



SPANISH DAY

This term, we have launched our brand new modern foreign language - Spanish. Children will have Spanish lessons from Year 3 - 6.

On Thursday 19th September, we are holding our whole-school Spanish Day to celebrate and enrich our curriculum. On this day, we ask that children wear red and yellow (colours of the Spanish flag) or bright colours and we will be learning all about Spanish culture. Spanish teachers from Highfields will also be visiting us on Thursday. We can't wait to share some photos of what we get up to!



DOGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE



We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well -behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment. Therefore school policy is that no dogs are allowed on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by not bringing your pet to school.



PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

We strongly encourage parents to pay for school dinners, breakfast club, fruit, milk, school visits etc using the Schoolcomms Gateway app. Schoolcomms gives parents the freedom to make payments whenever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Making a payment is straightforward, you will be able to see a record of your payments and you will receive a receipt.

If you do have to send cash in to school, please make sure you send in the correct amount as, due to most parents paying online, we do not have change to send out.

If you are not yet registered, you will receive a text message with instructions on how to sign up and make payments.



TAX-FREE CHILDCARE SCHEME

Please note the tax-free childcare payment platform is purely for childcare. All other school payments must be made via Schoolcomms.



autumn PARENTS EVENINGS

We have had to make a change to our planned parents evenings due to take place in October. These will now take place on 5th and 7th November. Here is an updated academic year planner:-

<https://tinyurl.com/5bu7rwr7>



WELL DONE ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Well Done assemblies are where we celebrate children and the amazing work they have produced. If your child has been chosen for well done assembly, their class teacher will inform you by letter. Parents only need to come to Well Done assembly if your child is involved. Assemblies for Years 1 - 6 will take place on Friday mornings at 9 am. Reception Well Done will start after half term and will take place at 2.30 pm on Friday afternoons.

The best bit about well done assemblies is that parents/carers are invited to share in this experience. They are magical!



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here is the link for The Good Shepherd Autumn newsletter <https://tinyurl.com/2dr4we6j>



A huge Well Done to our Spring Vale Eco-Ambassadors who received international accreditation for their exceptional work in raising environmental awareness amongst their peers. The Eco-Schools programme, established in 1994, is now implemented in over 70 countries worldwide. In order to achieve the Eco Schools' Mark, children had to create an action plan with Mrs Cope and provide evidence of the changes made in school. This included their work on promoting recycling

and Walking to school as well as litter picking around our school environment.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: *'The Eco-Schools' Green Flag is an international benchmark that demonstrates a commitment to fighting climate change and high standard of sustainable practice. Students and staff who earn this award deserve recognition for their dedication toward protecting our planet. Every day, they demonstrate that each of us can contribute to making our planet a better, more sustainable, place.'*

We are super proud of their efforts and hard work and look forward to hearing details of this year's plans.



Congratulations!

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

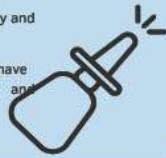
To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/wolverhampt>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu. Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions). Is painless, quick and effective. Is free
- ✓
- ✓



THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. This may also be the vaccine of choice for vegans. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu injection, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,
Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK



WOLVERHAMPTON Immunisation Team Contact Details

Wolverhampton@v-uk.co.uk

01902 200077

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USEFUL INFO

- ✓ We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will NOT be available to otherwise healthy children after December 15th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.

- ✓ Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS

www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:
www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact:
dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things. Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72
- hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible. Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

We do not eat pork products. Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

If your child is vegan, please note that the flu injection is a cell based vaccine. For more information, please see our FAQs page on our website:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu>



AUTUMN / WINTER 2024

FUN

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

in Wolverhampton

FREE EVENT



FISE XPERIENCE SERIES WOLVERHAMPTON

Fri 13 - Sun 15 September

Witness epic BMX, Scooter and Breaking competitions as a major international sports event comes to Wolverhampton! Some of the world's best athletes will put on a show, featuring competitions including BMX Park, Scooter Park and Breaking. The event is completely free for Wolverhampton residents and visitors to the city to attend. More information about the event can be found at: www.actionsportswolves.co.uk

Old Market Square, WV3 0NL



DIWALI MELA

Sat 19 October, 4pm - 8.30pm

Diwali, the festival of lights, will be celebrated in a free City of Wolverhampton event at Phoenix Park on Saturday 19th October and all are welcome to attend. Hosted by the Shri Krishan Mandir and City of Wolverhampton Council, the event will feature fantastic entertainment, food and drink, a funfair and many trade stalls.

Following the switching on of the lights at 8pm, there will be a spectacular fireworks display. We encourage everyone to come along to celebrate this important event in the city's calendar.

Phoenix Park, Blakenhall



FREE EVENT

Diwali Mela



Wolverhampton Fireworks 2024

Friday 1st November

West Park

Gates open 5pm

WOLVERHAMPTON FIREWORKS 2024

Fri 1 November

After taking place at Wolverhampton Racecourse since 2015, this year's annual firework display has moved back to West Park after a 9-year break.

The city's very own Dicky Dodd will once again host the show which will feature a children's display followed by the main display, choreographed to some of the biggest hits with fireworks that will light up the city's sky.

People can also enjoy the funfair, food and drinks stalls and a stage with live music featuring the 'Now I'm Here' Queen tribute band on stage until 10pm.

West Park, Wolverhampton.

Get your advanced tickets now for £9.50 per adult (16+), £7.50 per child (3 - 15) with infants (aged 2 and under) going free: <https://komodoevents.com/events/wolverhampton-fireworks-2/>

End date to purchase advance tickets is 23.59pm on Sunday 27 October

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ONS

From 16 - 24 November

City of Wolverhampton has a host of family friendly fun on offer for everyone. Join us as we turn on the Christmas lights and countdown to Christmas with Father Christmas and host of special guests. Find out more at wolverhampton.gov.uk/visiting/christmas-wolverhampton

City Centre	Sat 16 November
Wednesfield	Thu 21 November
Bilston	Fri 22 November
Tettenhall	Sat 23 November
Bantock	Sun 24 November

FREE EVENT

*Christmas
light
switch ons*



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TAKEHOME

9th - 15th
September



How can we respond to unexpected events?

In the news this week

Space agency, Nasa, says two astronauts stuck on the International Space Station (ISS) won't return to Earth until next year. Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore originally went on an eight-day mission but have currently been in space for three months. The Boeing Starliner spacecraft they were supposed to return on has a problem, so they need to wait for a different space capsule to bring them home in February. The astronauts will continue researching whilst they are there.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > How do you think the astronauts felt upon hearing the news that they would be staying much longer in space than originally planned?
- > Can you think of a time you were in an unexpected situation or a time when you needed to change your plans? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

