



Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence

Parent Bulletin - Friday 22nd September 2023

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

As we wrap up another week of hard work and dedication from all of our staff and students, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate and thank everyone for their outstanding efforts in ensuring that the expectations and standards remain high. Looking again at our Aspire Mountain it is clear from the number of positive points that have been awarded that it has been a week filled with resilience, responsibility and respect, and I am truly impressed by the students' commitment to excellence.

One of our greatest highlights of this week was the unboxing of our iPads for Year 7. All year groups now have access to a device to use in and out of school. A reminder that this is part of the equipment list and students are awarded positive points every morning by their tutor if they bring their iPad fully charged. This demonstrates our learner skill of being organised.

As I mentioned last week, attending school is essential. Research shows clearly that there is a link between progress made and attendance to school. If students are not in school then they are missing out on key pieces of knowledge needed to help them progress in their subject. It is really important that if your child is absent from school that you contact us to let us know the reasons why. If by the time the registers close we do not have a reason for your child's absence we will be conducting home visits as this becomes a safeguarding matter if we do not know the whereabouts of a child. If you need any support with your child's attendance to school then please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year so that we can look at how best to support.

Unfortunately there has been a disconcerting rise in the number of incidents of verbal abuse towards members of staff. Whilst we understand your frustration when incidents occur at school I must make it absolutely clear that I will not tolerate any abusive language or threats to members of staff regardless of what has occurred. If you are unhappy with a situation in school please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance or if it is a safeguarding concern then please contact your child's Head of Year. We will of course listen and investigate any concerns you have but this must be done in a controlled and calm manner at all times. Whilst this does apply to a very small minority of our school community it is important that I reiterate our school values and thank all of those who continue to support and communicate positively with us.

Also a reminder that Wednesday 27th September is our annual Open Evening and therefore we will be closing early at 2pm in order to facilitate this. We have a record number of students (over 150) supporting the evenings events all of whom will be rewarded with Aspire points and I thank them for their support in helping to showcase what makes Great Wyrley GREAT.

Finally, We are making a change to the timings of the school day. I must make it clear that there is no change at all to the start and end of the day; however, we are extending lunchtime by 10 minutes.

This is following overwhelming feedback from staff and students who are keen to run and attend even more extracurricular activities. Therefore lunch will now run from 12.40pm until 13.15pm with a 5 minute movement time to last lesson.

Enjoy a well-deserved weekend, recharge, and come back next week ready to tackle new challenges with the same enthusiasm and determination that you've shown this week.



Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

IPAD LAUNCH:

In a significant milestone this week, Year 7 students experienced an exciting moment as they received their iPads for learning. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation and enthusiasm as the students eagerly collected their devices, which would soon become integral tools in their educational journey. The launch marked a shift towards digital learning, providing students with innovative ways to engage with educational content and fostering a dynamic and interactive classroom experience.



The iPads hold immense promise, offering students a gateway to a world of knowledge and interactive learning resources. With these devices in hand, students are poised to explore new horizons, collaborate seamlessly, and engage in immersive educational experiences. As Year 7 embark on this digital learning adventure, the excitement among both students and teachers is palpable, heralding a new era of education that is sure to leave our students empowered and inspired.

Open Evening: Students can choose to help support by being a tour guide for the evening or helping in subject. Subject staff are currently recruiting for those to support. Any student attending in the evening must be in full uniform including blazers. The event will run from 6pm until 8pm and so students need to be at school no later than 5.40pm. There will be a meeting for all tour guides on Monday to go through exactly what they will need to do.

Sport: Sports Clubs are all up and running! Sports clubs have been running for 2 weeks now and we have had a fantastic turn out from students so far. Great numbers of girls turning up for netball and football as well as huge numbers for

boys football and basketball. We cannot wait until fixtures start next week. We kick off the football season with an away fixture for year 7 boys in the ESFA @ Staffordshire University Academy. Cup fixtures for Year 8 and 11 boys will follow soon as well. Let's wish all our teams luck going forward this year!

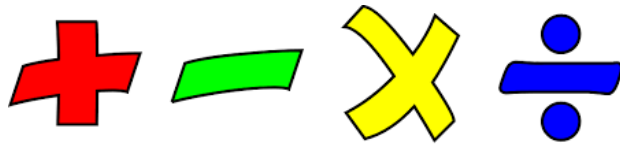
Watch this space for more sports updates as the term progresses

Maths Murder Mystery - Cipher Challenge House Competition

A murder has been committed in the maths department! A body has been discovered surrounded by mathematical objects and only the hardworking maths teachers were in school, doing long division sums for fun at the weekend. So one of them must be the murderer!

Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to find:

- 1) the murderer
- 2) the room
- 3) the murder weapon



Crack the codes and decipher the messages to correctly identify these three things and you will win points for your house.

Please see your house classroom for more information!!

Amazing Maths Lessons.

Being the best at solving equations!

Over the last two weeks Mrs Salter's 10M4 class have been working really hard on solving equations and inequalities. They have all worked extremely hard and are the best at solving equations!!

Fantastic Learning

On Wednesday it was lovely to see Mr Nisar's 9ADA class working on frequency trees. Every single student was engaged and participating in the lesson. Extra Aspire points were issued by Mrs Salter - Well done 9EUL, keep up the good work!

History - the **Battlefields 2023** visit is fast approaching and all students attending along with parents/carers are invited to an information meeting on *Thursday 28th September at 5pm*. Only 4 weeks to go until we depart now.

History film club on a Friday lunchtime week B has launched and the first movie to be enjoyed is **War Horse** which ties in with the current cycle in Year 9 focused upon the Great War. All students are invited along until every seat has been filled.

Y11 Child Development - NEA (coursework) deadline - Year 11 have been completing the NEA tasks linked to Unit R058: Create a safe environment and understand the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years. This work is due to be submitted Monday 2nd October.

The work students should have completed includes:

R058 TA2 Task 1 Equipment

R058 TA1 Task 2 Create a Safe Environment

R058 TA3 Task 3 Healthy Meal Choices

R058 TA4 Task 4 Feeding plan and evaluation

Year 7 English Superstars - In English this week, students had to create their own myth and present this myth to the class at the front of the classroom. Lots of year 7 students were brave, resilient and confident with this task and the English department are very impressed!



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

We are delighted to announce that Great Wyrley Academy has been awarded a Silver Art Award from the Arts Council England. This has been a two year journey to enhance and showcase all the amazing work achieved across Art, Dance, Drama and Music.

The Arts Council England have said:

'You are positively increasing the emphasis on arts and culture, and engaging with the Arts is having tangible results on pupils, staff, and family engagement. The Arts feature in school planning and are supported by SLT, governors, a cross-curricular approach, and wider MAT staff. Pupils access a range of experiences in school, digitally, and outside the classroom which leads to showcasing within school and the local community. It's great to hear about the collaborations with artists, such as Aspire Mountain, animation and singing projects, alongside refurbished spaces for drama and a gallery space.'

Please click here to go to the [News and blog page](#) of the website

Curriculum Updates for this week:

Homework

A reminder that homework is due to be **completed for Thursday 28th**. Students in all years were shown how to find this on Classcharts during an assembly with Mr Studholme this week. There have been over 5500 pieces of homework set for our students to complete!

A reminder that the sanction for non-completion of homework is a 50 minute after school detention until each piece of homework has been completed.

What are we studying in Maths in Cycle 1?

Year 7: Expressions and Proof, Numeracy and Approximation, Shapes and Dimension

Year 8: Inverse and Modelling, Collect, Display, Analyse and Predict, Formulae and Rearrange

Year 9: Probability, Comparing Data, Number in the Real World

Year 10: Developing Algebra, Use of Number, Ratio and Fractions

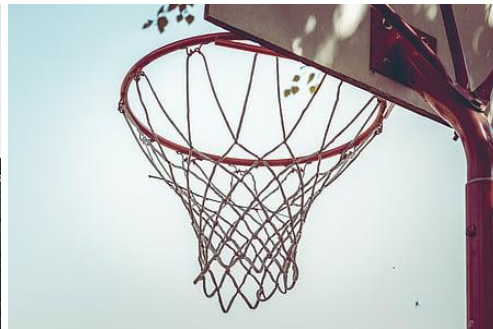
Year 11: Probability, Sequences, Geometric Reasoning, Graphs, Functions



What are we studying in PE in Cycle 1?

KS3: Football, Fitness, Netball and Handball

KS4: Healthy active lifestyle through sport



What are we studying in Geography in Cycle 1?

Year 7: Location, Location, Location

Year 8: Tectonic Hazards

Year 9: China

Year 10: Natural Hazards

Year 11: The Changing Economic World

Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 1500 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **collaborative**, being **respectful** and **communicating clearly**. They have demonstrated a great deal of respect for each other and collaborated to improve their knowledge and understanding of key topics after assessments.



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| Responsible | 247 |
| Respectful | 194 |
| Resilient | 169 |
| Communicate clearly | 162 |
| Be collaborative | 159 |
| Self-quiz | 158 |
| Creative | 145 |
| Be organised | 116 |
| Give and receive feedback | 111 |
| Become unstuck | 60 |
| Compassionate | 17 |
| Courageous | 15 |

Top Aspire Students

| Year 7 | | | Year 8 | | | Year 9 | | | Year 10 | | | Year 11 | | |
|-------------------|----|----|---------------|----|----|-----------------|----|----|--------------------|-----|----|------------------|-----|----|
| Noah Abbott | 7W | 23 | Elliot Lunt | 8W | 30 | A-Jay Daley | 9Y | 27 | Amelia Brotherton | 10X | 35 | Katie Dutton | 11X | 44 |
| Aleisha Shooter | 7W | 23 | Layla Spink | 8X | 28 | James Parker | 9Y | 21 | Georgia Despotaki | 10X | 33 | Shaian Cele | 11Z | 32 |
| Mazie-Lou Simkiss | 7Y | 23 | Ruby Abbott | 8X | 25 | Brandon Collins | 9X | 20 | Kasey Ebbans | 10X | 32 | Madison Keenan | 11Z | 29 |
| Jacob Walker | 7W | 23 | Freya Preston | 8Y | 23 | Tegan Hopps | 9Z | 20 | Bethany Robins | 10X | 31 | Skye Lockett | 11Z | 29 |
| Paige Noon | 7W | 21 | Jayden Kane | 8X | 22 | Alice Ford | 9Y | 19 | Conner Garbett | 10X | 29 | Libby Tooker | 11Z | 29 |
| Flynn Friel | 7Y | 20 | Leo Orme | 8W | 21 | Adonai Munemo | 9Y | 19 | Akyla Lee-Clarke | 10X | 29 | Stephen Woodhall | 11Z | 29 |
| Ellie Molineux | 7W | 20 | Olly Delaney | 8Z | 20 | Abigail Nutting | 9Z | 19 | Regan Burton | 10Y | 27 | Molly Dovydaitis | 11X | 26 |
| William Taylor | 7W | 20 | Grace Elson | 8X | 20 | Tyler Sheldon | 9W | 18 | Lyndon Dawney | 10Y | 27 | Madison Jones | 11Z | 26 |
| Caelan Bowen | 7W | 19 | Kai Boshell | 8X | 18 | Samuel Kayode | 9X | 17 | Eve Sutcliffe | 10X | 27 | Alfie Babb | 11Y | 24 |
| Sophie Carter | 7Z | 19 | Poppy Jenkins | 8X | 18 | Joseph McDonald | 9X | 17 | Owen Junior Firkin | 10X | 26 | Paige Edwards | 11Z | 24 |

Well done to KATIE DUTTON for getting the most Aspire Points and being BEST IN SCHOOL.

100% Attendance for this Week - Roll of Honour
(To get on next week's roll of honour you need to make sure you are in EVERYDAY)

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| Noah Abbott | 7W | Conner Garbett | 10X | Roxylee Orme | 11X |
| Ruby Abbott | 8X | Robyn Geddes | 10Y | Teejay Orme | 7Y |
| Heidi Akerman | 11Y | Xander Gillion | 8Y | Joshua Palmer | 8W |
| Cameron Allen | 11X | Oliver Gorman | 7Z | Reece Palmer | 11Z |
| Aiden Andrews | 8X | Katie Gosling | 9W | Frankie Parker | 7Z |
| Frankie Andrews | 7X | Ventsislav Gradev | 7X | James Parker | 9Y |
| Isabella Arrowsmith | 8Z | Ky Graham | 7X | Hayden Patrick | 11Y |
| Alfie Babb | 11Y | Amelia Gray-Davis | 8Z | Olivia Peach | 11X |
| Tia Bacon-Jones | 8Z | Jessica Green | 11Y | Eden Peakman | 7Y |
| Tyler Bacon-Jones | 7X | Aurelia Gryska | 9W | Fiona Peakman | 11X |
| Connor Bains | 11X | Eden Guest | 8W | Elliot Pearse | 11Y |
| Kacey Barnard | 9W | Laila-Faith Hall | 7Y | Sophie Pearson | 9Y |
| Lauren Bateman | 10Z | Noemi Halmo | 7Z | Thomas Pearson | 10X |
| Ryan Bates | 8Z | Amari Hamilton-Morris | 9W | Layla Peate | 8Z |
| Louie Beckett | 11Y | Violet-May Hannon | 8Y | Lydia Perry | 7X |
| Ashleigh Bentley | 9Z | Cameron Hanrahan | 11X | Freddie Phillips | 9W |
| Lily-Ray Bentley | 7Z | Olly Harley | 9W | Mikayla Phillips | 7X |
| Zachary Benton-Rose | 11X | Evie Harris | 11Y | Ruby Plant | 7Z |
| Olivia Billett | 8W | Millie Harris | 7Y | Evie Plummer | 7Y |
| Angel Bingham | 9Z | Will Harris | 7W | Noah Poole | 8Z |
| Roman Bingham | 10X | Daniel Harrison | 8X | Ollie Potter | 7Z |
| Taylor Bingham | 8Z | Lexie Harrison | 7Z | Freya Preston | 8Y |
| Peyton Birkett | 7Y | Lewis Haste | 10Z | Bradley Randell | 7W |
| Charlie Blaymires | 9Z | James Hayward | 7Y | Hannah Rawlins | 7X |
| Romeo Bolton | 11X | Olivia Hayward | 11Z | Katie-Mae Rawlins | 10W |
| Tamzin Booth | 11X | Chloe Headley | 8Z | Amber Raybould | 7Y |
| Kai Boshell | 8X | Isabella Heath | 7X | Finley Rayer | 8W |
| Caelan Bowen | 7W | Olivia Heath | 7X | Daisy Read | 8W |
| Taliah Bowes | 7Y | Lily Heeley | 8Z | George Reynolds | 7Y |
| Harry Bowles | 11Z | Chloe Heminsley | 9W | Isaac Reynolds | 10Z |
| Mini Bowyer | 7Y | Dainton Hems | 8Y | Lexie-Mae Rhodes | 8X |
| Eloane Boyi | 8Y | Lacy Hicken | 8Z | Harry Ridgway | 8W |

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| Solomon Bradley | 10X | Joshua Hickman | 9Z | Bethany Robins | 10X |
| Sonnie Brendel | 10W | Warren Hickman | 10Y | Billy Robinson | 10Y |
| Ashley Bridges | 8Y | Layla Hinds | 11Y | Jessie Robinson | 9Y |
| Braydon Briggs | 11Y | Lucy-May Hodgkiss | 8Y | George Rochelle | 8Z |
| William Brittle | 10Z | Jensen Hooper | 7W | Lexi Rochelle | 11X |
| Jaquan Brooks | 7X | Jarvis Hopley | 11Y | Aidrienne Rocks | 7Z |
| Riley Brooks | 7Y | Tegan Hopps | 9Z | Freddie Rogers | 10X |
| Amelia Brotherton | 10X | Dom Horton | 8Y | Kielan-Leigh Rowley | 9X |
| Brooke Brown | 11Z | Cam Howell | 11Y | William Rushton | 7Y |
| Lola-Louise Brown | 10Z | Oscar Howell | 7W | Louie Russell | 7X |
| Jessica Buckler | 7Y | Kenzie Hughes | 11X | Chloe Salter | 9W |
| Nathan Buckley | 9W | Owen Hulett | 8X | Lexie Sanders | 9Y |
| Cristian Bulai | 9X | Ethan Hunt | 10Z | Sienna Sanders | 7W |
| Connor Burke | 10Y | Reuben Hunt | 8W | Eli Sedgwick | 7Y |
| Paije Burke | 7Y | Nicole - Lea Jackson | 7X | Lewis Seedhouse | 10X |
| Logan Burton | 7Y | Evie-Mae Jakes | 7W | Eden Selvey | 7Y |
| Regan Burton | 10Y | Oliver Jarvis | 8W | Lola Sephton | 7W |
| Harriet Cadman | 8Z | Lexi Jenkins | 9W | Milly-Grace Sephton | 9Y |
| Mai Cahill | 8Y | Poppy Jenkins | 8X | Beau Severn | 8X |
| Noah Cantello | 9W | Lewis Johnston | 7X | Courtney Shaw | 9Z |
| Megan Carter | 8W | Harry Jones | 8Y | Tyler Sheldon | 9W |
| Sophie Carter | 7Z | Madison Jones | 11Z | Aleisha Shooter | 7W |
| Shaian Cele | 11Z | Maisie Jones | 9X | Ellie Shotton | 10W |
| Lily-Rose Challinor | 8W | Lexii Jones-Williams | 8Z | Holly Shotton | 7W |
| Melissa Chambers | 9Z | Idrissa Kallon | 8Y | Mazie-Lou Simkiss | 7Y |
| Ellie-Mae Clark | 8X | Jayden Kane | 8X | Ava Skelton | 8W |
| Eva Clark | 10X | Aisha Kanyayi | 10Y | Freddie Skelton | 7X |
| Alfie Clarke | 10Z | Bryan Kayode | 7Y | Jenson Slater | 7Z |
| Callum Clarke | 7Y | Samuel Kayode | 9X | Brodie Smith | 7Y |
| Millie Clarke | 9W | Yvonne Kayode | 11Y | Riley Speak | 7W |
| Scarlett Clarke | 9W | Madison Keenan | 11Z | Layla Spink | 8X |
| Vinnie Clarke | 8Y | Millie Keenan | 11Z | Benjamin Spooner | 10Z |
| Josh Coffey | 11Z | Harrison Kelley | 8Z | Callum Standing | 9W |

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| Leisal Collett | 10W | Leah Kelley | 10Y | Dominic Stanton | 9W |
| Elsie-May Colley | 7Y | Thomas Kendrick | 8X | Madeline Stanton | 11Y |
| Brandon Collins | 9X | Lewis Kerr | 7Z | Ocean Stanton | 9Z |
| Poppy Cook | 7W | Riley Kerr | 7Y | Tyler Stanton | 10Z |
| Taylor-Mae Cooper | 11Y | Isaac Kneller | 8X | Annabel Startin | 11Z |
| Evie Copeland | 7X | Harry Kus | 7Z | Imogen Stevenson-Daniel | 8X |
| Katie Copeland | 10Y | Katherine Landers | 7W | Rhianna Stevenson-Daniel | 9Y |
| Edward Crump | 7W | Brody Lane | 10Z | Libby Steventon | 8Y |
| A-Jay Daley | 9Y | Ellie-Mae Lane | 9Z | Amelia Stokes | 10Y |
| Tye Daley | 10W | Jake Lane | 9X | Jack Stokes | 7Y |
| Bella Davies | 7X | Mia Lane | 11Z | Archie Stone | 9Z |
| Owen Davis | 10W | Mj Langston | 11Z | Phoebe Street | 9W |
| Zac Davis | 10W | Stevie-Leigh Latham | 8X | Jonathan Summerton | 8Y |
| Jake Dawes | 7X | William Lavender | 10X | Eve Sutcliffe | 10X |
| Ashley Dawkins | 10Z | Ellis Law-Edwards | 7Z | Mya Sykes | 8X |
| Hollie Dawkins | 8X | Harvey Leek | 9X | Nicole Sykorova | 8Z |
| Lyndon Dawney | 10Y | Marley Leasing | 8X | Isabella Taylor | 8W |
| Brodi Delaney | 7Y | Gabriella Leighton | 7X | Kayden Taylor | 9Y |
| Olly Delaney | 8Z | Chloe Lewis | 10Y | Kenzie-Jay Taylor | 10X |
| Georgia Despotaki | 10X | Daniel Lewis | 11Y | William Taylor | 7W |
| Jacob Devey | 8Z | Cole Lines | 7Y | Daniel Tehn-Addy | 9Z |
| Millie-May Devey | 9Z | Willow Llewellyn | 11X | Michael Tehn-Addy | 11X |
| Logan Dicken | 7Z | Ashton Lloyd | 7Z | Beau Telford | 7Z |
| Georgia Dolman | 10Z | Ellie Lloyd | 11X | Kyle Thompson | 9W |
| Molly Dovydaitis | 11X | Evie-Mai Lloyd | 7W | Millie Tisdell | 7Y |
| Marley Dowding-Morton | 11Y | Grace Lloyd | 8W | Libby Tooker | 11Z |
| Louisa Dudley-Mowe | 9X | Skye Lockett | 11Z | Jamie Townsend | 11X |
| Katie Dutton | 11X | Alfie Loverock | 8W | Olivia Trow | 8W |
| Lily Dutton | 8W | Elliot Lunt | 8W | Aiden Turner-Wilkes | 9X |
| Lydia Dutton | 8W | Miley Marshall | 7W | Kyon Vaughan | 9W |
| Wilson Ebagua | 7W | Olivia Marston | 8W | Ava Walker | 9Y |
| Kasey Ebbans | 10X | Joel-Sebastian Mason | 11X | Jacob Walker | 7W |
| Lauren Ebbans | 11Y | Lacey Maycock | 9W | Oliver Walker | 8W |

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| Charlotte Edwards | 8Z | Rocky Mayfield | 7X | Jorge Wall | 7Z |
| Indiya Edwards | 8Z | Joseph McDonald | 9X | Daniel Walsh | 7Z |
| Paige Edwards | 11Z | Kian Mellor | 8Y | Kirsty Walters | 9Z |
| Preston Edwards | 7X | Michelle Memela | 9Z | Olivia Ward | 8Y |
| Jayden Element-Stretton | 8Z | Teagan Merrick | 9Z | Rubie Ward | 10X |
| Brandon Elkins-Mansell | 10W | Daniel Mills | 7Y | Lacey Warke | 8Y |
| Grace Ellis | 8Y | Paige Mills | 9X | Khyran Watkiss | 9W |
| Grace Elson | 8X | Leah Mohammadi | 7Z | Emily Weaver | 7W |
| Amy-Lee Evans | 8Y | Ricardo Mohammadi | 9Z | Jack Weaver | 10Z |
| Harry Evans | 7W | Ellie Molineux | 7W | Alfie Webster | 8Y |
| Lola Evans | 9Z | Rosie Morgan | 7W | Saffira Webster | 11X |
| Riley Evans | 8Z | Charlie Morris | 7W | Lily Weeks | 10Z |
| Sophie Everall | 8Z | Isabella Moseley | 7X | Alfie Westwood | 9Y |
| Carl Fardon | 10W | Adonai Munemo | 9Y | Chloe Wheeldon-John | 11X |
| Cameron Farrell | 7Z | Sam Natanson | 11X | Oliver Whitlock | 11Y |
| Lexi-Jay Field | 9X | Joshua Niles | 8Z | Freya Widdowson | 10Z |
| Joshua Finch | 7X | Sonia Nock | 7W | Grace Wiggin | 10W |
| Owen Junior Firkin | 10X | Paige Noon | 7W | Archie Williams | 11Y |
| Alex Fisher | 7Y | Cayden Norgrove | 11X | Autumn Williams | 10Z |
| Meabh Fitzsimons | 7Z | Oliver Norton | 8Y | Charlie Williams | 8X |
| Grace Flynn | 7W | Abigail Nutting | 9Z | Harry Williams | 7X |
| Conor Follett | 10W | Elliott Nye | 8Y | Paige Williams | 7W |
| Abigail Follows | 11Y | India O'Hare | 7Y | Austin Wise-Hughes | 10X |
| Alice Ford | 9Y | Rhoda Obakpe | 9Z | Stephen Woodhall | 11Z |
| Reuben Ford | 7W | Richmond Obakpe | 11Z | Hannah Woodhouse | 11Y |
| Libby Forrester | 9X | Maryam Obalola | 10W | Magnus Woods | 11Z |
| Sophie Forrester | 11Z | Henry Opoku | 10W | Jack Woolley | 10W |
| Lewis France | 11Y | Harry Orme | 11X | Darcey Wootton | 7W |
| Mia French | 9Y | Leo Orme | 8W | Poppy Wootton | 8W |
| Flynn Friel | 7Y | Lillian Orme | 11X | Freddie Wray | 10Y |
| Charles-Henry Wright | 7Z | Isabelle Yates | 8W | | |