



# DAMSON WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

'Learning and Growing Together'

## NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The last week of this half term has been both a busy and enjoyable one. So much has been packed in and the children will definitely be ready for a break next week.

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week, speaking to your child/children's teachers about their learning and the progress they have made this term. Well done to all the children.

Ahoy there me hearties!... I was lucky enough to be able to participate in part of Willow's Pirate Party yesterday morning. What a fantastic time was had with lots of pirate dancing and pirate party games too. A Fabulous Finale to Reception's 'Ahoy There' topic this half term.

And finally, a huge thank you to KS1 for delighting us with two performances of their Harvest Celebration. All of the children performed brilliantly and the entries for the Scarecrow Making Competition were all absolutely wonderful. Well done to everyone who took part.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Ms S Stevens, Headteacher

## open day

### Open Mornings

Are you looking for a childcare or school place for your child? Or do you know someone who is looking for a school place for September 2025? If so, you may be interested to hear that we have two Open Mornings coming up on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10am until 11am. Please visit or call the school office on 0121 705 8652 to book an appointment at one of these events.



### Online Safety - Good Habits Start Early



Learn why and how to introduce guidelines, parental controls and conversations into your toddler's online life. Help them build and develop positive habits to support them as they grow.

Watch the 'Good Habits Start Early' video [here](#).

Find out more at

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/#good-habits-start-early>



### E-Safety Workshop

Please join us on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 9:10am for our E-Safety Workshop. Everyone welcome.



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024

After the half term holiday we will be selling Poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. The majority of the poppies this year are recyclable and the most effective way to recycle them is to return them to your local Sainsbury's store or alternatively in your ordinary paper recycling collection after Armistice Day.

We will also be selling RBL Poppy Snap Bands (£1), and a Poppy Zip Pull (£0.50) which will be on sale from the office.



### Willow Class – Potion Commotion Workshop

Please return your reply slip to school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to join your child at the Potion Commotion Workshop on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am.



Are you experiencing domestic abuse? You are not alone.

For support, please call the freephone 24-hour Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247



**Rags2Riches4Schools**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Just a reminder to hold onto your clean, dry and re-useable clothing for our Rags2Riches collection on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Bags will be sent home with your child after half term. Please can we ask you not to send any items into school before 19<sup>th</sup> November as we do not have the storage capacity.



**Harvest Celebrations and**  
**Collection for Helping Hands**

Thank you very much for supporting our Harvest Celebrations. We had a generous Harvest Collection for Helping Hands from the pupils and staff at Damson Wood. We really appreciate your kindness. We also enjoyed the Harvest Celebrations led by Year 1 and Year 2 this week. Well done to everyone.



**Christmas Fair Raffle & Stall Holders**

We are already starting to prepare for our Christmas Fair on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Would you like to donate a prize to our raffle or would you like to run a stall? If so, please contact us via

[s19fair@damson-wood.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s19fair@damson-wood.solihull.sch.uk)

Thank you in advance for your support!



**Father Christmas Needs Helpers**

We are on the lookout for helpers to man the stalls listed below at our Christmas Fair on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3:15pm until 5:00pm. If you or a grandparent or carer are able to help us, please contact us on [office@damson-wood.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@damson-wood.solihull.sch.uk) with your preferred stall.

- 2x refreshment (serve hot/ cold drinks)
- 2x chocolate tombola
- 2x bottle tombola
- 2x Father Christmas's helpers outside Santa's Grotto

Of course, your child is also welcome to help you.



**Walk to School Week**

Thank you to all the children and parents who walked, cycled or scooted to school this week. Each child that took part will receive a certificate next half term. We hope that the children have enjoyed it and that this will encourage you to consider doing this more.

# Diary Dates



# AUTUMN TERM 2024

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Everyone back to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>'Potion Commotion' Workshop for children &amp; parents in Willow Class</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10am-11am</b>	<b>Open Morning</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10am-11am</b>	<b>Open Morning</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Children in Need</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Rags2Riches Clothing Collection</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Anti-Bullying Week – 'Choose Respect'</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9:10am</b>	<b>Parent's E-Safety Workshop</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Non-uniform for Christmas Fair donations – Chocolate</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Non-uniform for Christmas Fair donations – Bottles</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>3pm - 5pm</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Celebration –All Parents/Carers are welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas Celebration – All Parents/Carers are welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Celebrations – All Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Parents/Carers welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner – Children Only</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>99 Club for children with 99% attendance and above</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Jolly Jumper Day for Solihull Hospital Charity. Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

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