



# BUILDWAS ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

## Message from the Head of School:

Four years ago, I was locking up the main gate at my previous school when a group of families stopped me to chat. I love to chat as often I would hear about things happening on the estate, I suppose I was engaging in the local gossip! This time it was different, as the group of families wanted to talk to me about me. They asked me why I was leaving my school and that they would miss me. I was really confused at the time (it isn't hard to confuse me 😊) and I explained that I wasn't leaving, and that I still committed to the school. The group of families breathed a sigh of relief, and I asked where this information had come. The reply was that this was the talk of the playground that they had heard it from other families but unlike others they had decided to talk to me about it; I was very flattered. Rumours and gossip are interesting things and can be divisive within families, our communities and across society. I guess the moral of this story is if there is gossip and rumours circulating, come to the source, the horse's mouth so to speak and find out if there is any truth.

Many of you will be wondering why I am sharing this story with you. I know that there are many things being said about the school both good and bad, that is natural especially where there is lots of change. Please bear with me, I am getting solutions sorted but my door is always open to you 😊

## Buildwas Rocks:

I spoke to you about changes to Star of the Week in the newsletter last week. There will be no Maths and English weekly stars, but we will make a big celebration every half term with prizes to go with the certificates.

**Willow Class** have started looking at their new theme the Circus and have discussed the different acts we would see at the circus. In literacy they drew their favourite circus act and labelled it, had some fantastic ideas about acrobats, elephants, and clowns. We have looked at the History of the circus and how that has changed over time. During their art session we learnt how to use watercolours to paint an elephant from the circus which were all lovely and colourful. In RE they have been focusing on how Christians believe God created the world and all the creatures within it, this led us to focus on the different creatures and then creating their very own jellyfish! What a fun and busy week!

**Oak class** have proved once again how resilient they are when they are faced with change. They have welcomed a new TA, a new music teacher and a new Head teacher this week with their usual combination of friendliness, politeness and helpfulness, Mrs Jones and I were so impressed with their behaviour.





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They have begun a number of exciting new topics this week. In RE we are learning about the Hindu Dharma (way of life) and in English we are studying explanation texts about looking after robot pets!

**Holly Class** have been very busy! What a super start with a wonderful morning at William Brookes swimming and dancing!

We have also held a democratic vote for the class librarians to help keep the school library in order. In science, we have looked at blood a bit closer – eww! Thank you to Mr Ling and his microscope for sharing the wonderful experience with us all!

This week our class attendance is:

Willow	93%
Beech	89%
Oak	90%
Holly	86%

Please check this week's class diary sheets as there are some changes to the After School Clubs.

Take care,

Mr Millington

