

NEWSLETTER

Wylde Green Primary School



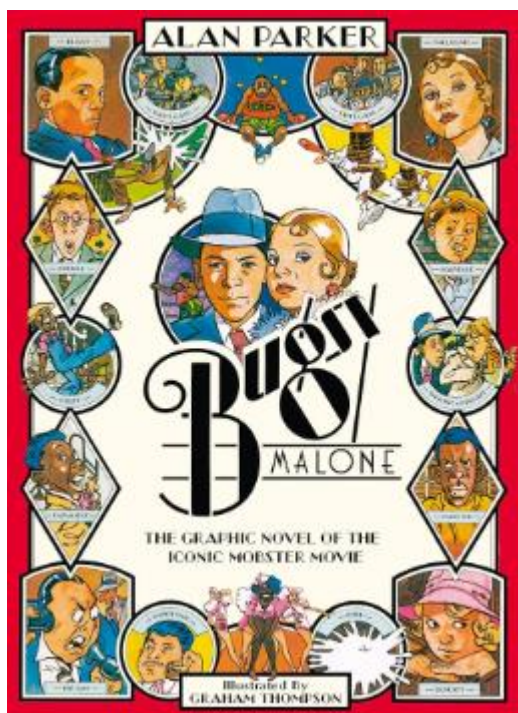
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School Production

We are excited to announce that we shall be performing a Key Stage 2 production of 'Bugsy Malone' during the Spring term. Pupils will be invited to audition later this half term and rehearsal will begin thereafter. Further details about the auditions will be shared with the children and in the school newsletter. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to experience performing to an audience.

Whether they would like to take on a significant role or a smaller part, sing with a group or participate in the backstage arrangements, we shall be encouraging as many children as possible to take part. There is always a real sense of achievement and teamwork in a school production. We are hoping to form a small band/orchestra to accompany the show. If there are any parents who are able to play an instrument and can spare some time for rehearsals, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr Hamilton-Martin or Mr Roberts if you are interested and would like more information.



Events Planner

Thursday 26 th September	Macmillan coffee afternoon – 2PM
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 2 Reading Workshop – 9AM
Wednesday 1 st October	Parents’ evening in person
Thursday 2 nd October	Parents’ evening in person
Monday 6 th October	Year 2 trip to Selly Manor
Tuesday 7 th October	Reception Phonics Workshop
Thursday 8 th October	Year 5 Harvest performance at Emmanuel Church
Tuesday 14 th October	School photographs
Thursday 16 th October	Year 3 trip to BMAG
Friday 17 th October	Diwali events in school
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 1 Phonics Workshop
Friday 24 th October	School closes for half term

School Council

Every year we elect a new School Council. They play a vital role in our school. The group of pupils are elected by their classmates to represent pupil voice within school. At meetings, they discuss ideas and work with teachers and our school leaders to make the school better. This year, the following children have been elected.

Chair: Emily	Vice Chair: Louisa
3W: Jessica	Harrison
3T: Vinay	Ariana
4W: Luke	Zara
4H: Libby	Alayna
5M: William	Alice
5S: Harry	Darren
6J: Bryan	
6W: Abbie	Mohammad

Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) Volunteers

The PTFA always look forward to welcoming new volunteers. It is not a huge commitment, please feel free to contribute whatever time that you have available. It is an excellent way to meet new parents and importantly, support the school in organizing a range of fun events for our children and families. This academic year we are planning discos, a Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre and much more. Last year we raised over £12,000 for our school library. Once again, thank you to the PTFA members for their time and energy, it has made such a difference and it has been enormous fun too!



Mrs Kelly cutting the opening ribbon, shown with members of the PTFA and head boys and girls

If you are interested, please contact:

Wylde Green PTFA <wgptfa@yahoo.com>

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Thursday 26th September 2.00-3.00



New School Houses



We have changed our school houses this year. We have continued the theme of trees in line with our BRANCH values. Our new houses are Oak, Hawthorne, Rowan and Sycamore. Our House Leaders are Mrs. Hamley (Rowan) Mr. Woods (Hawthorn), Mrs. McNicholas (Oak) and Mrs. Wheeldon (Sycamore). We shall be holding more inter-house competitions this year and hope to increase the participation levels in these events from our children.

Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that once the appointments go live at 12.00 on Monday to please book for Parents' Evening for the Autumn Term.

Music in Friday's Superstar Assembly

We love having children perform their musical instrument to the Key Stage 2 children in Friday's Superstar Assembly. Please contact the school Office if your child has a piece of music ready to perform during this assembly.

School Attendance

Last year, our attendance increased to 96.3%. Our whole school target for this academic year is 97%. We would love to reach this. If your child/ren are not in school, we cannot educate them, and they miss vital parts of a carefully planned curriculum journey. Please help us to improve attendance this year. We ask that medical appointments are made during school holidays or outside school hours, if possible. Please note we are not able to authorise holiday taken during term time and we ask that you work with us to ensure your child is in school right up until the last day of term. Thank you in advance for your support with this for this academic year. We improved last year and think that we can again. We are really looking forward to the year ahead.

ECO Council



INTRODUCING
plants
IN THE CLASSROOM



Please donate a plant
(in a pot)
for our school.
Thank you!



Can you help us enrich our calm and peaceful learning environment at Wylde Green? Plants can help with focus, reduce stress and positively influence air quality.

If you have a small plant to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Wylde Green Primary School's Sizzling Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer holidays many of our children participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, reading as many as 30 books. By reading regularly the children have maintained their reading fluency and continued to broaden their vocabulary. Most importantly, they have enjoyed reading for pleasure and continued with the joy of books.



The final day for the summer reading challenge is today: Friday 19th September. Make sure your child has handed in their reading challenge cards to their class teacher.

We appreciate all the support that parents give to their children by reading at home with them. Research shows that reading daily significantly improves literacy, brain function and contributes to emotional regulation and well-being.



Giving back to our local community



This week, a group of children from Wylde Green Primary School, who attend the 6th Sutton Coldfield East Beavers and Cubs, spent an evening giving back to our local community.

Armed with litter pickers and a great attitude, they helped clear up rubbish around the shops on Birmingham Road. After the recent blustery weather, their efforts were especially appreciated by local residents and shopkeepers alike.

Well done to all involved – your contribution to our community really makes a difference!



500 Words Writing Challenge

On Tuesday 23rd September, the BBC will launch its annual 500 words competition. The school will be encouraging pupils to enter the competition by introducing the event via an assembly. We will also be conducting a “500 words” lesson to give tips to support pupils with ideas when writing their own short story.

Key information:

- The competition runs from Tuesday, 23rd September – Friday, 7th November 2025 .
- There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds.
- To enter, you need to write a story in 500 words or less.
- The stories, once written, must be submitted by an adult using the entry form on the 500 Words website. Link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

- Winners are announced in February 2026.
- The top 50 finalists will receive an invitation to the Grand Final hosted by Her Majesty the Queen.
- The competition is separated into gold, silver and bronze categories. Winners will receive awards, book bundles and a unique illustration of their story.
- Gold winners’ schools receive 500 books for their school library.

School Library and Home Reading

We are excited to announce that the school library was officially opened on Friday 12th September! The shelves have been filled with hundreds of books, waiting to be borrowed and enjoyed by pupils in the weeks ahead. Pupils have been visiting the library with their class teachers to familiarise them with this wonderful new facility.

Please note that, from October, the school will no longer be using the online resource Collins Hub (formerly known as Big Cat Collins). In its place, pupils will be able to access Primary eBooks Now which offers a wider range of online resources, including books written by well-known authors, magazines and comics. Further details regarding how the resources can be accessed will be sent out in due course.

Setting Parental Safeguards

Setting parental safeguards on your child's kit

If you're viewing this on a screen, tap (or click) the appropriate icon below.

If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child.

We recommend you set the device not to allow any apps or games to be installed without your permission.

Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.



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