



9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the festive period and approach the end of term, I'd like to share with you some key information about festive celebrations here at Wordsley and about the start of next term.

### Christmas Celebrations

Once again, I am very much looking forward to the Christmas festivities at The Wordsley School. This will be a mixture of the traditional, with a few new ones thrown in to mix things up.

We have already had the Winter Showcase on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, which was incredibly well attended. The pupils performed a range of songs, as well as some Drama performances. Everyone left smiling and the pupils were a real credit to the school and their families. In addition, over £200 was raised for Mary Stevens Hospice and Marie Curie. It was a great start to the holiday festive period.

Further events are planned, including:

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch. Please encourage your child to wear a Christmas jumper under their blazer and over their school shirt.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December onwards – The Twelve Days of Christmas assemblies, which get very competitive. Each form competes to be the loudest and most Christmassy. Rewards assemblies will take place during this week.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas events and the first ever Wordsley School Christmas Market.

Hopefully our young people will begin the holidays full of Christmas cheer.

### End of Term

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, school will close to pupils at 12.15pm. Breaktime food and drinks will still be available.

### Start of Term

School will re-open on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at 8.35am. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January is an inset day.

### Attendance

Attendance this year has improved for many pupils and I thank families for their support. We are now above national averages and compare very well to other local schools. However, every day at school that the pupils lose is one where they fall behind their peers. The number of pupils not attending school locally and nationally is still down since the pandemic and we are working hard to encourage pupils to come to school. We once again have our 12 Days of Christmas attendance streak, with rewards each day for randomly selected pupils who are still hitting that streak. Prizes get more exciting as the days pass. If they have a day off they lose their streak and the possibility of winning the prize decreases.

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## Uniform

The vast majority of pupils at Wordsley wear their uniform well. There are a few issues that I would request help with:

- Ties – We have seen an increase in pupils turning up for school without a tie. Please ensure that your child does not leave the house without one. Ties are available from the School Office and can be purchased via Parent pay.
- School trousers – Plain black school trousers should be worn. Pupils should not be wearing leggings or joggers, even if they have the Wordsley logo on them.
- Shoes – Should be plain black.
- Hoodies – To be classed as a coat or jacket, anything worn as such must zip all of the way down. Overhead hoodies or ¼ zip jumpers are not allowed.

Full uniform guidance can be found on the website by clicking on this link:

<https://www.wordsleyschool.co.uk/>

## Assessments and Reports

Currently pupils in Key Stage 3 are in their first Assessment Point window. These assessments are used to see how much they have retained in each subject and are being used for new style reports.

Reports will be issued to Years 7-9 on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Reports will be issued to Years 10 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Year 11 reports will coincide with Parents' Evening on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026. These will be based on their Mock Exams and other assessment. We have noticed that Year 11 are now more motivated and working much harder. Information about Booster Classes and Prom will be shared in the new year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



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