

# WALMSLEY CE SCHOOL

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## Walmsley News Friday, 26th January 2024

### Before & After School Clubs

We still have a couple of spaces available on each of our before and after school clubs. Please follow the link to view the clubs available for the Spring term (up to Easter).

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

Please email the school office if you would like to register your child for a club.

### Friday, 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day

Reminder: We are taking part in the **NSPCC Number Day**. We are inviting children to come into school '**dressed for digits**' for a small donation. Children may wear non-uniform with an item of clothing which has a number on it. This can be a favourite sports top, cap, t-shirt or onesie, or they may like to get creative and design something with a number on! *All proceeds will go to the NSPCC.*

### EdShed - Information for Parents (Year 1 to Year 6)

Pupils are encouraged to go on EdShed for 5 minutes daily. On a Tuesday a gentle reminder message is sent if pupils have not accessed EdShed over the previous 4 days. It is sent on a Tuesday as this is approximately the middle of the number of days in which pupils have to practice their spellings.

Regular spaced practice has been proven to support pupils' long term memory. This is why the reminder message is sent on a Tuesday as it then gives pupils 3 days to continue to practice. Spelling remains a weakness for a number of our pupils and for some pupils this may be the only aspect that is stopping them from reaching the expected level of development for their age in writing. Practising them regularly really supports with this.

It is the current assignment that has been set which is monitored weekly, not the extra games that pupils may choose to play on the Stage 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 games.

Our pupil voice monitoring with pupils from each year group has evidenced how much the pupils feel that Spelling Shed is helping them with their learning and retention of the spelling. Pupils talked about how they are then applying this to their writing.



There have been a few glitches with the app and it may mean you need to log out and back in. Apologies if you have been on and system errors have caused it not to be logged and an app reminder message has been sent in error. Unfortunately, this is out of our control.

If you have made the decision to practise your spellings daily in a different way, please ignore these app reminder messages.

This video link is a great explanation of how to use EdShed if you need support:  
[Chrome is fast and easy to use \(youtube.com\)](#)

### **TT Rockstars - Information for Parents**

Please could we send a reminder to parents/carers to update the TT Rockstars App to ensure you are always on the latest version. Please see information below from TT Rockstars:

#### Solution - if they're playing at home

If using the website at home, please ask parents to visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version in their device's browser. Otherwise ask parents to update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

If you are experiencing any further problems, please email the school office.

### **Walmsley School Lottery Update**

Thank you to all parents (past and present), grandparents and staff who continue to support the Walmsley Lottery - and a special welcome to the Reception parents who have joined this year. Since it was started in 1999, School Lottery proceeds have helped to buy things which benefit all the children, for example: Clevertouch screens, classroom computers and whiteboards, playground equipment and a new stage and curtains. Most recently, £7,000 has been donated from accumulated Lottery profits towards the cost of refurbishing the infant playground and seating areas.

We have a small number of spare School Lottery numbers available so if anybody is interested in joining. Please let Mr McDonnell or Mrs Murphy in the school office know and we will send you further details. The Lottery basically works as follows: each member pays £1 per week (usually by quarterly standing order or cheque) and is allocated a number between 1 and 59. If that number coincides with the Bonus Ball drawn on the Saturday National Lottery ("Lotto") draw, the member wins £25. The remaining money taken for that week raises money for school.

### **What's happening in the News this week?** Is fashion important?

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

## Online Safety Information Session - Invitation for Parents/Carers

Wednesday, 31st January - 9:30am to 10:15am

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

Please find below the link to access the session:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZWQyZjMwMjQtNGVhMy00NDEyLTg2ODItZDQ1OGNjM2FiMjcw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWQyZjMwMjQtNGVhMy00NDEyLTg2ODItZDQ1OGNjM2FiMjcw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)

Please note, this session is a repeat session (last delivered October 2023).

Information - Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- ❖ Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand)
- ❖ If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared, so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

## PTA

Save the date...

School Disco - 'Dress to Impress' for a fun night with your friends!

Friday, 9th February 2024

Key Stage 1 - 4:45pm to 5:45pm

Key Stage 2 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Admission £2:00

Optional Spending Money: Maximum £5

If you are able to volunteer as a helper for either or both Discos, please contact Lily on 07885 678 317.

## Walmsley Parish Notices

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

- ❖ Lent Course 2024 - starting Monday, 12th February at 7:00pm
- ❖ Christ Church Walmsley Eco-Day! - Saturday, 17th February - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- ❖ Walmsley Live Lounge 2 - Saturday, 17th February at 7:00pm
- ❖ Band & Choir Concert - Saturday, 24th February at 7:00pm
- ❖ The Turton Moorland Team presents 'Glitter Ball 2024' - Friday, 24th May at 7:00pm

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