

# CURDWORTH

## Newsletter

### This week at school...

This week, 4 of our Squirrels children took part in the NWPSSA Cross Country Race. Luckily, the rain pour that commenced right before school pick up on Wednesday subsided when it was the boy's turn to race and Rhys, Will, Eli and Paul ran with all their might twice around the Atherstone Sport Club fields. Well done boys! Go Team Curdworth! Check out the before, during and after shots of the boys...



### Harvest Collection



Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival to date. The deadline for items being brought into school is Thursday 3rd October. Donations will be distributed locally.

The children will participate in the Harvest Festival celebration with Reverend Noel at St Nicholas' on 4th October. This will be a school only event.

### ★ Attendance Stars ★

School Target: 97%  
 School Actual: 95%  
 Best Year Group this week...  
 Year 2 with 98.8%

If you want to know your child's % to date, you can find this information on MCAS

### Pupil Shoutout!

This week our Family Leaders & Deputies were chosen by school pupils & staff. The selection process was reviewed this year and Y6 children needed to *apply* using the new Family Leader job description. All applicants were then shortlisted by school staff and then final votes were given to the children. This was a great taster for what lies ahead for them as they grow older. Congratulation to the successful candidates!



# CURDWORTH CHAMPIONS

**Squirrels: Olivia & Ruby**

**Foxes: Abel & Florence**

**Owls: Smaranda & Lucas**

**Hedgehogs: Jaxson**



**Class Dojo  
Badge Winners**



**Rosie S**

## Upcoming Events

- 03.10.24 Harvest Donations deadline
- 8.10.24 Reception Open Morning 9.15am
- 21.10.24 Parent Council meeting 2 6-7pm
- 24.10.24 WOW Diwali Festival & PTFA Disco 5-7pm
- 25.10.24 Foxes Class Assembly 2.45pm
- 28.10.24 - 01.11.24 SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM
- 04.11.24 - Individual school photos - Siblings at 08.45
- 06.11.24 - Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop
- 08.11.24 - Whole school flu immunisations



## Clubs Reminder

**NO STEM CLUB ON 24th OCTOBER  
NETBALL CLUB CANCELLED**



## How do I know what's happening in my child's class?

To find out what is happening in your child's class, remember to check out the Class Page! Class teachers will be posting class timetables, weekly overviews including homework and PE days all on the story page of Dojo. You can also contact the school office and myself or Miss Gibbs through this communication line.

**DINNERS**

Remember to book your meals for next week if not already completed. Please continue to top up funds for Dinner Money via MCAS.



## A message from your Parent Council

### Please see outcomes from the first set of council sessions

#### You said

Parents raised concerns about the amount of usage of iPads in school, apps not turning off by 8pm, access to Amazon accounts/Minecraft.

#### Our action:

The app shut off time has been investigated and resolved with all apps turning off at 8pm or shortly thereafter. Please report any further identified issues to the school or a parent councillor. You can also control the times which your child may access their iPad by setting 'downtime' and limits via JAMF: [https://youtu.be/tFAGO\\_jOk-w](https://youtu.be/tFAGO_jOk-w)  
We have reported the concerns over access to Amazon and Minecraft to IT and understand that these sites have now been blocked.

We sent out a questionnaire to parents to understand their views and knowledge on the use of iPads in school. Most parents have reported that they are happy with the iPads and how to control their usage at home, however, we have included some key facts here which answer the concerns raised:

- **71%** of parents/carers said they do not need to use Jamf parent restrictions, **7%** stated that they downloaded Jamf but don't use it and **21%** said they don't know how to set it up or what it was.
- **67%** thought children spend less than half of school time on iPads during learning, and **33%** said they thought it was between 50-75%.

- Survey showed that there is an improvement in parent buy-in in using iPads to enhance learning in the classroom, increasing from an average rating of 3.79/5 to 4.27/5.
- **53%** of parents prefer homework on the iPads, **27%** said there is no preference and **20%** said they did not prefer it.
- If you need further information on controlling usage at home please speak to the school or a parent councillor, or watch the video here: [https://youtu.be/tFAGO\\_jOk-w](https://youtu.be/tFAGO_jOk-w)  
(link under post)

#### You said

**Parents raised concerns about the number of activities in school that parents were being invited to attend.**

#### Our action:

We understand the challenges that parents face juggling work, attending school events and managing children's expectations around this. We have therefore reduced the number of events that parents are invited to attend to reflect this. Following feedback we have dropped certain events and retained those which were most popular. The event calendar for the academic year 2024/2025 has been circulated and can be accessed here: [Term and Diary Dates – Curdworth Primary School](#) (link under post)



## A message from your Parent Council continued...

### You said

other areas discussed briefly

Messy play and the impact it can have on school uniform/white tops

### Our action:

- school have aprons available and a message has been communicated to all teachers that if they are doing art, craft or activities where the children could get messy with paint etc then to make sure the children wear the aprons available.



### You said

Curdworth champion concerns raised over short notice being received.

### Our action:

Mrs Kang has communicated to staff the importance of informing parents/carers by Thursday lunchtime so arrangements can be made to send a family member to the assembly. Parents are encouraged to check class dojo messages on Thursdays to see if their child will be receiving the award for that week.



### You said

Dojo communications and the organisation/ease of finding messages in feed.

### Our action:

Action - many of the issues raised with dojo are related to the design of the app rather than changes that can be made by the school. It is not possible to categorise messages as they can only appear as a news feed. A reminder to families that key dates are mentioned on the weekly newsletter and can be found on the school website.

## Year Rec, Year 4 and Year 6 Representatives needed!

Please message Mrs Kang or speak to Mrs Laura Heeley (Community Advocate) should you be interested in working with the school to enhance the school-parent community relations.

Thank you





## Key Admissions Dates 2024 - 2025

### Primary Intake



08.10.24 – Reception open day (0915-1015)

01.11.24 – Reception 2025 applications open

27.11.24 – Reception open day (0915-1015)

15.01.25 – National closing date - Reception

07.02.25 – Reception Stay & Play with parents

03.03.25 – Reception Stay & Play (2)

16.04.25 – National offer day (primary)

05.06.24 – New Intake Parent meeting (5-6)

18.06.25 – Reception Stay & Play (2 groups)

02.07.25 – Whole school transition/ Stay & Play

### Secondary

01.09.24 – Secondary applications open

31.10.24 – National closing date (Secondary)

03.03.25 – National offer day (Secondary)

### 11 Plus - Current Year 5 pupils

If you have a child in Year 5 and plan for them to sit the 11+ exams next academic year, please could you let Miss Gibbs or Mrs Taylor know. We are currently collecting some data around numbers of pupils/families wanting their child to attend a Grammar School post primary education.



EXAM!

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE



# ENJOY THE TRIP

## FOXES

Whitemoor Lakes February 2025  
Deposit in MCAS/Products  
Balance on MCAS/Trips  
Deadline 1st November 2024

## SQUIRRELS

Space Centre 11th November 2024  
Payment in MCAS/Trips  
Deadline 3rd November 2024

Year 5 London April 2025  
Deposit deadline 15th October 2024  
Balance due 15th February 2024

## Y6 France 2025

Please ensure that you are meeting the dates for the installment payments.

Please contact the office if you are having any financial or accessibility issues.

