



# Nunnery Wood Primary School



## Newsletter

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Welcome Back and Happy New Year.

We hope all our families had a wonderful Christmas holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school, and we are excited for the busy and productive term ahead.



### Keeping Warm in the Cold Weather

Please make sure your child comes to school each day with a **warm, labelled coat**. We spend time outdoors whenever possible, and having the right clothing helps children stay comfortable at playtimes. If your child has hats, gloves, or scarves, please label those too.

### Emails to Teachers

We would like to kindly remind everyone of our email communication procedure.

Teachers greatly value strong communication with families, and email is an effective way to stay connected. However, as a school, we also have a duty of care to protect staff working hours, wellbeing, and mental health. To support this, **please only send emails to our main office email address: [nwpsoffice@villagestrust.co.uk](mailto:nwpsoffice@villagestrust.co.uk)**, clearly marked for the attention of the relevant member of staff.

The office team will acknowledge your email and ensure it is forwarded promptly to the appropriate colleague. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

### Tree Survey Update

Our initial tree survey is scheduled to take place this week. We are hopeful that once we receive the report, we will be able to move forward with reopening Forest School. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### Aspens Hot Meal Orders

A gentle reminder to please ensure that hot meals are ordered in advance. Our catering company can only prepare meals for children who have been booked in, and unfortunately, they are unable to provide additional meals on the day for those who have not ordered.

### Packed Lunches

Before Christmas we noticed an increase in the number of large sized chocolate bars and high-sugar snacks being brought into school. While we understand that treats can be enjoyed in moderation, we encourage all families to support our efforts in promoting healthy eating by ensuring that lunchboxes contain nutritious items.

Examples of healthier options include:

- Fresh fruit or vegetables
- Sandwiches, wraps, or pasta
- Yoghurts (low-sugar where possible)
- Crackers, cheese, or other balanced snacks
- A small snack-sized chocolate biscuit bar

We appreciate your co-operation in helping us ensure children have balanced lunchbox.

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## Nut-Free School Reminder

Although we recognise that a completely nut-free environment cannot be guaranteed, Nunnery Wood Primary aims to be a Nut-Free School. Our priority is to protect children with nut allergies while also helping them learn, as they grow, to make safe and informed choices about the foods they eat.

**To support this, nuts and nut products must not be brought into school, including in lunch boxes.**

The following items are **NOT** allowed and will be removed from lunchboxes by an adult:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit or cereal bars containing nuts
- Any chocolate spreads (many contain nuts)
- Chocolate bars or sweets with nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (some children with nut allergies may also react to sesame)
- Cakes or baked goods made with nuts

We kindly ask all families to help us keep our school community safe by ensuring lunch boxes are completely nut-free. If you are unsure about a product, please leave it out.



## A Quick Reminder About Water Bottles

To help keep everyone hydrated and ready to learn throughout the day, please remember to send your child in with a **clearly labelled water bottle** each morning. Children have regular opportunities to refill their bottles, and having one with them supports both focus and wellbeing.

## Applications for Reception – September 2026

A reminder that applications for children due to start school in **September 2026** will be closing soon. Please encourage friends and relatives to submit their applications, even if they are applying late, as a placement still needs to be requested.

Applications should be made through the Worcestershire County Council website:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place>



## YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! – Aspire to Be Assemblies

We are excited to continue our “Aspire to Be” assemblies, giving children the chance to learn about a wide range of jobs and careers. As a school, we are working hard to help pupils understand how the subjects they study now can open doors for them in the future. For example, a child who dreams of becoming a vet will need to enjoy science and mathematics and have a passion for helping animals.

To inspire our pupils, we would love to invite parents and visitors to come in and talk about their careers. You might share what led you to your job, which subjects you enjoyed at school, the qualifications you needed, and what your day-to-day work is like.

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Within our school community we have an incredible variety of professions—plumbers, doctors, scientists, taxi drivers, hairdressers, beauticians, gardeners, carers, nurses, computer analysts, retail assistants, and many more. Every career has something valuable to offer our children.

These assemblies are aimed at Key Stage 2 and take place in front of approximately 240 children. They begin at 8:50am and last around 20 minutes. The children particularly enjoy hearing what you were good at in school, how much you approximately earn, how you chose your career path, and whether your role required university study, an apprenticeship, or another route. We can accommodate most days apart from Fridays

The School Council will prepare questions in advance, and Mrs Wheeler will email these to you beforehand, so you know what to expect.

If you are willing to take part and help inspire our pupils, please speak to a member of the school team. We would be delighted to hear from you—our children thoroughly enjoy learning about the many exciting career options available to them.



## Severe Weather Update – January 2026

As you are all aware, the decision to close the school is never taken lightly. Several factors are carefully considered, but ultimately the safety of the children is our highest priority, along with ensuring we have the appropriate staffing ratios to operate safely.

You will be notified of any school closure as early as possible via your email account. Our school website will also be updated. We do inform Worcestershire County Council, but please be aware that there can be a delay before our school's name is announced on the radio.

Please note that if school is closed, **Treetops will also be closed.**

If it is snowing, please assume the school is **open** unless you hear otherwise from us. We always aim to remain open and will only close in exceptional circumstances.

To help us contact you quickly, please ensure that your **contact details are up to date on Arbor.**

We appreciate your understanding and support during periods of severe weather.

## School Grounds

During the cold snap, we will continue gritting to ensure the safety of all, but we urge everyone to exercise additional caution.

## Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you feel you may be entitled to support, please click on the link below to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-guidance>

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## **Date for Your Diary – Open Morning**

Our next **Open Morning** will take place on **Wednesday 13th February**, from **8:50am to 10:00am**.

This term's focus is **Speech and Language and Listening– “Say it again, better!”** Families will have the opportunity to see how we support children's communication skills across the curriculum. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Thank you for your continued support — it makes such a difference. We cannot wait to see what this term brings.

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