

# School News



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**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

**Friday 24th September 2021**

*Dear Families,*

*Three weeks complete already! Children have now really settled back into their learning with Years 1, 2 and 3 enjoying their thematic launch days over the last fortnight. After school curricular clubs have also begun again. Look out for information in the coming weeks regarding trips – we are finally looking forward to giving our children these experiences and, as always, we will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible however we have seen transport and admission costs increase. Uniform continues to look smart – a reminder that footwear must be black, sensible school shoes. Please also name all uniform. Many thanks!* Mrs Highman

### **Year 7 Applications**

Year 6 parents/carers—a reminder that secondary school applications opened on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Applications must be made by 31<sup>st</sup> October. All secondary schools in Wolverhampton provide numerous opportunities for you and your child to visit before expressing your preference. Before making your application please ensure that you have read and understood the Secondary Education in Wolverhampton booklet. This can be found on: <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions/school-admissions-applications> You are allowed to express a preference for five schools. Due to the popularity of Wolverhampton schools, you are encouraged to use all five preferences. In addition to the online application, if you are applying to the following schools, you are required to complete an additional Supplementary Information Form. **The form should be completed and returned direct to the school.**

- Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy (in the download section)
- St. Peter's Collegiate School (in the download section)

## Whole school merit assembly is back!

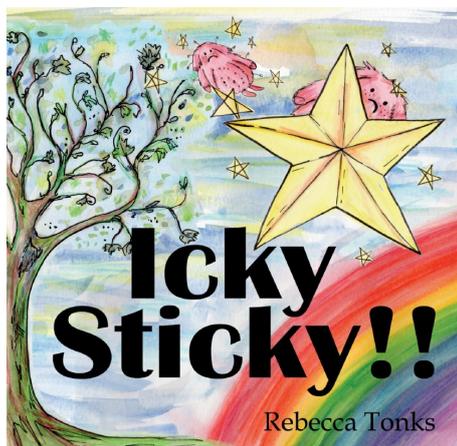


Last Friday saw the return of our first whole school face to face merit assembly for 18 months! We all enjoyed singing a hymn and celebrating everyone's achievements. Congratulations to all our winners! We hope to invite parents back in to watch later in the Autumn term when local COVID cases decrease.



- St Edmund's Catholic Academy (in the download section)
- The King's Church of England School (in the download section)
- The Royal School, Wolverhampton (in the download section)  
Apply online via [City of Wolverhampton Parents Portal](#)

## Local author due to visit



Local author and illustrator Rebecca Tonks is now visiting Edward the Elder next week! She will be reading her book 'Icky Sticky' to children and will then complete an art workshop with Years 1-6. A signed copy of her book is available to purchase from Pay360 (SIMS). We can't wait to meet her soon!

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Our breakfast and after school club is now almost reaching its maximum capacity. Please make sure you book spaces and pay in advance, at least a week beforehand. Bookings can be made with the school office.

### **Attendance update**

Congratulations to Years 2, 3 and 5 for having the highest attendance since our return (96.7%). Overall our whole school attendance is 95.3% and our target is to reach above the National Average of 96%. Let's work together to achieve it!

### **Harvest tin donations**

Harvest will be celebrated in school this year on Monday 11th October. Please bring in donations of any tinned produce on this day. This will be given to Moathouse Food Bank. Thanks.

## 2021-2022 KEY DATES

Monday 27th September—KS1 Severn Trent assembly

Tuesday 28th September—KS2 Severn Trent assembly

Tuesday 28th September/ Wednesday 29th September—Local author visiting

Thursday 30th September—Year 6 Chef on the Farm educational visit

Thursday 30th September 3.30pm—Year 2 residential meeting

Thursday 7th October—Nurses to see Nursery & Reception for handwashing session

Thursday 7th October—Census Day—'Best of British' seaside special lunch (see separate letter)

Monday 11th October—Harvest assembly (in school only) - please bring tinned food donation

Tuesday 12th October—PCSO session with Years 5&6

Tuesday 12th October—Nurses to see Year 6 (changed from 5.10.21)

Tuesday 2nd November - PCSO session with Years 4&6

Tuesday 16th November—PCSO session with Years 3&6

Thursday 21st October— all year groups flu nasal spray

Friday 22nd October—INSET day—school closed to pupils

**Half term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021**

Term time: Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December

Christmas holidays: Monday 20th December—Friday 1st January

Term time Tuesday 4th January 2022—Friday 18th February 2022

Half term: Monday 21st February 2022 –Friday 25th February 2022

Term time: Monday 28th February 2022—Friday 8th April 2022

Easter holidays: Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April

Term time: Monday 25th April 2022—Friday 27th May 2022

Half term Monday 30th May 2022—Friday 3rd June 2022

Term time: Monday 6th June 2022—Friday 22nd July 2022

## Latest government COVID guidelines for school

As you are aware, we no longer have to keep children in consistent bubbles and can therefore return to normal assemblies, lunchtimes and extra-curricular activities. We will of course be keeping a close eye on guidance and our Outbreak Management Plan is ready should we need to return to any form of restrictions as advised by the government or local authority.

In school, additional cleaning, hand hygiene and ventilation of rooms remains in place to limit the spread of the virus. Our risk assessment is available on our school website should you wish to read it.

There have been changes to self-isolation rules. As ever, if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please call our school office who will be happy to advise you. The full advice can be found on the NHS website at [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) but below is a summary of what it means for our families.

Adults and children should self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab) on GOV.UK as soon as possible if they have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate for 10 days if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive and you are over 18 and not fully vaccinated

If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, children (under 18 years and 6 months) and adults who are fully vaccinated (this means that two weeks have passed since receiving the second dose of a Covid-19 vaccine) no longer need to self-isolate. Instead, close contacts of a positive case should:

- get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19