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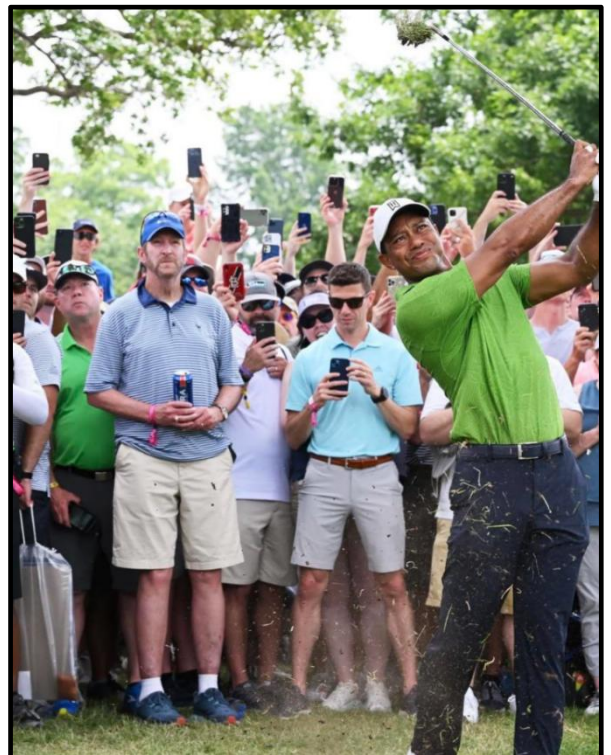
Dear Families,

As we draw the Autumn term to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community. It has been a wonderfully busy and productive term, and we are so proud of all that our children have achieved.

As we approach the festive season, I've been reflecting on the importance of being truly present with our families.

Recently, I came across a photo that really struck a chord with me. It was of Tiger Woods playing golf, with a sea of fans in the background. Nearly everyone was holding up their phones, eager to capture the moment, except for one person. This individual stood at the front, simply watching, fully immersed in the one-time experience. It made me pause and think about how much time I am genuinely present with my own children at home, without distractions.

In a world where technology can so easily pull our attention away, this image was a powerful reminder of the value of giving our full presence to those we love. Christmas is a time for connection, joy, and creating memories—moments that can't always be captured in a photo but will be cherished in our hearts.



I encourage all of us, myself included, to take the opportunity this holiday season to put down our phones, turn off the screens, and focus on spending quality time with our children. Whether it's playing a board game, going for a walk, or simply sitting together to chat, these are the moments that truly matter.

This term has been filled with so many highlights, from our exciting classroom projects to the beautiful performances and events that have brought us together. Our children's hard work and enthusiasm have been inspiring, and it's been wonderful to see the positive impact of their learning and growth.

'Flourishing together, with God as our firm foundation'

I'd like to thank all of the staff that have made these things possible, the PTFA for their efforts, and the whole school community that continue to support and encourage us. We say one goodbye, to Miss Redwin, who has worked with us since 2014, we wish her all the best for her new endeavours.

On behalf of everyone at the Walsh Schools, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 for another fantastic term.

With warmest wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Bailey
Headteacher