

### School Newsletter Friday 17th October 2025

'You must love one another as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34.

Working together with love we will provide a happy and nurturing environment where all will, 'learn to love and love to learn', making outstanding progress through an enriched and creative curriculum. Through our strong Christian ethos we will celebrate and embrace the richness of our community.

Learn to Love - Love to Learn 'You must love one another as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34

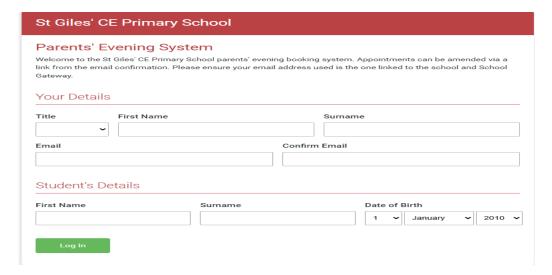


#### Online Parental Consultations

Tuesday 21st October 4.00pm-7.00pm Wednesday 22nd October 4.00pm-7.00pm

Bookings can be made from 4pm today!

You will be sent an Email to enable to book, or you can follow the link below and enter in your child's details to access.



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#### What is Black History Month?



Black History Month is celebrated in the UK every October. It began in the 1980s, to recognise the history, achievements, and contributions of Black people in Britain. Each year has a theme, and the 2025 focus is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', which celebrates strength, resilience and progress. The month aims to help everyone learn more about Black history, challenge racism, and celebrate diversity in our communities.

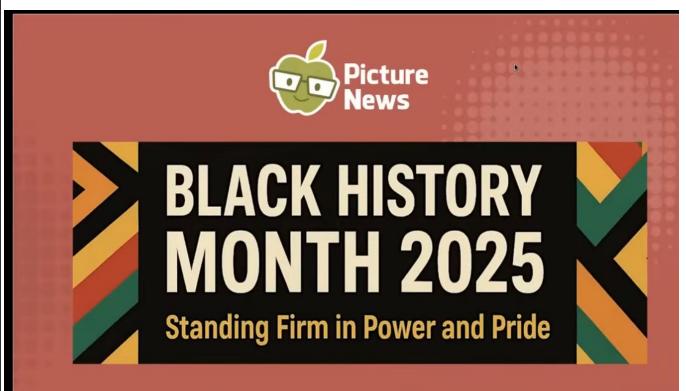
Standing Firm in Power and Pride

#### **Black History Month**

This month, children through school have taken part in class discussions, assemblies and work in relation to Black History Month.

The school also joined over 4000 school's who watched and engaged with Picture News Special Assembly. Please do ask your child about work they have completed...

Black History Month – Live Assembly - YouTube





Years 1 to 6 will be bringing home their

White Rose Maths Practice Journals

to use as homework books.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to see what the children are learning in school and help them to develop their maths skills further.



Please ensure that children spend time completing the books neatly and return them to school when asked to do so by their teacher.

St Stephen's

# RAGE NIGHT

ON THE BIG SCREEN

Recorded races - lots of competitive fun!

DOORS OPEN 6PM FIRST RACE 6.30PM SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING COBS, DRINKS AND SNACKS

ENTRY £3 (INCL. HOT DRINKS)
ONLY £1 PER RACE



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WILLENHALL WV13 2PS



## Sunday 19th Oct. 4-5.30pm

St Stephen's Church, Wolverhampton Street, Willenhall WV13 2PS

# FUN, FAITH & FOOD for FAMILIES!!!

All Welcome! [No need to book]



Wednesday	School Choir	Parents Invited
26th November	Walsall Arena 7pm	Ticket on Sale
		Walsall Arena
Friday	School Choir	All Invited.
28th November	Willenhall Christmas	Please visit the School
	Market (4.30pm)	Toy Stall
Thursday 4th	School Choir	Parents Invited
December	Salvation Army Christmas	
11am	Concert	
Wednesday 10th	EYFS Nativity (In Church)	Parents Invited
December	11am Nursery +RS	
	2.15pm Nursery + RG	
Thursday 11th	In School Experience	Children Only
December	'Living Nativity' Farm Experience.	EYFS and KS1
Friday 12th	EYFS/KS1	Children Only
December	Pantomime Dick	
	Whittington	
Wednesday 17th December	KS1 Christmas Cracker in Church.	Parents Invited
	Year 2—9.00am	
	Year 1– 10.15am	
Friday 19th December	Whole School Pantomime Performance– Dick Whittington	Children Only
Friday 19th December	Class Parties/ Non –Uniform Outdoor Day Disco	Children Only

### CLLR SIMRAN CHEEMA PRESENTS



# Willenhall Christmas Market and Lights Switch On

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

ENTERTAINMENT . RIDES . FOOD. STALLS. GROTTO. FACEPAINTING

4:30PM - 7:30 PM

**FREE ENTRY** 

WILLENHALL TOWN CENTRE - MARKET PLACE MORE INFO - CONTACT SIMRAN - 07582335443











School Partner Game Walsall FC v Bromley

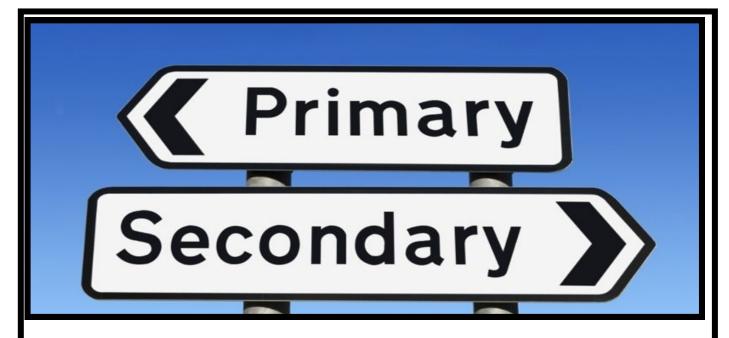
Saturday 29th November 2025

All replies need to be returned to the school by Friday 7th November 2025.

This year— all tickets will be Emailed directly to parents.

2 x tickets-£5.00 (1 adult/ 1 Junior) 4 x tickets—£10.00 (2 x adults/ 2 Junior 6xtickets £15 (3 adults / 3 Junior)

Application forms can be collected from the School Office.



There are still some 6 children on roll at for whom the council have not yet received an application. This is a serious concern because submitting a late application would have a hugely negative impact on a child being offered a parent/carer's preferred school.

Officers from the admissions team have been working with primary schools to ensure that as many parents as possible submit an on-time secondary school application.

We also understand that some parents may have questions or need some additional support with making their application, therefore, in order to assist parents, we have arranged a drop-in session at Willenhall Library.

Parents/carers will be able to meet officers from the admissions team who will be happy to offer advice and support with parents/carers making their applications.

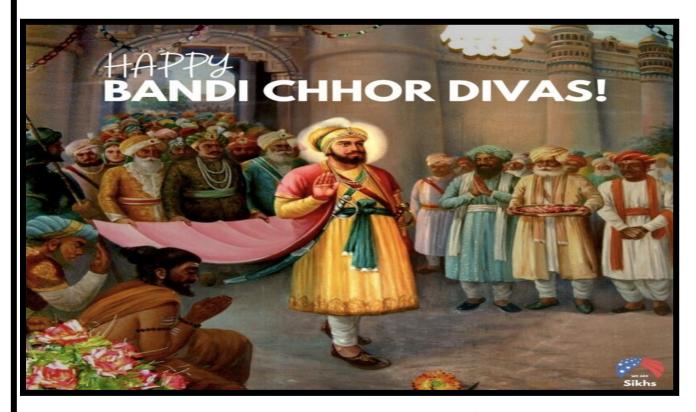
Location: Willenhall Library
Date: Tuesday, 14 October 2025
Time: : 9:00am - 12:00pm

Address: 1 Walsall St, Willenhall, WV13 2EX

All secondary school applications are submitted online through our admissions portal. Parents/carers can make their application and access a wealth of information about the process from our website here:

Apply for a secondary school place
Walsall Council

#### All Day Diwali Disco- Bandi Chhor Divas Friday 24th October



We will be ending the half term with a special 'Diwali/ Disco' during the school day. This is a non-uniform day and children are invited to come into school wearing party clothes and sensible shoes.

A collection will be made on the gate.

'Tuhanu Diwali diya bahut bahut badhaiyan.'

#### UNICEF Class Charter Presentations In Church

#### Parents and Carers Welcome

#### 9.00am start

Dates	UNICEF Charters
	Presentation Order
Friday 10thOctober,2025	6S
Friday 7th November, 2025	5S
Friday 14th November,2025	5G
Friday 21st November,2025	4G
Friday 28th November,2025	4S
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December,2025	3G
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December,2025	3S
Friday 9th January,2026	2G
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January,2026	2S
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January,2026	1G
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	1S
Friday 6th February, 2026	Reception & Nursery

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#### PARENT FINES FOR MISSING SCHOOL: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The fine for school absences across the country is £80 (per parent/child) if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

The local council can also decide to prosecute. If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

#### What happens if my child misses school without a good reason?

If your child is absent and you haven't received advance permission from the headteacher to take your child out of school, the school and local council may take action.

Before that, your child's school and your local council are expected to support you to improve the child's attendance before any measures are put in place.

These measures can include:

- Issue a fixed penalty notice, otherwise known as a 'fine' Walsall Council can give each parent a fine. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school.
- Seek an Education Supervision Order from the family court if the council thinks you need support getting your child to go to school but you're not co-operating, they can apply to a court for an Education Supervision Order. A supervisor will be appointed to help you get your child into education. The local council can do this instead of, or as well as, prosecuting you.

**Prosecute you** – this means you have to go to court. You could get a fine, a community order or a jail sentence up to three months. The court could also give you a Parenting Order.

Please continue to support the school in securing good attendance.

#### Internet safety risks for school-age children

There are 4 main kinds of internet safety risks for children.

#### **Content Risks**

Illegal, inappropriate, harmful, e.g. Fake news, deep fake images, racism, misogyny, self-harm, extremism, pornography.

#### **Contact Risks**

Bullying, grooming, sexual harassment, exploitation, influencing, 'end-to-end encryption.

#### **Conduct Risks**

Acting in ways that might hurt others or being victims of this behaviour—privacy, digital footprint, health and wellbeing, nudes and semi-nudes, copyright and live streaming.

#### Contract Risks

Contracts, membership agreements, or terms and conditions that they aren't aware of or don't understand. Online gambling, advertising, phishing scams, financial scams and micro-transactions.

#### **Term Dates**

#### 2025/26 academic year

#### Autumn term 2025

Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025

 Half term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring term 2026

• Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026

 Half term holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026

Non-Pupil Days

**INSET 1 Monday 1st September 2025** 

**INSET 2 Wednesday 1st October 2025** 

**INSET 3 Wednesday 28th January 2026** 

INSET 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026

**INSET 5 Monday 20th July 2026** 



If you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline. Our specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.

An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. And child sexual abuse is under-reported by adults. It's time for that to change.

It's never too soon to talk to us. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk or completing our report abuse online form.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently available 11am–5pm Monday to Friday. You can still email help@NSPCC.org.uk or complete our report abuse online form at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.