mile

Wednesday 15th April- Wake-up Shake-up

Thursday 16th April – The Daily Mile

This Girl Can Y5//6 @ Moseley Secondary School

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS		Mindful March 2026							
Happier - Kinder - Together		SUNDAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		MONDAY	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		TUESDAY	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		WEDNESDAY	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		THURSDAY	29	30	31				
		FRIDAY							
		SATURDAY							

Summer Menu Week 1

13th April, 4th May, 25th May, 15th June, 6th July, 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct 2026

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main - Option 1	Fajita Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Roast Beef in Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish Goujons
Vegetables	Vegetable Medley	Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Peas
Sides	White Rice	Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Roast Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice	Oven Chips
Main - Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Chickpea Curry	Cheese & Onion Pie	Lentil Bolognaise	Vegetable Lasagne
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Peas
Sides	Diced Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice	Golden Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Oven Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Dessert	Apple Crumble	Chocolate Sponge	Lemon & Orange Sponge	Chocolate Chip Sponge	Somerset Apple Cake



TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS

BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS

TEACHERS V PUPILS

FEATURING

YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5, YEAR 6

08:15 27 MARCH 2026 - 07:00 13 APRIL 2026

- **ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE**
- **PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE**
- **WINNING GROUP WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PLAYER**
- **ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES**



WHAT'S ON

MON 30-FRI 10 APRIL

Garden openings during the holidays

Pop down and enjoy a couple of hours in the garden. A great place for children to play and adults to relax over a cuppa. Feel free to bring a picnic. Donations welcome towards drinks and snacks with cash or a packet of biscuits for the Biscuit Tin! Inclusive space.

Parents and carers are responsible for their own children at all times.

MONDAY 30 MARCH

Garden Open 4-6pm

Fruit & Nut
Village

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

12.30-2.30pm

WORKSHOP (not suitable for young children)

Learn how to graft trees with Fruit & Nut Village

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Garden Open 3.30-5.30pm

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

Garden Open 11am-1pm

Plus, Easter egg hunt and crafts!

MONDAY 6 APRIL

Garden Open 4-6pm

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Garden Open 3.30-5.30pm



THURSDAY 9 APRIL

1-3pm

ACTIVITY SESSION.
ALL AGES

Wildflower meadow sowing with
The Patchwork Meadow

Help us prepare the ground and top up seeds in our wildflower areas!

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

1-3pm

ACTIVITY SESSION.
AIMED AT AGES 2-11

SEND-Friendly sensory play session
with play work expert Clair

If raining heavily or public weather warnings are in place, we may not open. Please check ahead.



TEXT/WHATSAPP ON 07476 898419 TEAM@OURSCENE.ORG

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. ACCESSIBLE TOILET.

FIND US (NEXT TO 72) DAWBERRY ROAD, BRANDWOOD. B14 6RY

A wooden surface with several yellow tulips and speckled Easter eggs scattered around. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, and the eggs are white with dark brown spots.

Easter Fayre

**ST BEDE'S
CHURCH,
B14 6NQ**

**EASTER
SATURDAY
10AM-12.30PM**

**GAMES, CRAFTS, FOOD,
DRINKS, EASTER-EGG HUNT,
CINEMA EXPERIENCE**

FREE ENTRY