



'Love, Laugh and Learn'

Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

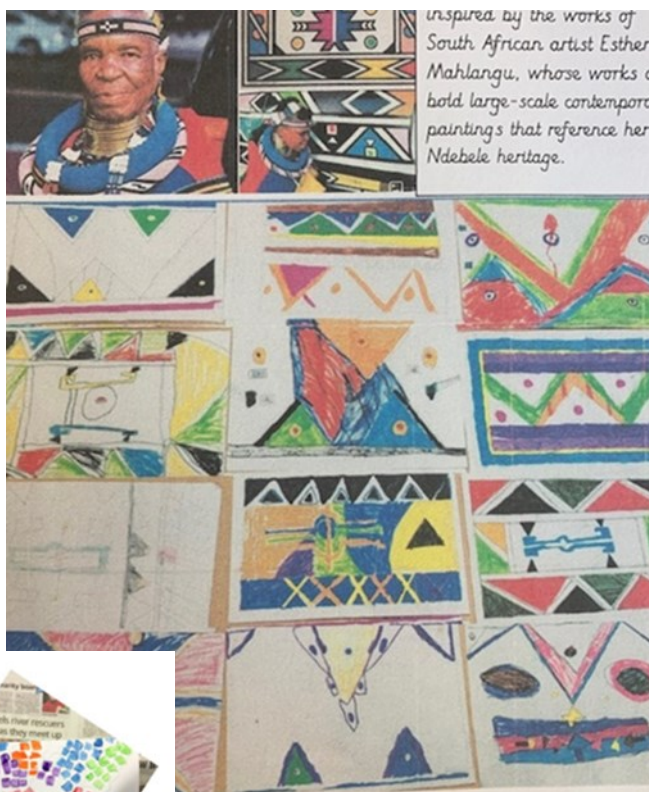
This Half Terms Value — Compassion

Friday 10th October 2025

Black History Celebration Awareness Day

On **Thursday 2nd October**, we proudly kick-started **Black History Month** with a whole-school celebration dedicated to learning, reflection, and creativity. The day was filled with exciting activities as each year group explored the lives and legacies of inspirational Black individuals who have helped shape the world we live in today.

From **Rosa Parks** in Year 3, whose brave stand sparked a movement, to **Mae Jemison** in Year 6, the first Black woman to travel into space, our pupils were inspired by stories of courage, resilience, and achievement. Each year group focused on a different historical figure, learning about their contributions through storytelling, discussion, and research.



inspired by the works of South African artist Esther Mahlangu, whose works are bold large-scale contemporary paintings that reference her Ndebele heritage.



In addition to learning about these remarkable individuals, every class also explored the work of a different Black artist. Pupils used a variety of materials and techniques to create stunning pieces of artwork, inspired by styles ranging from abstract expressionism to vibrant portraiture. The creativity on display was truly impressive, and the finished pieces will be showcased around the school throughout October.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 16th Oct

Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity—Year 6 parents invited at 9:45am

Friday 17th Oct

Cauliflower cards final day to hand in at school

Friday 17th Oct

Show Racism the red card

Monday 20th Oct

Parents' Evening—3H and 4M

Tuesday 21st October

Year 3 and 5 Parent Shadowing

Tuesday 21st October

Parents' Evening—3LB and 4D

Wednesday 22nd

October

Year 4 and 6 Parent Shadowing

Wednesday 22nd

October

Parents' Evening Year 5

Thursday 23rd

October

Parents' Evening Year 6

Friday 24th October

Break Up

Achievement Award 3H	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Olivia R	James W	Isla H	3LB	Aida P
Freddie H		Bonnie P	3H	
Gabija P		Viktoria I	4D	
Rory K		Eric G	4M	
Siyana S				
Alice T				



MFL Phrase of the Week!

Here is our French phrase of the week!
We hope you enjoy practising and learning it at home!



On Friday 17th October, children are invited to come to school wearing red as we are celebrating Wear Red Day in support of the very important campaign, Show Racism the Red Card! During this day, there will be a special worship where our children will learn the tools to challenge racism, celebrate diversity, and build inclusive school communities. By taking part in this extremely important initiative, we hope to give our pupils the confidence to challenge racism and celebrate their uniqueness and diversity!

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to visiting Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 16th October for our Harvest Festival, lead by our Year 6 pupils and Spiritual Ambassadors team. As part of our commitment to enabling all in our community to 'live a life in all its fullness', we will be collecting donations of tinned and cupboard items to donate to Holy Trinity's food bank on the day of our Harvest service. If you have any spare of the following items, we would be hugely grateful. Please send them into school in the coming days, in readiness for our Harvest service on Thursday 16th.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Parents/Carers/ Grandparents are welcome to join us in church at 9:45am

Harvest wishlist

Jars of cooking sauces	Ketchup/Brown sauce/Mayo
Pasta sauce	Tinned meat
Tinned soup	Cereal (not porridge)
Tinned fish	UHT semi skimmed or full fat milk
Tinned fruit	Powdered milk
Tinned vegetables	Dried Noodles (not pot or instant)
Tinned tomatoes	Pulses (dried/tinned /packaged)
Tinned potatoes	Long-life sponge puddings
Rice pudding	Chocolate sweet treats / Biscuits
Custard	Jam /Honey /Marmalade
Rice	Peanut butter / Chocolate spread
Pasta	Squash
Instant mash	Shampoo/Conditioner
Long-life juice	Deodorant
Instant coffee	Shower gel
Tea (bags)	Adult toothpaste

Active Families!

Here is an idea for a quick, active and fun activity you could carry out with your family this weekend! We hope you enjoy!

Alphabet Scavenger Hunt



What you need: One or more players, a piece of paper, a pen and a stopwatch / clock.

How to play:

- Find an object beginning with the letter A, bring it back to your start point and write the word of the item on your sheet.
- Continue for the entire alphabet.
- Playing against someone else? Who can complete the alphabet in the quickest time?

How quickly can you find the alphabet?



The Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School "Living life in all its fullness" challenge.

This week's challenge is to:
Go on a family bike ride! Remember to wear your helmets :)

We would love to see your photos please email them to:
a3129@telford.gov.uk or DoJo to your class teacher.



Record Numbers of Local Children Gaining Entry

Haberdashers' Adams is celebrating a major milestone in opening up access to local families with record numbers of local children gaining entry into Year 7. Since revising its Admissions Policy in 2021, to prioritise pupils from thirty-six primary schools across Telford and Wrekin (including all seven in TF10), the number of local pupils at the school has steadily increased.

There are 150 places available at Haberdashers' Adams for entry in Year 7, of which 135 are for day pupils. Over the past three years, intake from the seven TF10 schools has almost doubled - rising from 20 pupils in 2022 to 38 in this year's cohort - over one quarter of the total intake. In total, 77 pupils in the Year 7 intake of 2025 come from one of the thirty-six Telford & Wrekin primary schools named in the [Admissions Policy](#).

Increased engagement with local schools and families has raised awareness of all that Haberdashers' Adams has to offer. Pupils in local primary schools have been invited to secondary school taster sessions, music and drama performances and sports festivals. Teachers from Haberdashers' Adams have visited local primary schools to deliver lessons in French, geography, maths and science while a number of Sixth Form pupils volunteer once a week in local primary schools.

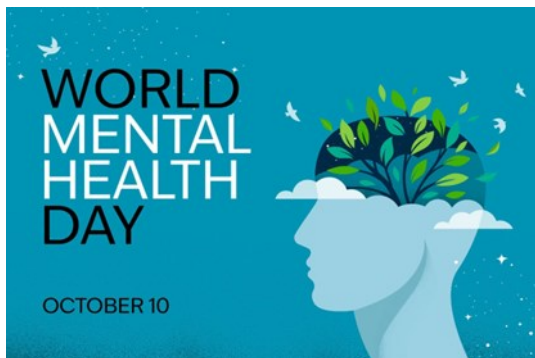
Mr Biggins, Headteacher from September 2025, said: "This is wonderful news. More local children means a greater sense of community, with pupils able to enjoy the broad range of extra-curricular activities offered after school at Haberdashers' Adams. This is something we have been working to achieve since changing our Admissions Policy in 2021."

To gain entry to Adams, children must pass the 11+ Entrance Test, held annually in September of Year 6. Children who attend one of the 36 Telford & Wrekin primary schools listed in the [Admissions Policy](#) - which includes all primary schools in the TF10 postcode - are then prioritised during the admissions process.



Safety Squad Joint Assembly at the Infants

This week, our fantastic Safety Squad have visited the infants school to help their Safety Squad plan and deliver a very special racism assembly to the reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils. Our Safety Squad were amazing and worked so well with the younger children, teaching them what racism is and how to stop it. Then on Thursday, our Safety Squad went to the infants school to deliver the assembly and were a credit to our school. Well done to you all and thank you for all of your hard work! We have planned more opportunities for our pupil groups to work together over the next year so watch this space for more joint projects and opportunities with the infants school!



World Mental Health Day – Let's Talk About Feelings!

Friday, 10th October is **World Mental Health Day**, a special day celebrated all around the world to help people learn more about mental health and why it matters.

What Is Mental Health?

Mental health is about how we think, feel, and behave. It affects how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Just like we look after our bodies by eating well and exercising, we also need to look after our minds.

Sometimes we feel happy, excited, or proud. Other times we might feel sad, worried, or confused. All these feelings are normal, and it's important to talk about them. Sharing how we feel can help us feel better and help others understand us.

Why This Day Is Important

World Mental Health Day helps remind us that **everyone has mental health**, and everyone deserves support. This year's theme is about making sure people can get help during difficult times, like emergencies or big changes in life.

It's also a chance to remind ourselves to be kind, to listen to others, and to speak up when we need help. Whether it's talking to a friend, a teacher, or a family member, there's always someone who cares.

What You Can Do

Even though we're not doing special activities in school (these will take place on child's mental health day later in the year in February), you can still take part by:

- Asking someone how they're feeling.
- Talking about your own feelings.
- Being kind to yourself and others.
- Remembering that it's okay to ask for help.

Let's all take a moment this week to think about how we feel and how we can support each other. Mental health matters – for everyone,



Year 4 Workshop—The Saxons

We had a great day for our workshop, and it was a fantastic opportunity for the children to apply their learning and also see some amazing artefacts, including weapons and armour they would have used! The children thoroughly impressed Steve with their knowledge of 1066 and it was great to hear from parents and carers that the children went home excited to share the facts they had learnt with them.

Here's a write up from Eric G and Ava H, 4M:

On Wednesday, we had our 1066 workshop. We learnt lots of things such as the timeline from Celts to World War II, Saxons drank from drinking horns, the Saxon's Chief God was called Woden and the Viking's Gods were called Oden, Frigg and Thur. We also played a game of Toga Hog (tug of war). We painted our own Saxon shields and our favourite thing was the shield battle at the end of the day!



Please click the link below to access a website that gives you lots of information about Roblox and keeping your child safe on line.

[What Parents Need To Know About Roblox](#)

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Week ending: 10.10.2025

Whole School: 96.2% Target 96%

Class	This week's %	Target achieved	Dojos
3H	94%	☹️	0
3LB	94.5 %	☹️	0
4D	96.2%	😊	3
4M	100%	😊	3
5B	97.8%	😊	3
5G	98.2%	😊	3
6S	95.6%	☹️	0
6KS	92.3%	☹️	3



Exciting news from our attendance initiatives! Meet our fantastic new Attendance Ambassadors. These super-star pupils will be spreading attendance messages and celebrating achievements throughout the school! After consultation with pupils and parents, the much-loved weekly attendance league is back by popular demand! Classes can now earn those precious dojo points, with the winning class scoring extra free time at the end of each half term - now that's what

we call a win-win!

Our children are super excited to work together and earn those class points! It's amazing to watch our pupils champion each other's success - team spirit at its finest! As a whole school we have achieved our target of 96%. Let the friendly competition begin! Who will be our first attendance champions? Stay tuned!

Hate Crime Workshop

On Tuesday 7th October 2025, we (Year 6) experienced a workshop about Hate Crime. We had lots of visitors to the school, some of these people were Police Officers, to deliver our session.

To begin with, we participated in a fun guessing game to get to know our personalities. We had to try and keep our body language as normal without giving away our identity. Once we had finished our game, we learnt about the 5 characteristics of Hate Crime. We learnt about how different words and actions can hurt people's feelings. We were educated about different hate crimes and how to report them.

Before they left, we were able to question the Police Officers about their occupations and how they carry out their jobs.

Our closing message from our workshop is:

discrimination should not be tolerated.

By 6KS



Have Your Say on all-age ADHD & Autism services

We want to hear from people living with ADHD and Autism, families and carers to help shape future services.

TAKE THE SURVEY...

Complete the survey by scanning the QR code



CHARLTON SCHOOL

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Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming prospective students, parents and carers to meet our team and visit all curriculum areas.



Thursday 9th October 2025
5.00pm to 8.00pm

Formal Welcome in main hall at 5.30pm and 7.00pm

OPEN MORNING

Thursday 9th October 2025

(Guided tours at 9.20am and 11.40am. Booking needed in advance via telephone call to school)

Principal: Mrs Barton

Apley Avenue, Wellington, Telford, TF1 3FA
Telephone 01952 951409
or visit our website at www.charlton.uk.com



A Splash of Colour on Our Playground!

This week, we were delighted to welcome our local councillors, Shirley Reynolds and John Thompson, to help us celebrate a vibrant new addition to our playground. Over the summer, a talented local artist refreshed our mural with the generous financial support of the Parish Council.

The result is truly stunning—bright, colourful, and full of energy. The children have been thrilled with the transformation, and many have commented on how cheerful and inviting the playground now feels.



Year 6 World War 1 Workshop

On Thursday 9th October, we had a WW1 workshop to educate us on how and why WW1 started. During the morning, Steve (Humph's Histories presenter) showed us some of the items that were used during the war. We were then given masks and every time Steve used the hand crank alarm we had to put our masks on to simulate what a gas attack would be like during the war. He shared with us the first person and last person to be killed during WW1 and then gave us the tasks of making a gravestone or stained-glass window to honour the 'unknown' soldiers that fought for us and sacrificed their lives. In the afternoon, 'Sergeant Williams' came and taught us all a drill on how to salute and stand to attention.

The most fascinating fact we learnt was how the conkers were used in WW1 for a new type of gunpowder and it was children who collected them. Who knew children played a vital role in the war too?

By EP 6KS



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LEVEL 1 AWARD IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The course is intended as a first step for people who are preparing to work with children, or towards a career in child development. The course is also valuable in helping parents support their own children's learning.

All resources provided
Free Refreshments

Wednesday 5th November -
Wednesday 11th February

9:00 - 11:30 am

12 Week Course

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To register for this course please scan QR code.
Call 01952 382888 for support in registering.



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DONNINGTON DROP IN



**Term time on Fridays 9.30-11.30am at
Donnington Community Hub,
St Matthews Road, Donnington TF2 7PR**

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family Hubs information



OAKENGATES DROP IN



**Term time on Wednesdays, 1-2.30pm
from 5 November at Oak Family Hub,
The Wakes, Oakengates TF2 6EP**

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family Hubs information



Telford Family Hubs Drop In's Come along and meet your local family hubs practitioner where you can access advice and support and connect with local organisations. Support we cover includes parenting and behaviour support, online and community safety, SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities), Domestic abuse support, financial advice and much more! See our list of weekly drop in's with further information on

the flyers below <https://www.telfordfamilyhubs.co.uk/whats-on/drop-ins/>

Oakengates Drop In - Wednesday's Term Time from 5th November <cid:image011.png@01DC385C.688A8F10>

Donnington Drop In - Friday's Term Time <cid:image012.png@01DC385C.688A8F10>

Evening Telephone Drop In - Selected dates 6:00-7:30pm [\[cid:image013.png@01DC385C.688A8F10\]](cid:image013.png@01DC385C.688A8F10)

FAMILY HUBS EVENING TELEPHONE DROP IN



6:00-7:30pm

On selected dates below

Monday 29th September

Tuesday 7th October

Monday 20th October

Pre-Booking Essential

To book your time slot please contact 01952 385465

Our telephone drop in offers you support, advice and information to connect you with local organisations and services for your family.

Support we cover includes

Parenting and Behaviour support, Online and Community safety, SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) and more



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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