



NEWSLETTER
Friday 14th February 2025

We have had another busy half term with lots of trips and outdoor learning going on. It has been lovely to hear what an amazing time the Year 5 children all had on their residential trip. A huge thank you to Mr Morris, Mrs Magee and Mrs Notarangelo for giving up their time to take the children, we hope you have a good rest over half term!

This week the Governors were interviewing for our new head teacher who will start in September; you will receive a letter about this today. I was really proud to show off our amazing school to the candidates and to hear all of the positive comments from the visitors we had in school. We had two groups of children interview the candidates, they wrote their own questions and were brilliant in the interview sessions.

Thank you to the PTFA team for more successful events that have happened this half term, we do all really appreciate your hard work in raising so much money for the children.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24th February.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we have been completing work on '*Dreams and Goals*'. These lessons have encouraged the children to think about what they have achieved and succeeded at in their lives so far and the obstacles they have had to face. Children have then thought about what they would like to achieve in their future years.



Written by Mrs Cooper

Understanding Christianity - Gospel

The children learnt all about the four books of the New Testament which make up the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Each class focused on a different school value and learnt about a parable from the Bible which teaches that value. We learnt how important it is to show these values, even when it isn't always easy!

Some children learnt about the value for the half term which is forgiveness and learnt that it isn't always easy to forgive. This was shown through the parable of The Lost Son.

Some other classes used our school Vision and the story of the Good Samaritan to think about what it means to be a good friend. We learnt that our neighbour isn't always someone who lives next door to us, but anyone we come into contact with.

Happy Chinese New Year 2025!

The Reception and Nursery children celebrated
'Chinese New Year' together



They learnt about how the animals of the Chinese Zodiac decided who would have which year named after them. Enjoyed lots of activities inside and out from dragon dancing, building the great wall of China, role playing in the Chinese restaurant and even had the opportunity to try some delicious Chinese food.



Written by Anita Wood

We are scientists!

The BLUBBER Glove Experiment

1. Fill a water pitcher with ice water.
2. Squeeze about 2 cups of shortening into a plastic bag.
3. Place the second plastic bag inside the first.
4. Use your hands to spread a thin, even layer of shortening between the two bags.
5. Fold the top edge of the inner plastic bag over, so it lies flat against the outer bag.
6. Seal the bags together with a piece of tape.
7. Using a timer, see how long you can stand to keep your hands submerged in the ice water.
8. Place your opposite hand inside the plastic bag and use the timer to see how long you can keep your blubber-covered hand submerged in the ice water. Be careful not to let water get into the top of the bag.



Items Needed:

2 plastic bags	Spoon	Water
String or tape	Water pitcher	Timer
2 cups shortening	Ice	

Follow Up Questions:

1. Why do marine mammals live in icy cold water?
2. What would happen to animals that were in cold water if they did not have an insulating layer of blubber?
3. Unlike seals, whales, and polar bears, people don't have a layer of blubber to keep them warm. What strategies do humans use to keep their bodies insulated during the winter?

Alpha Omega Publications

The nursery children have been super scientists this half term. They have explored how the polar bears stayed warm in the Arctic by doing the 'Blubber Glove Experiment'.

We made a snow storm in a jar by adding baby oil, white paint, water and Alka Seltzers and watched the chemical reaction as it bounced around.

Explored how water turned to ice outside during our very cold and frosty Arctic weather.

We also discovered how ice can melt, by the sun, the heat from our hands, and different resources.

Truly great scientists in the making, with lots of brilliant conversations' and good listening skills.

Written by Anita Wood.



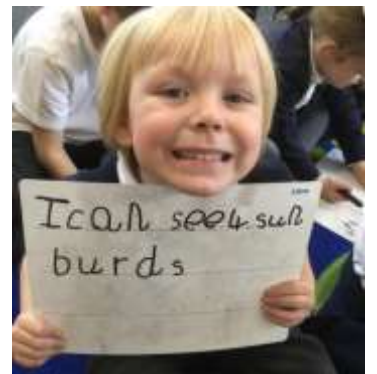
Spring 1 in Reception

We have been so busy this half term in Reception, we thought we'd share a few of our highlights!

Art-mixing with primary colours



Writing-After reading Handa's Hen we wrote some sentences about the story.



Maths-number games with the parachute



Using remote control toys



Year 2 Black Country Museum

Year 2 had a brilliant day at the Black Country Museum. They visited a Victorian home, shops and a pharmacy. The children enjoyed pretending to be Victorian children at a Victorian school and experienced a very strict teacher. Rafe said "I liked travelling on the Victorian bus". Alfie said "I liked pretending to be a child from the Victorian era. Our teacher was very strict!" Ada shared "I was impressed with the museum and had a fabulous day".

Written by Mrs Brown



Year 3 Celtic Day



On Monday 10th February Year 3 came to school in Celtic dress and spent the day carrying out different activities relating to our theme. We baked some Celtic bread, had a go at some Celtic writing, made some Celtic clay thumb pots, made some Celtic jewellery and even designed and had a go at making our own Celtic village!
We had a great day.

Written by Mrs Magee

Year 3 Parent Share

As part of our 'Seasonal Nutrition' topic in DT, Year 3 invited Family members to come to a tasting session. Children tasted 12 different vegetables and noted down flavours as well as rating if they liked it or not. Wow, everyone was so brave tasting all sorts of new things... radish, spring onion, beetroot.

Written by Mrs Cruchley



Year 3 went back to the Stone Age at Bishops Wood and took part in a range of exciting activities including starting our own fires! From the Palaeolithic Era, children worked in teams to build their own dens and foraged for food. From the Mesolithic and Neolithic Era, we used wattle and daub to build a fence and made nets. It was fantastic to bring our topic to life!



Year 3 trip to Bishops Wood

Written by Mrs Cruchley

Year 4 Trip to Singers Hill Synagogue



On Thursday 6th February, Year 4 travelled to Birmingham to visit a Synagogue. Our learning in RE this term has been all about Judaism so it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a tour of a Jewish place of worship.

The children were able to see the inside of a real Synagogue, what they are used for, how and why. The building was beautiful and we were able to learn a bit more about how reds, blues and golds are colours valued as royal by the Jewish community which is why they are used throughout the Synagogue.



There were also plenty of opportunities to learn new information about the Judaism. Like the Torah being kept and protected in the Ark and that every Jewish home will have a 'mezuzah' fixed to their doorpost which contains parchment paper inscribed with specific Hebrew verses from the Torah.

We had a lovely morning and the children were all attentive and respectful, well done Year 4!

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy

Year Five Almonry Trip

On 17th January, Year 5 visited the Almonry to learn all about Simon de Montfort and the Battle of Evesham. We heard the story of the battle and we found out lots about Evesham and the importance of the Abbey. The children had the chance to explore the shields and the weapons and armour worn by knights.



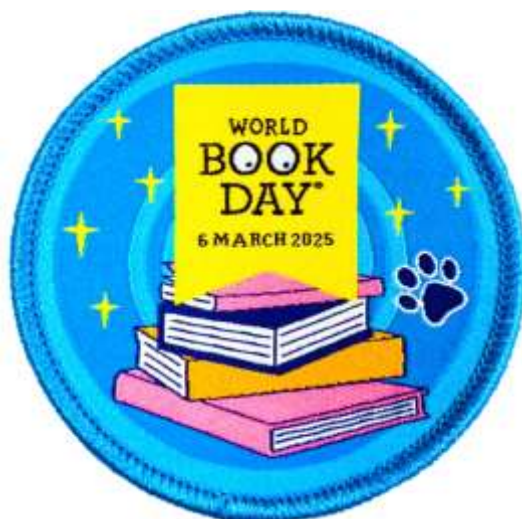
Year Five Residential to Condover Hall

Year 5 are currently enjoying their residential trip to Condover Hall. We look forward to hearing all about the various activities they have been taking part in.

Charity

Thank you for supporting us to raise money for this year's school charity Macmillan Cancer Support.





We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 6th March. We are asking children to come to school dressed as a book character.

We will also have our book fair open in school on the following days:

Friday 28th February from 3:15pm

Monday 3rd March from 3:15pm

Tuesday 4th March from 3:15pm

Wednesday 5th March from 3:15pm

The book fair will be in the learning zone/library area so please enter through the main school door. You can pay for books with cash or by scanning the QR code provided. The children can also visit the book fair during the day so if you would like them to purchase a book, then please send some money in their book bags.

We really appreciate your support with the book fair as we get commission to buy new books for our school library-last year your sales made £500 for the school.

Thank you!



Music Concert



This year we are going to make a change to the way we share our children's music performances. For those learning a musical instrument there will be a chance for them to perform to parents/carers in one evening concert - this will replace the termly concerts each term. **The evening concert will be on 21st May at 6pm.**

We will also be having a musical performance in celebration assemblies as another opportunity for children to perform - we will let you know if your child is performing so you have the opportunity to attend.

Year 3 will continue swimming lessons after half term – the last one session will be Thursday 27th March

If you choose to pay weekly for swimming lessons, please pay each Thursday via ParentPay.

Thank you



After School Clubs

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying after school clubs - thank you to the teachers for leading such a variety. Clubs will continue for 4 weeks after half term.

Ash Wednesday Service

Reverend Thorniley will be leading the Ash Wednesday Service at St James' Church on **Wednesday 5th March at 9.30am.**

Parents/carers are welcome to join us for the service.

If you wish your child to have the sign of the cross 'ashed' on their forehead please message the office or put a note in the message book by 3pm Tuesday 3rd March. Thank you



Thank you PTFA

A huge thank you to all of the parents/carers and staff who have organised and volunteered at the recent events that have taken place. A lot of work goes into these events and they raise a lot of money so a big, big thank you! All of the money goes to provide extra experiences for the children.



SEND training/information for parents and carers




Webinars Schedule

Can't attend live? Catch up with a recording available for two weeks following the event. The webinar is open to parents and carers in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire area. Webinars start 10.30am and run between 1.5 and 2 hours.

FEB 26	Autism & Anxiety What anxiety is, Autism & anxiety, The circle of anxiety and Managing anxiety.
MAR 5	Autism & Communication What communication is, Autism & communication differences, and strategies that may help.
MAR 12	Autism & Sensory differences Autism and sensory differences, My child's differences, Addressing sensory differences, and Useful resources.
MAR 19	Autism and Behaviour What behaviour is & why behaviour might be happening, Ways we can analyse behaviour, and Developing emotional understanding.
MAR 26	Navigating the system Educational issues, Online safety, Employment and further education, Disclosure and benefits.
APR 2	Autism and the teenage brain Brain changes, How growing up and autism interact, How to support your teen and resources.
APR 9	Supporting your autistic teen How to support your teen and resources.

For more information or to book a place:
Email - herefordworce@autismwestmidlands.org.uk
Call/Text - 07749 497808
Visit EventBrite - Autism West Midlands




Hereford and Worcestershire ADHD Support Programme

Understanding and Supporting My Child's ADHD - For Parents Whose Child Has a Diagnosis of ADHD

Learn About...

- Neuroscience of ADHD
- ADHD Characteristics and Presentations
- Co-Occurring Conditions
- Sensory Integration
- Executive Functioning
- Lifestyle and environments
- Mealtimes
- Sleep
- Movement
- Emotional regulation
- Strategies to support all of the above

Register Now

Secure your place on our 3-part webinar series delivered online via Zoom.

Remember to book onto one Session 1, one session 2, and one Session 3.




Click or Scan the QR Code To Book Your Place On a Live Webinar... Remember to Book All Three, a Session 1, a Session 2, and a Session 3 Date.

Session 1 Dates	Session 2 Dates	Session 3 Dates
 Thursday 30th Jan 19.00-20.15	 Thursday 6th Feb 19.00-20.15	 Thursday 13th Feb 19.00-20.15
 Thursday 27th Feb 10.00-11.15	 Thursday 27th Feb 13.00-14.15	 Thursday 27th Feb 19.00-20.15
 Monday 17th Mar 13.00-14.15	 Monday 24th Mar 13.00-14.15	 Monday 31st Mar 13.00-14.15
 Wednesday 19th Mar 10.00-11.15	 Wednesday 26th Mar 10.00-11.15	 Wednesday 2nd Apr 10.00-11.15
 Wednesday 9th Apr 10.00-11.15	 Wednesday 9th Apr 13.00-14.15	 Wednesday 9th Apr 19.00-20.15
 Tuesday 25th Mar 19.00-20.15	 Tuesday 1st Apr 19.00-20.15	 Tuesday 8th Apr 19.00-20.15
 Thursday 10th Apr 10.00-11.15	 Thursday 10th Apr 13.00-14.15	 Thursday 10th Apr 19.00-20.15

Class Attendance

04.09.24 to 14.02.25

★ Year 3 96.5% ★

Year 1 96.2%

Year 5 96.1%

Year 4 95.8%

Year 2 95%

Year R 94.9%

Whole School overall 95.7%

Attendance rates and days at school.

100% - 190 days (0 days absent)

97% - 184 days (6 days absent)

90% - 171 days (19 days absent)

85% - 162 days (28 days absent)

80% - 152 days (38% days absent)

At Harvington, in line with government recommendations, we would like our pupils to have attendance of 98% or higher. A child who has less than 90% attendance is classed as 'persistently absent' and will be monitored closely.

Mrs McCaugherty

Word of the Month

Radiant - Adjective

Meaning: To give off a sense of warmth and light.

In a sentence: She looked positively radiant in her beautiful new dress.

Easter Service

**Wednesday 9th April
9.30am in the School Hall.
You are welcome to join
us for our Easter Service
led by Reverend
Thorniley.
Each class will lead a
small part of work that
they have been learning
in class.
Thank you.**

Trips/Workshops

Please remember to check ParentPay regularly for trips/workshops and complete the necessary online paperwork for your child.
Thank you.



Parent Consultations

We are offering either a TEAMS meeting or an in-person meeting.
During week commencing 10th March you will receive an invite via our website to book your appointment.

Tuesday 1st April – Face to face 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the school hall for Nursery to Year 5

Wednesday 2nd April – Face to face from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in the school hall for Reception to Year 5 and TEAMS meetings from 3.45pm to 5.00pm for Reception to Year 5

Please note that we are unable to offer more than one meeting per child.

There will also be a Book Look in classrooms for parents/carers at 3pm on Wednesday 26th March

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.



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Did you know?
Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and the Pupil Premium Grant

If you receive any of the benefits below then you may be entitled to Free School Meals and the school could also receive funding for your child:

You can still apply even if your child is already entitled to Universal Free Schools Meals (children in Years R, 1 & 2)

- Universal Credit provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

If you think you may be entitled please click on this link to take you to the application

[https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal LIVE%2F](https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F)

Any family eligible for this funding will be entitled to a 50% reduction to school trip costs, including the Year Five residential, and also a reduction to the cost of after school clubs (excluding Early Birds and Wrappers)

Vision and Values

Our school vision is... Together we
Love, Learn and Grow.
You should try to 'love your neighbour
as yourself'
Whilst 'turning your ear to
understanding'
And 'growing in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord'.
We try to do all of this together!

**Community Public Access
Defibrillator**



The defibrillator is mounted onto
the front wall of the school to
enable access to the whole
community if necessary.

Please share this information.

Thank you

IMPORTANT NOTICE

During the course of the year if
there are any changes to medical
needs, allergies or contact
numbers please inform the office.

Safeguarding

Please may we advise parents to not use their mobiles when on the school grounds because of the camera and video functions, thank you.



First Aid Incident and Medication

Administration Notifications

We use an online medical service called Medical Tracker which informs parents/carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by email (except parents of Nursery children who will still receive a SchoolApp notification for headbumps).

We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Becky Enstone

Acting Headteacher

Free support to help you stop smoking

Over 80% of cigarette smoke is invisible. Quitting is the best thing you can do to protect you and your family.

Available to mums, dads, carers, in fact anyone living with a child under the age of 19 in Worcestershire.

Quit and stay on track with:

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Scan QR code for more information:



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www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/smoke-free-homes

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Putting an end to loneliness

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February 2025

Friday 14th - End of term

Monday 17th – Friday 21st - Half term holiday

Monday 24th – School reopens for pupils

Monday 24th – PSHE Jigsaw Day/Mindfulness Day/Understanding Christianity – Salvation

Tuesday 25th- Online Safety

Friday 28th- Book Fair 3:15pm

March 2025

Monday 3rd -Book Fair 3:15pm

Tuesday 4th- Book Fair 3:15pm

Wednesday 5th - Ash Wednesday Service in Church at 9.30am (all welcome)

Wednesday 5th-Book Fair 3:15pm

Thursday 6th – World Book Day-Dress as a story character

Tuesday 11th-Reception Forest School Parent Workshop 1:45pm

Monday 17th – Last week of after school clubs

Thursday 13th- Year 4 Saxon Workshop

Friday 14th – Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Monday 18th – Year 3 trip to Hindu Mandir, Oldbury

Monday 18th – Year 5 trip to Islamic Mosque and Exhibition, Birmingham

Tuesday 25th- Year 2 First Aid Workshop

Wednesday 26th- Nursery and Reception trip All Things Wild

Wednesday 26th-Book Look for parents 3pm

Friday 28th – Dress down day for chocolate donation for PTFA Bingo



April 2025

Tuesday 1st – Parent Consultations face to face 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall for Nursery to Year 5

Wednesday 2nd – Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:45pm-5:00pm for Reception to Year 5

Monday 7th-EYFS Together Day

Monday 7th-Year 1 Parent Workshop Clay Animals 2:00pm

Wednesday 9th – Easter Service 9am in school (all welcome)

Thursday 10th – PTFA Chocolate Bingo (times TBC)

Friday 11th- End of term

Monday 28th – Summer term starts for pupils

Monday 28th – After school clubs start this week

Tuesday 29th-Year 5 Leavers Photos

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updates

May 2025

Thursday 1st - Swimming starts for Year 5 (10 lessons)
Friday 2nd – Year 1 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Monday 5th – May Day school closed
Friday 9th – Summer Discos (times TBC)
Monday 12th – Bikeability Year 5 all week
Tuesday 20th - KS2 trip to We the Curious!
Wednesday 21st - Nursery Graduation Photographs at 9am
Wednesday 21st - Music Concert 6pm
Friday 23rd – Summer 2 term finishes
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May Half term holiday



June 2025

Monday 2nd – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd – PSHE Jigsaw Day/Understanding Christianity Kingdom of God
Wednesday 4th –Grounds Morning all welcome
Thursday 5th – Maths Day
Friday 6th – PE Enrichment (Years N-5)/Online Safety
Friday 13th – Dress down day for a tombola prize for the PTFA summer fair
Monday 16th – Year 5 trip to Mary Arden's Farm
Tuesday 17th – Year 4 trip to London
Monday 23rd – Last week of after school clubs
Wednesday 25th – Transfer Day
Wednesday 25th – Reception New Parents Meeting 7pm-8pm
Thursday 26th – Year 2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare
Thursday 26th – Year 3 trip to Chedworth Villa
Friday 27th – Dress down day for a jar filled with goodies for the PTFA summer fair
Friday 27th – EYFS Together Day

July 2025

Tuesday 1st - Nursery Trip Sandfield Farm
Tuesday 1st - Book Look for parents 3pm
Wednesday 2nd -In school transfer morning
Friday 4th – Reports sent to parents
Friday 4th – Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting)
Friday 4th – PTFA Summer Fair 5pm-8pm
Monday 7th July- Year 1 Parent Workshop Forest School 9:15am
Tuesday 8th – Reception trip Lower Smite Farm
Wednesday 9th – Nursery Graduation – parents invited 10am
Monday 14th – Presentation Morning (invitation only)
Wednesday 16th – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6pm
Friday 18th – Leavers' Service – 9am school hall Year 5 parents welcome
Friday 18th – Summer term ends
Monday 21st – Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils

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September 2025

Monday 1st – Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd – Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils