



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Time flies when you are having fun! It will soon be the Easter holidays. The children have enjoyed a range of opportunities both inside and outside school. The Year 4 team are busy rehearsing "Peter Pan" and all the Year 4 children are eager for their parents/carers to watch their production next week at 1.30pm on Tuesday 8th April. The children have continued to work hard, try their best and demonstrate our twelve school values. It has been wonderful to see parents at our weekly celebration assemblies as well as our open morning earlier in the term. Next week on Wednesday the Year 1 parents/carers have been invited into Forest School.

It is currently Biodiversity fortnight across the school and classes have been able to enjoy the dry weather outside in our Forest school area. The Eco- councillors are committed to ensure that we reduce our carbon-foot print.

Fingers crossed the weather continues to improve and our Easter break is dry and sunny. We all hope that next term the weather will be warmer/drier so that the children can regularly access the school field.

School Bags

Please ensure that your child only brings their book bag and a water bottle to school. If your child brings a school bag/ruck sack it must be small and all your child's resources for school should be inside it. As a school we struggle to accommodate and store children's coats and bags due to the lack of cloakroom space and too many children are bringing a ruck sack/bag to school which is empty!

Expectations for School Uniform

As you are aware we consulted on our school uniform policy at the beginning of term. The Local Governing body considered the parental responses at their meeting on Monday 31st March and the policy was ratified.

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition
- Skirts are appropriate length – knee length
- Black shoes with completely flat heels. No trainers or boots.

General Appearance and Hairstyles

- Long hair must be tied back. Please ensure that large bows are not worn.
- Extreme hairstyles including brightly coloured hair, mohican style or shaved patterns in the hair and/or eyebrows are not permitted.
- Make up and nail varnish must not be worn. Children will be requested to remove any make-up.
- No jewellery to be worn apart from small stud earrings which need to be removed for P.E. lessons or covered in for religious reasons.

We respectfully request that you support our expectations to ensure that children are appropriately dressed for school.

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Update to free school meals guidance from 1 April 2025 (FSM)

Worcestershire County Council are expecting, from 1st April 2025, that the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end. These protection arrangements were put in place while the government rolled out Universal Credit. This is now complete, and there is no indication that Transitional Protection will be extended again.

This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible for FSM.

Edenred VOUCHERS- Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been advised by Worcestershire County Council that the requirement for councils to report on the money spent on free school meal vouchers in school holidays has also been removed and replaced with more reporting requirements on preventative activity.

All previously funded Household Support Fund activity has been reviewed, with budgets having to decrease across all key programmes. **Therefore, the previous allocation of £3 per day per FSM eligible child (Reception to Year 11) will no longer be in place.**

The holiday allocations for the remainder of this academic year are as follows:

Easter Holidays	£15
May Half Term	£10
Summer Holidays	£60

Other local support is available to families including:

- [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme](#)
- Additional support schemes funded through the Household Support Fund (HSF) which will open during April. Information will be on the council [HSF webpage](#).
- For broader support regarding the cost of living, please visit the council [Cost of Living Support webpage](#)

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF has been confirmed for the financial year 2025-2026! This means that all Free School Meal eligible families will have access to free holiday provision at lots of different activity clubs during Easter, summer and winter school holidays. Previously, children, have participated in activities from go karting to multi-sports and ice skating to day trips, and so much more, as part of the HAF programme. You can access this information via the link below.

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-social-care/virtual-family-hub/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

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