



NEWSLETTER
Friday 20th December 2024



We have had a lovely few weeks taking part in all of our Christmas activities from the Christmas plays, panto, Carol Concert, Christmas dinner, parties and a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you for supporting the children with all of the different activities, they have had a brilliant time celebrating in the run up to Christmas.

I would like to thank all of the staff who put in so much work to enable all of these things to happen and also to our PTFA who have done such a good job raising extra money for the school this term.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th January.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we have been completing work on 'Celebrating Difference'. These lessons have encouraged the children to think about the similarities and differences between them and their friends. Each year group looked at different topics relating to similarities and differences. Some of the topics included learning about stereotyping, bullying, accepting everyone and respecting others.

Written by Mrs Cooper



Understanding Christianity – People of God and Incarnation day!



This half term we have been exploring 'People of God'. These were messengers that Christians believe God sent messages to, to try to make the world a better place. We have also been learning all about the Christmas story as part of 'Incarnation'.

In Nursery they learnt about Noah's Ark and how God promised not to flood the world again by sending a sign of a rainbow.

They made a display of Noah's Ark and the children painted rainbows.

In Reception the children heard the story of Noah's Ark and completed lots of different activities including making their own ark!

Year 1 looked at Joseph as an inspirational person and role model. They completed some drama and art work. They then started to introduce the Christmas story by looking at the characters that they already know in the story.

In Years 2 and 3 for People of God, they shared the story of Noah's Ark and discussed why Noah was a person of God and which values he showed through his actions.

In Year 2 they also read the Christmas story and the children sequenced pictures and wrote sentences to retell the story.



In Year 4 they did group discussions about the two panels, what they could see and what they thought it meant. Then they did whole class feedback and annotated some ideas on the board.

Written by Mrs Magee



Ellenden Farm shop

On the 18th November, nursery went on their first school trip!
We were so proud of them walking all that distance and showing really good listening crossing the roads.

The Nursery staff would like to say a big 'thank you!' to the staff at Ellenden Farm Shop for making the nursery children so welcome. They saw a variety of farm animals before being able to choose and buy their own fruit or vegetable for snack.

The experience reinforced the wonderful learning the children have been doing in nursery this half term.

Written by Anita Wood

'World Rhyming Week' Parent's Workshop



On Thursday 14th November 2024, Nursery invited parents and carers into help celebrate 'World Rhyming Week'. Everyone sang together beautifully and made it a very special occasion which enhanced the children's learning of rhyme. Nursery rhymes are an important building block in children's early understanding of literacy and maths. Their rhythmic structure and repeated phrases help to embed language patterns and introduce vocabulary in a playful and social way.

Written by Anita Wood



People who help us!

In Nursery we have been learning about the different 'people who help us' in an emergency. Ben Rean came in to talk about his profession as a paramedic. He discussed his job role and showed us lots of equipment and talked about the different transport used to help look after people, getting them safely to the hospital. The children thoroughly enjoyed talking about his job and asked some fantastic questions!

The very next day Ben and Maisie managed to bring an ambulance into the car park for the children to have a look inside at all the equipment. They also observed the blue flashing lights and listened to the very loud siren and horn.



Wow! What a wonderful treat to enhance our topic and we all said a very big 'thank you' to both of them.

Written by Anita Wood



A huge 'THANK YOU' for our new role play shed!

The Nursery are extremely lucky to have been given a brand new role play shed from Mr and Mrs Pethick. The children have been watching Mr McWilliams assemble it, and are very excited for it to be finished so they can have fun playing.

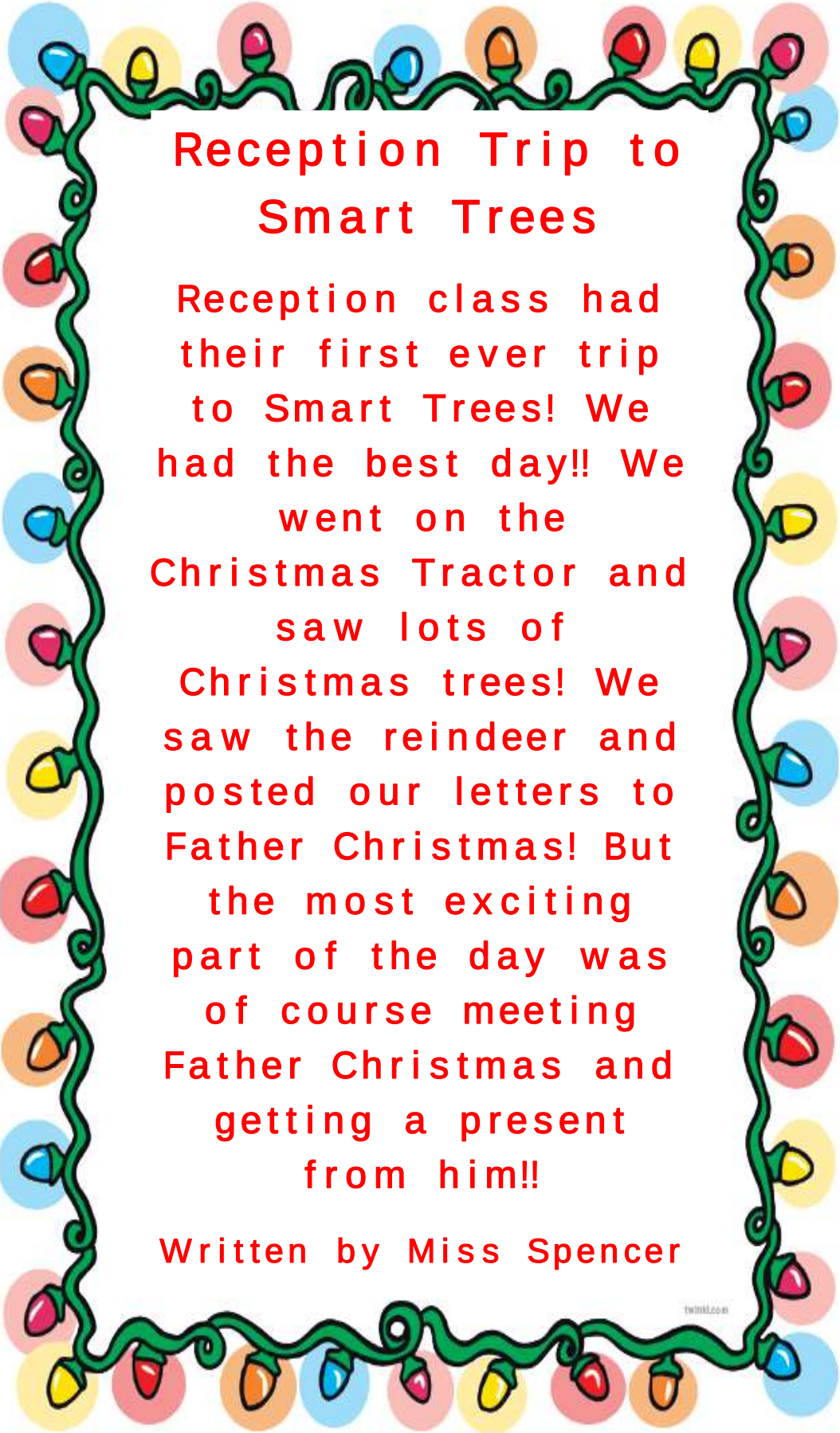




The Reception and Nursery children enjoyed a Christmas Together Day on the 10th December 2024. We learnt all about the meaning of Christmas and enjoyed dressing up and retelling the Nativity story. They all loved exploring the different Christmas craft activities on offer within each class room and playing with old and new friends.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas, from the Early Years Team





Reception Trip to Smart Trees

Reception class had
their first ever trip
to Smart Trees! We
had the best day!! We
went on the
Christmas Tractor and
saw lots of
Christmas trees! We
saw the reindeer and
posted our letters to
Father Christmas! But
the most exciting
part of the day was
of course meeting
Father Christmas and
getting a present
from him!!

Written by Miss Spencer



Year One Church Visit

On Friday 29th November, year one went on a trip to our local church St. James' in Harvington. Reverend Thorniley showed us around the church and helped us complete our scavenger hunt to find the features of a church.

Written by Mrs Cooper



Year 2 Trip to Worcester Cathedral



On Monday 18th November, Year 2 visited Worcester Cathedral to learn about the Christian story of Creation and to find out more about the cathedral and its fascinating history. First, we had a tour around the cathedral, learning the names of the different areas and features as well as the historical significance of them. After that, we took part in some workshops. We enjoyed hearing the creation story and designed some artwork to show what Christians believe God created on each day. We also designed our own special stones to use for prayer or moments of calm. We even got the chance to sing in the quire accompanied by the organ – it was very exciting! The children represented our school beautifully and members of the public commented on how brilliant they were. Well done Year 2!

Written by Mrs Poole





Year 3 visit to Evesham Almonry Museum

Year 3 visited Evesham Town Centre and learned about the life of the monks long ago to support learning in our local history unit. We were shown the Abbey ruins and gained lots of frightening knowledge about 15th Century medical care! On our trip, some students chose to dress up as monks and all students enjoyed making their very own scent bag (to protect us from the black plague).

Written by Mrs Cruchley



Music Concert



Next 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 4 Trip to Hartlebury Museum

On Friday 29th November, Year 4 travelled to Hartlebury Museum to learn about the war. The children looked fantastic dressed up as evacuees and they got to experience what it might have been like to be evacuated to the countryside! They also experienced a realistic classroom environment from 1940, witnessed an air raid alarm signal and learnt about how



rationing worked back then!



After lunch, the children learnt more about what life was like after 1942 for a housewife. They got to take part in dressing up and roleplaying activities which included washing and drying of items of clothing and learning the true meaning of what "make do and mend" actually meant to people living during

these times.

The day was incredibly useful to the children and their learning about the war. It was an enjoyable day made more realistic by the staff who acted in character throughout. We all had a fantastic time and the children all learnt a lot about life during the war.

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy

Ellenden Farm Shop held a competition where they asked Year 5 to design their Christmas pudding label.
A huge congratulations to our worthy winner Katie!



Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant day at Compton Verney in November to conclude their topic studying The Vikings. We began the day with an orientation of the grounds of the 18th century country mansion before setting off through the beautiful grounds to our base in the woods. The children rotated around a series of activities including: building wattle and daub fencing, making their own bread, building a shelter, studying Viking artefacts and cracking a code from Viking Runes and fire making!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their day out and were a credit to the school throughout. They worked well as a team, listened brilliantly to all of the instructions they were given and were very enthusiastic in their feedback on the day. Well done to all involved and special thanks to the helpers who came with us on the day.



Written by Mr Morris





Football

We recently attended a football tournament at St. Andrew's School, where three league matches took place between Harvington, St. Andrew's and Church Lench. A mixed team of Year 5 pupils represented the school with great distinction, not only with their team work and skill but also their fantastic spirit of fair play.

In the first game, Harvington managed to win 5-0 against Church Lench, including a brilliant hat trick from Oscar.

The second game was more competitive and despite being fairly even overall, a quick fire salvo of four goals in five minutes gave St. Andrew's a commanding lead. The game finished 4-2 but could have been much closer in the end.

There will be more matches once the warmer weather returns in the spring and we look forward to the team continuing to follow the example set by the ten who opened our competitive fixtures for this season. Well done to all of our footballers who were brilliant on the day.

Written by Mr Morris



Class Attendance 04.09.24 to 20.12.24

★ Year 5 95.5% ★

Year 3 95.3%

Year 4 95%

Year 1 95%

Year 2 94.3%

Year R 94.3%

Whole School overall 94.9%



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



**Thank you to everyone who bought
a poppy – you raised £143.06 for
The Royal British Legion
Thank you**

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who
attended the Parent
Consultation Meeting. We
hope you found it informative.



Spring Term Clubs

Clubs start again week commencing 20th
January. Please select your child's choice
on the club form and return it to the
school office by Friday 10th January.



A visit from Pudsey

Pudsey visited Harvington C of E First and Nursery
School as part of Children in Need on Thursday 14th
November. He showed us his moves on the playground
and children looked fabulous in spots and bright
colours. A huge thank you to everyone who brought in
their 'pennies for Pudsey' as we raised a total of **£413.39**
for Children in Need.

Written by Mrs Cruchley



**Thank you so much for the
donation of your boxes
which will be going to the
poorest children in Eastern
Europe. You have made this
a Christmas one to
remember!**



**Year 3 will be starting
swimming lessons on
Thursday 16th January for
10 weeks**

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



Trips/Workshops

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



The Handi App

The HANDi App - your first port of call when your child is under the weather.
It's the time of year when bugs can play on your mind. If your child is unwell, HANDi will
ask you questions about your child's condition to help you decide the best course of
action - and with all the advice on HANDi developed and approved by NHS
paediatricians and other healthcare professionals, you can rest assured that you're
getting the best possible advice. It includes the most common childhood illnesses
including diarrhoea, vomiting and high temperature.

You can find out more here: <https://www.hwics.org.uk/our-services/handi-app> and
download the App for free on iOS or Android devices.



**Word
of the
Month

Aloof**

**Definition: Distant or not
friendly.**

**In a sentence: She was
aloof when I approached
her.**



Home School Link

School Uniform

*We have a good selection of good quality
uniform at reasonable prices.*

*Click the link below to take you straight to
the bargains on our website.*

[https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/harvington-ce-
first-nursery-school](https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/harvington-ce-first-nursery-school)

Thank you
Mrs McCaugherty

schoollink@harvington.worcs.sch.uk



Booster Seats

We have just seen some information that Coventry Police have been sharing about child seat safety. They have been reminding parents/carers that the law states that anyone under 135cm must have a car seat appropriate to their height and weight. You can be fined £500 if a child under 14 years old is not in the correct car seat or if over 135cm isn't wearing a seatbelt when you are driving.

On school trips, children do not have to have a seat when travelling on a coach but we are happy to take booster seats if you provide them for the trip.



A huge well done to Lucas who has won the cyclo-cross league West Midlands! Lucas competes in cycling races across the West Midlands and won nine gold medals within the league putting him in first place overall for the under 10's. What an amazing achievement, well done and we look forward to seeing you in the Olympics in the future.

His sister Imogen has also been competing and came in second place in the league for the under 6's.

Amazing Imogen!!!



Class Dojo Rewards



Our new dojo reward system is working really well; it is lovely to see so many children excited about receiving their awards. I have been very busy writing lots of head teacher certificates and giving out special pencil and rulers. I have recently also had a few visitors for drinks and biscuits.

Well done to everyone for following our school values and I look forward to seeing more children collecting their rewards after Christmas.



25 points = Post card home

50 points = Head Teacher Award

75 points = Special stationery

100 points = Drinks and biscuits

125 points = Non-uniform pass



Reverse Advent Calendar

We do hope you are all enjoying completing the tasks on the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' together. If you would like to send the completed forms to the office then your child will be awarded five merits for their kindness!



Advent Service

Thank you to Reverend Thorniley who led a beautiful Advent service in St James' church.



Mary and Joseph

Thank you to those of you who kindly gave Mary and Joseph a room for the night on their journey to Bethlehem.

Mary and Joseph were taken to St James' Church last night as part of the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert.

A huge THANK YOU to Ellenden Farm for very kindly donating a lovely Christmas tree again this year.



Thank you to everyone who gave a donation at the performance – this will be shared between the Guide Dogs Charity and Cancer Research.



Thanks to your support you raised an amazing £127.66
THANK YOU!

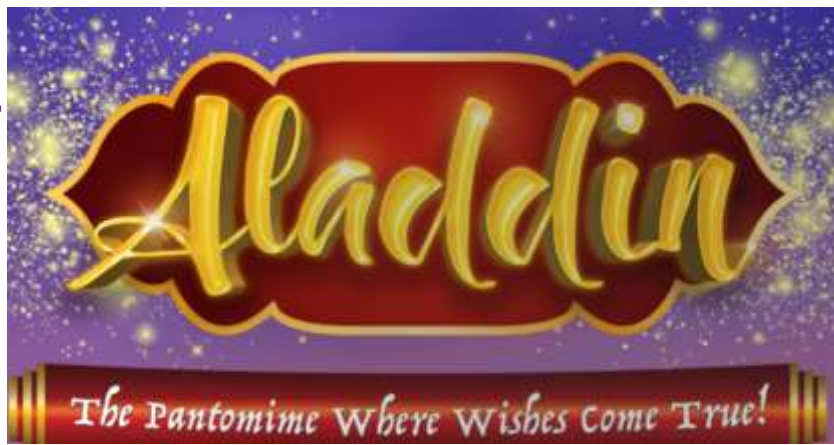




The Bethlehem Star!

Wow, wow, wow and double wow! Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed in our Nativity, 'The Bethlehem Star'. Nursery were fantastic innkeepers and were all so brave for getting on the stage in front of so many people. Reception class were our courageous roman soldiers who sang brilliantly. Year 1 were our beautiful angels who shimmered onto the stage with beaming smiles. Year 2 left the crowd speechless with their phenomenal singing, dancing and acting skills! Thank you to all staff who made the show what it was and all the parents, family and friends who came to watch.

Written by Mrs Brown



On Wednesday we took all classes from Reception to Year 5 to the Swan Theatre in Worcester; the pantomime was Aladdin. The show was brilliant, the children loved getting involved by singing along and interacting with the characters. It was a lovely afternoon and certainly got us all into the Christmas spirit.

A huge thank you to our PTFA who paid for the three coaches that transported us all-we really appreciate your support in these events as the children take away some great memories.

We wish to thank Holdsworth Foods for supplying Penguin biscuits for all the children to enjoy at the pantomime.



Special Visitor and Christmas Lunch



We were very excited to welcome a very special visitor on Thursday! Father Christmas visited all the classrooms and gave each child a present (thank you to the PTFA for helping Father Christmas with this).

Afterwards we enjoyed our Christmas dinner, complete with chipolatas. The children had their tables decorated by their year four or year five table leaders and it transformed the hall.

The Christmas parties in the afternoon were so much fun and the children enjoyed playing party games.





KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

The children sang a variety of traditional Christmas carols so beautifully at the church last night.

Thank you to Mr Morris and the KS2 team for arranging this event.

Today, we enjoyed a Christmas themed dress down day and everyone looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers.





HARVINGTON

FIRST SCHOOL

PTFA EVENTS



The PTFA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support during our recent events. Whether you attended, volunteered, or contributed in other ways, your involvement makes a huge difference to our school community.

Together, we've raised valuable funds that will go towards enhancing our children's learning and experiences. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you once again for your generosity and support





MOVIE NIGHT

Another successful movie night raised an incredible **£377**



WREATH MAKING

A FABULOUS NIGHT THAT ALLOWED EVERYONE TO START THE FESTIVE SEASON AND RAISED **£371**



CHRISTMAS DISCO

The children had the time of their lives dancing the night away. Everyone who attended helped raise **£523**



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A wonderful afternoon for all raised **£588**

**Grand total
£1859!**

We still have the total for our Christmas raffle to add but as you can see it's been a very busy term!

**Nursery spaces
available –
please register
your interest and
spread the word!**

Harvington CE First & Nursery School

Come along and see our outstanding Nursery
Places available now for children aged from
2 years 9 months

“Outstanding in all areas” Ofsted July 2023

For further information or to arrange an individual tour of the nursery or school
please call us on 01386 870412 or email office@harvington.worcs.sch.uk



Reception Class 2025

**If you are hoping your child will attend our Reception class in
September 2025, please ensure you have applied online.
Applications open 1st September.**

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any difficulties accessing this information, please speak to the office
who will be able to help. If you know of anyone in the village who requires a place,
please pass this information on.

Closing date is 15th January 2025

**Year 5 children transferring to Middle School in September
2025 also need to have applications in by this date too**





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

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Becky Enstone

Acting Headteacher





January 2025

Monday 6th – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7th – Spring term starts for pupils
Tuesday 7th – PSHE Jigsaw/Understanding Christianity Day – Gospel
Friday 10th – PE Enrichment YN-Y5
Thursday 16th – Swimming starts for Year 3 (10 lessons)
Monday 20th – After school clubs start this week
Friday 17th – Year 5 trip Almonry Museum
Friday 24th – Year 3 trip Bishops Wood
Friday 24th – PTFA Family Quiz Night (times TBC)
Wednesday 29th – EYFS Together Day
Thursday 30th – Year 3 Parent Share Session 2pm-2.45pm



February 2025

Wednesday 5th – Year 2 trip Black Country Museum
Thursday 6th – Year 4 trip to Singers Hill Synagogue
Friday 7th – Valentine's Disco (times TBC)
Monday 10th – Year 3 Celtic Day in school
Tuesday 11th – National Online Safety Day
Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th – Year 5 trip to Condover Hall
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

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April 2025

Tuesday 1st – Parent Consultations face to face 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall
Wednesday 2nd – Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:45pm-5:00pm
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



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
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

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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



September 2025

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

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