



WIDNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Inspiring a community

Headteacher's Newsletter

October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy start to the school year. It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 3 children and they have settled in really well.

Harvest Festival

Year 4 children led the school in our Harvest celebrations with a fantastic production of 'Harvest Rock'. Thank you to everyone who donated food and toiletries to our school food bank.

National Poetry Day

We have some budding poets here at Widney who wrote some amazing poems to enter in our poetry competition based on the theme of 'Wonder'

A Wonder by Khadija Ahmed, 6B

Watching the stars dance in the night sky,
Out beyond the clouds, I see a shine of heaven,
Night whispers through the shine,
Dreams fill the sky,
Eternal secrets whisper in the starlight,
Rivers flow beneath the shine of heaven.

PTA

A big thank you to Miss Bird and her team of volunteers who raise lots of funds for the school and provide exciting events for the children. The Halloween discos were a spooky success and the team are now focusing on organising our Christmas movie nights and the Christmas Fayre. This year the Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 27th November from 5.00-7.00pm. Please let Miss Bird or the school office know if you can donate a raffle prize or help out on the night.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted that our extra-curricular programme remains such a success. Over 85% of pupils attend at least one club each week, and on Thursdays alone more than 200 children enjoy participating in our varied club offer. If your child is interested in joining a club, please get in touch with the school office, as a small number of places are still available.

School Trips



We love taking our children on school trips, as they provide exciting opportunities to learn in new and engaging ways. Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Space Museum, and Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the Staffordshire Regiment Museum, helping to bring their World War II learning to life.

We are looking forward to our whole school theatre trip in December. This year, for the first time, we will be going to The Core Theatre to see Peter Pan.

Coats

As winter approaches, please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day.

Arts Week

The children had a lovely week creating some wonderful artwork for our exhibition after half term. We hope you will be able to join us to see their wonderful creations.



Attendance

A polite reminder not to book holidays during term time as they will not be authorised.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies immediately after half term at break time. As well as poppies, we will also be selling snap bands, stationery, and other items. If possible, please send coins in with your child if they wish to purchase any items.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 26 th – Fri 30 October			HALF TERM
Mon	2	Nov	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tue	10	Nov	Y5 - The Bully Busters (Loudmouth) 3.30 – 4.30pm Scholastic Book Fair
Wed	11	Nov	9am - School Photos Wrap Up (and school councils) 3.30 – 4.30pm Scholastic Book Fair
Tue	17	Nov	Art Gallery in School Hall – 2.30-4.30pm
Wed	18	Nov	Y4 - Bikeability Learn to Ride course (09:00 - 10:30/10:45 - 12:15)
Thur	19	Nov	Y4 - Bikeability Learn to Ride course (09:00 - 10:30/10:45 - 12:15) Flu immunisations (catch-up session)
Mon	23	Nov	Year 3 - Journey to the Stable at St Alphege Church (10.00am - 11.30am)
Fri	27	Nov	PTA Christmas Fayre (5-7pm)
Mon	30	Nov	3.30–5.30pm - Y3&4 Christmas Movie Night
Wed	2	Dec	Rocksteady Concerts (2-2.30pm, 2.45-3.15pm)
Mon	7	Dec	3.30–5.30pm – Y5&6 Christmas Movie Night
Wed	9	Dec	Christmas Arts & Crafts
Thur	10	Dec	Christmas Carol Concert – 6-7pm
Fri	11	Dec	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party – 1.30-3pm
Mon	14	Dec	Christmas dinner in school / Christmas Jumper Day
Tue	15	Dec	2pm and 6pm - Y5 Christmas Production
Wed	16	Dec	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
Thur	17	Dec	Christingle Service (Y3&4 - 10am, Y5&6 - 10.30am) Christmas Parties in school
Fri	18	Dec	Term ends
Mon 21 st Dec 2026 – Fri 1 st Jan 2027			CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Mon	4	Jan	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tue	5	Jan	Term starts

Finally

Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Best wishes.

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Mrs Jo Bridges
Headteacher

SLIDE AWAY CASTLES

HALLOWEEN UV DISCO

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER & DISCO

7:00PM - 9:00PM

PARTY GAMES • PRIZES • GOODIE BAG FOR EVERY CHILD

CHILDREN'S TICKET £10.00
INCLUDES A BURGER OR A HOT DOG

ADULTS GO FREE

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OR PAY AT THE BAR BEFORE THE NIGHT**