

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had another great week at WOA with many, many pupils showing us just how fabulous they are! Some of our highlights are below:

- We are really proud to announce that WOA has been invited to apply for the National Inclusion Champion Award - this is a massive accolade for the school as it enables us to further demonstrate how inclusive and wonderful our school is. Well done to Mr Webster and the team - we are excited to see how our inclusion journey continues to grow!
- We are also super proud of Miss Woolvin and all our staff and pupils who have contributed to us achieving the Super Kind Schools Award which recognises our work in fund raising and social action projects - well done to ALL!
- Year 11 pupils almost finished their GCSE exams and we finished the day with them on Friday with shirt signing celebrations. We are so proud of all they have achieved and are looking forward to more celebrations on at their Graduation event on Thursday. Well done to ALL, you are nearly there - keep at it!
- Years 7 to 9 have continued engaging in Safeguarding & Attendance Assemblies - we have been focusing on bullying and the impact it has on others.
- It has been a fabulous FOMO Friday with the usual disco and face-painting and much loved quiz! Many pupils have also won prizes on our Wheel of Wonder or have been nominated and won prizes for being subject superstars and generally being caught being great WOA citizens!
- We reached day 10 of our new 10 Day Attendance Streak competition and are pleased to report that almost 600 pupils in Years 7-10 will pick up their prizes on Tuesday next week. Well done to all who have attended to achieve and smashed the 10 day streak!
- Year 9 are the most improved attenders this week - well done to all!

ATTENDANCE REMINDER - If your child is in school on time every day they are safe and have the very best chance of achieving their potential. We are going to have another 5 Day Streak competition next week (Monday 15-Friday 19 June) before we kick start our Super Summer Attendance Competition which we will see the lucky winner get to choose from a TV, a bike or a voucher of their choice. Watch this space for the launch next week!

Thank you to all pupils who have already contributed to our pupil voice activities - on Thursday next week, Mr Webster will be hosting a mammoth pupil voice session which will enable our pupils to have a real say in what they believe really matters at WOA! I look forward to sharing with you their views.

Finally - we are moving even closer to becoming PHONE FREE AT WOA. Communications, routines and plans are in place and will be shared with you shortly. We truly believe that going phone free will have a massive impact on the mental health and well-being of all our pupils and are thankful for your support in enabling us to achieve this. Please reach out if you have any questions or queries.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives #5dayattendancestreak #phonefreewoa

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Our top attending tutor groups of the week are ...



7LRI
8HOV
9JHI
10TLA & 10JLG
11JPL



Each will collect their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 15th June.

Year 9 are our most improved attenders' week on week and have collected their treat during the wheel of wonder this afternoon.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

KEY DATES – SUMMER TERM

Monday 29th June – Staff training Day

Wednesday 8th July – Y7 Parents Evening

Thursday 16th July – Sports Day

Friday 17th July – Break up for the end of Summer Term

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Parents and carers have received an email invitation to set up access to the Arbor Parent Portal and App.

This will become the main way the school communicates with families. Through Arbor, you will be able to:

- View key information about your child
- Receive school messages and updates
- Check attendance information



HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Our House point leaderboard is back!

- 1st Place – **Bronte** 7594 points
- 2nd Place **Dickens** 7085 points
- 3rd Place **Austen** 6695 points
- 4th Place **Shakespeare** 5521 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7LBR, 8REV 9TDA, and 10JLG and 11PSI! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done, Year 11 — you're nearly there!

Most of you have just **one more exam to go**. Remember:

- Science Saturday School is tomorrow.
- You will need to be in school by **8:45am on Monday** for your **Physics morning cram session**.
- **Spanish students** will need to stay after their exam for a **Spanish cram session**.

You are so close to the finish line in your **MAKE IT HAPPEN** journey. Keep pushing through these final days and give it everything you've got!

Year 10, your **Step Up** journey is gathering momentum. Some of you will be moving into a **new Maths form from Monday**, bringing fresh opportunities and new challenges.

Other intervention programmes will begin the following week, so **watch this space for further updates**.

PHONE-FREE WOA



Following on from our consultations earlier in the year we have listened to your feedback and we are now very near the end of the procurement phase of our Phone-free WOA plan and will soon be sharing our roadmap with you, as well as parent and student information on how phone-free WOA will work in practice.

WE CARE – USEFUL INFORMATION

Reminders:

1. Only talk to people you know on line
2. Only organise to meet people in safe places
3. Walk each other home – don't stay out too late!
4. If you see anything that concerns you – don't forget to run, hide, tell!

If you have a concern out of school hours please contact:

Police – 999 (emergency) 101 (non-emergency)
NSPCC – 0800 800 5000 (Text 88858)
Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111
Samaritans – 116 123