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SUCKLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'HAPPY, ASPIRATIONAL AND READY FOR LIFE'



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This week at Suckley School

Happy Friday and Happy Summer Break!

I can hardly believe we have reached the final day of another academic year! I would like to thank the incredible staff of Suckley School. Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to our children is something else. They continually go above and beyond, embracing every challenge with positivity and ensuring that the children enjoy engaging, memorable learning experiences. The many successes we have celebrated this year are a direct reflection of their hard work and care!

I would also like to extend my thanks to all of you. Your support, patience and willingness to work with us make such a difference. Thank you, too, for the generous gifts, thoughtful cards and kind messages we have received at the end of term – they are very much appreciated by all the staff.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the children. They should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. A special mention must go to our amazing Year 6 children. Saying goodbye to children who have been such an important part of the Suckley family is never easy. We have watched them grow in so many ways over the years, and while we will miss them greatly, we are also immensely proud of the young people they have become.

I hope you all enjoy a happy, restful and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the autumn for another exciting year full of learning, opportunities and memorable experiences.

With kind regards, Helen Field



Suckley School Vision

To celebrate the unique and individual needs of all of our pupils by delivering an inspiring, rich, inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum which enables children to achieve their full potential, without limits.

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Photos Of The Week



"If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello."

- Paulo Coelho

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

- A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

Goodbye and Goodluck
Good Luck * All the Best
KEEP IN TOUCH * Luck Goodbye
All the Best
You'll be missed Keep in touch
Luck * Goodbye and
Best of Luck Goodluck
You'll be missed * GOODBYE
BEST OF * Good LUCK
YOU'LL BE MISSED * All the Best

Notices to parents

- As from the 1st September 2026, we will be making a small price increase for both before and after school care. The cost of Breakfast Club will increase to £3.25 and the cost for after-school care will rise to £6.25 per hour, which will allow us to keep up with increasing costs.
- Please be reminded that when your child moves from KS1 (year 2) to KS2 (year 3) they will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School meals. Meals can still be ordered from Black Pepper in the usual way but will need to be paid for. Please note that there will also be a slight increase to the cost of meals to £2.66.
- Please click the link for the Family First magazine
<https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>
- Please click the link for the Summer's Raring to Go magazine
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworcester/summer2026/>
- Please click the link for the All About Family magazine
<https://allabout-family.co.uk/national-magazine/>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



School re-opens on
Thursday 3rd September

Autumn Term 1 Afterschool clubs



Monday's 7 th September - 19 th October	<u>CT Coaching</u> <u>Football</u>
Tuesday's 8 th September - 20 th October	<u>CT Coaching</u> _ <u>Multi Sports</u>
Thursday's 10 th September - 15 th October	https://worce ster.young- engineers.co. uk/ye_produc t/suckley- school- autumn-term- basic- mechanics-6- 11-bricks- challenge/

Head Teachers Awards

WRENS CLASS

WOODPECKERS CLASS

ROBINS CLASS

EAGLES CLASS



Worcestershire cost of living support

A quick guide for parents and carers

Families across Worcestershire can access a wide range of support with food, energy, finances, wellbeing and holiday activities. Below are some schemes and organisations who may be able to offer support.

Worcestershire County Council – Cost of Living Support

General information on sources of support with cost of living is available on [Worcestershire County Council's website](#).

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

For more information visit the [HAF pages](#) on the [Worcestershire County Council webpages](#).

Worcestershire County Council – Crisis and Resilience Fund

General information, and updates on schemes will be on [Worcestershire County Council's website](#).

Free, confidential, cost-of-living advice is available via the [Worcestershire Advice Network partners](#).

For low income families that rely on oil or LPG to heat their homes, refer to [Act on Energy](#).

For low income families, support is available with broken or faulty heating systems, via [Act on Energy](#).

Energy

Act on Energy -

www.actonenergy.org.uk/area/worcestershire

District Council Support

Information on support from District Councils is available on their websites:

Bromsgrove District Council

- [Your Services Working Together For You](#)
- [Essential Living Fund](#)

Malvern Hills District Council

- [Support and advice](#)

Redditch Borough Council

- [Your Services Working Together For You](#)
- [Essential Living Fund](#)

Worcester City Council

- [Support with the cost of living crisis](#)
- [Discretionary Welfare Assistance Scheme](#)

Wychavon District Council

- [Cost of living support](#)
- [Exceptional Hardship Fund](#)

Wyre Forest District Council

- [Financial support](#)
- [Welfare support scheme](#)

Food

Apply for Free School Meals - [Worcestershire County Council](#)

Tesco offered free fruit for kids in store from 27 April to 31 May 2026 and will continue the initiative across school holidays for the rest of 2026 (excluding December) - [Free Fruit and Veg for Schools](#)

Other supermarkets may offer similar schemes.

Trussell Trust

- [Find a food bank](#)

Independent Food Bank Network

- [Our Members](#)

Community Fridges

- [Community Fridge - Worcestershire County Council](#)
- [Community Fridge Network - Hubbub](#)

Tips to reduce food waste, save money and help the planet - [FoodSavvy - Worcestershire County Council](#)

Healthy Start: food and vitamin support. If you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk as part of the Healthy Start Government Scheme - [Healthy Start: food and vitamin support - Worcestershire County Council](#)

Family Hubs

Information about Family Hubs - [Worcestershire County Council](#)

Worcestershire County Council - Community Services Directory

You can search for organisations that support with health and wellbeing on the [Community Services Directory](#).



Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP
Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer



Department
for Education

Henry's Triathlon Challenge 2026

This summer, Henry in Woodpeckers class will be taking on his first triathlon challenge at The Birmingham Kids Fun Triathlon!

On August 1st he will be swimming 50m, cycling 2km and running 1km to raise money for 2 causes that are very close to his heart, Suckley School and Birmingham Children's Hospital.



All money raised will be split 50/50 between the BCHC and the school's Transform Play project.

All donations, no matter how small, are very much appreciated.

To sponsor Henry on his epic challenge please click the link :

<https://charitytriathlon.org/campaigns/henrys-triathlon-fundraiser-2/>

Or scan the QR code below :

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 **KIDS
FUN TRIATHLON**



Wild school holiday fun



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust



Don't get bored in the school holidays - try our fun nature activities instead!

Summer family nature day

Wednesday 19 August
10am - 2pm
Lower Smite Farm, Smite
Hill, Worcester, WR3 8SZ

Explore a nature trail around the farm, get creative with a range of flora-inspired craft activities and have a go at hands-on wildlife activities such as pond dipping and minibeast hunts. Bring a picnic to enjoy on our benches and listen to the sounds of nature all around.

Free entry and no need to book! Find out more at bit.ly/SummerFamilyNatureDay2026



How to watch moths

You will need a white sheet, a washing line, pegs, a bright lamp or torches.

1. Peg your sheet on a washing line or over a branch.
2. Turn off nearby lights.
3. Shine your torch or light onto the sheet ... wait patiently.
4. Identify the moths that gather.



Make your own small mammal tunnel



You will need:

- 2-3 square-sided juice cartons
- Scissors
- Small margarine tub lid
- Bottle top
- Thin cleaning sponge
- Food colouring
- White paper
- Sellotape
- Bait - dog or cat food, peanut butter, mealworms, seed etc
- Branches, rocks and leaves

1 Cut the top and bottom off the juice cartons so that they slide together to create a tube.

2 Line the bottom with white paper and stick in place.

3 Cut a thin, clean sponge to size and place inside the margarine tub lid. Soak with food colouring and slide it to the middle of the tunnel.

4 Put bait in a bottle top, and place this on the sponge.

5 Put the tunnel along a wall, fence or hedge. Cover with rocks, leaves and branches.

6 Leave overnight and check in the morning for prints.

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk



TENNIS COACHING IN SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

With Nicola Hall, LTA Level 5 Accredited+ Coach

At Monks Orchard, Whitbourne, WR6 5RB

Courses for Juniors – Tuesday mornings starting 21st July 2026 for 6 weeks

Course for Adults – Tuesday evenings starting 21st July 2026 for 6 weeks

Other times possible for individuals or groups – all standards

For more details contact Nicola on:

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CYBER CHOICES

Education and awareness is key to our intervention work. There is no age limit to who we support.

WHO ARE WE?

The Cyber Prevent Team delivers the national Cyber Choices Programme, helping young people make safe, responsible, and legal choices online. Through education on cyber law, including the Computer Misuse Act, we support informed decision-making and raise awareness of the consequences of cyber crime.

We also encourage positive cyber opportunities by promoting skills development, training, and future education and career pathways, helping to prevent young people from being involved in cyber criminality.

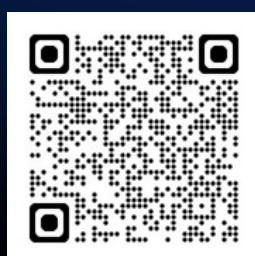
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Sign up to our webinar
on the 28th July 2026

Visit our website



OR



WHAT DO WE DO?

This programme is aimed at individuals who are at risk of, or on the cusp of, committing cyber-dependent crimes.

Cyber dependant crimes are offences that can only be committed with technology:

- Hacking
- Cheating/Modding online games
- Breaking IT rules
- DDoS or DoS - tools to impair systems and services
- Unauthorised access to computers, phones, networks, and devices





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ANYONE CAN JOIN THE CHAT WHAT IT IS

Community 'Com' Networks are online groups involved in child sexual abuse, cybercrime and offline violence. However, not all cases involve all three.

The **majority of those involved are children** under the age of 18.

Perpetrators may target children who are discussing topics online such as mental health disorders, neurodiversity or self-harm but they are active on virtually all social media and online gaming platforms. Discord and Telegram are particularly popular.

The communities share extreme material which may include:

- Child sexual abuse
- Violence and gore
- Animal abuse or torture
- Misogynistic and 'incel' beliefs
- Extreme/violent pornography
- Racist and occultist materials
- Hacking tools and exploits

HOW TO GET SUPPORT

Any concerns should be reported to one of the following for **safeguarding and diversion support; reference "Operation Driftglen"**:

- Local police forces call '101' (non-emergency)
- School safeguarding lead (DSL)
- Local social services
- Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (anonymous)
- **Cyber Prevent/NCA/NCSC** and or **CT Prevent**

INDICATIONS OF CONCERN

The following behaviours are indicators that a young person **may be involved in** an abusive relationship with a Com group:

- Self-harm (cutting letters/symbols is of particular note)
- Numbers, letters, symbols written in blood on walls
- Interest in extreme themes
- Disengaging in education
- Obsession with new online friends
- Unexplained injuries to pets or siblings
- Unexplained money or gifts

