



NEWSLETTER
Friday 25th October 2024

It has been lovely to welcome everybody back to school and see the children settle into their new classes. Our new Nursery and Reception children have made lots of new friends and have got used to the daily routines.

We have welcomed new staff including Mrs Elaaoudi into Year 4 and Mrs Floyd to our cleaning team. It's also been lovely to have Mrs Magee and Miss Spencer back from maternity leave.

Our new dojo rewards are proving to be popular with the children and I have been busy writing many headteacher certificates. These points are given out for following our school values; well done to everyone that has received a postcard home and maybe even a headteacher certificate so far.

It's been a long half term with lots of exciting learning opportunities, workshops and trips and the children are definitely ready for a rest!

Have a lovely half term and see you back in November.

Mrs Enstone



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we have been completing work around 'Being Me in My World'. It provided the opportunity for the children to think about new beginnings in their new classrooms. In lessons, the children have looked at 'what are good choices?' and have discussed what they are proud of achieving, how to overcome challenges and how to ensure school is a safe and positive learning environment for EVERYONE.



Written by Mrs Cooper

Creation and Fall Day

The children learnt all about the creation story and what Christians believe God did on each of the seven days of Creation. They then learnt all about 'The Fall', where Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were tempted to make a wrong choice!

Written by Mrs Magee



Reception

All of the children have settled really well into school life and already know all of the routines of the day.

This half term our topic has been 'Food'. The children have tasted different fruits and vegetables and enjoyed making toast and vegetable soup! We have also read lots of stories linked to food including Handa's Surprise and The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



Year 1 trip to Bishops Wood

On Friday 4th October, Year One went on a visit to Bishops Wood. The children had so much fun exploring the woods.

They completed lots of different activities linked to their Geography and Science units this half term 'The Four Seasons'.

Written by Mrs Cooper



Year 1

This half term in English we have been looking at different instructions. We learnt how to follow, order and write instructions. During this unit we made a delicious apple crumble, jam sandwiches and a colourful autumn leaf hedgehog. The best part of the English lessons were when we got to eat our tasty treats!

Written by Mrs Cooper

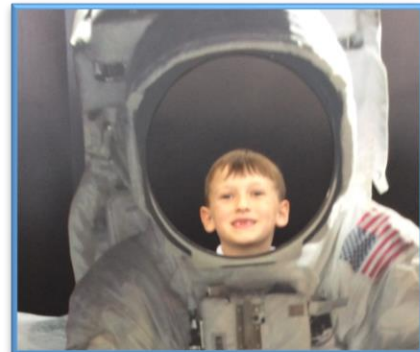


National Space Centre



Year 2 loved visiting Leicester Space Centre. They had a fabulous time exploring the different levels of the museum, watching the planetarium show and making a rocket in the rocket based workshop. The children were a credit to the school and behaved brilliantly. Year 2 then created their own fact files about space with all the new information they had learnt during the trip.

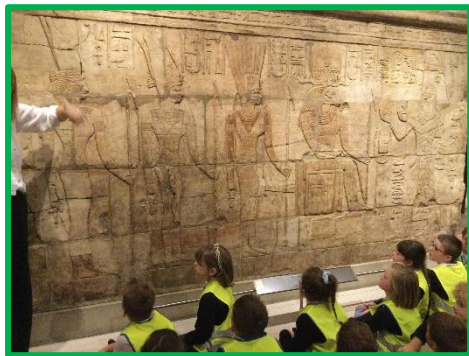
Written by Mrs Brown



Year 3 visit to the Ashmolean Museum

On Wednesday 18th September, Year 3 travelled to Oxford to visit the Ashmolean Museum. We went to find out more about our theme this half term – The Egyptians!

Whilst there, we took part in a treasure hunt to try and find different artefacts in the Egyptian part of the museum. We found them all! We were then told some facts about the artefacts. We also told the guide some facts that we already knew and she was so pleased to hear that we knew LOTS!

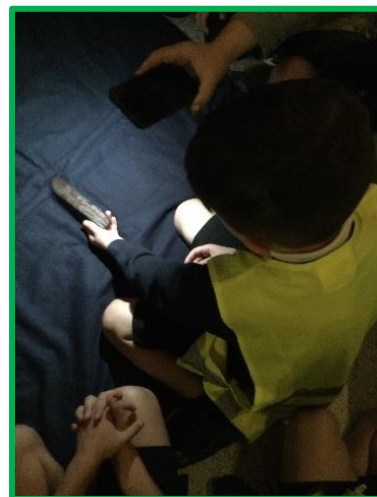


After this, we looked at a building which had been brought over all the way from Egypt and we had to guess which figure on the building showed the King or Pharaoh. Some of us managed to get it right but we all used some good clues to try and work it out!

Finally, we were lucky enough to hold some real-life Egyptian artefacts and try to work out what they were.

We had a great day!

Written by Mrs Magee





Year 4 Trip to Pizza Express

er, year 4 travelled to Worcester and had a wonderful morning doing a workshop at Pizza Express! The children learnt about the different toppings that might go on a pizza, what country the toppings are from and how they grow! They then had the opportunity to taste test olives, mushrooms, red onion and cucumber! Some children were even brave enough to taste the jalapeños! Then it was time to knead their own dough, spread the sauce and add the yummy cheese topping! We also got to see the dough be thrown by the professional! It was very impressive! What an enjoyable morning we all had!

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy



Year 5

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Year 5. The children have shown incredible enthusiasm for our topics. The term got off to an inspiring start with the unforgettable experience of the visiting space dome, celebrating astronomy and knowledge of the universe. The children still ask about the phases of the moon and our changing seasons as a result.

In science, we have enjoyed mixing, separating, dissolving and filtering as we have studied materials and their properties. We have utilised the outdoor spaces as much as possible and the children's knowledge of science is growing by the day. In English, the children showed fantastic engagement with our shared text, 'The Queen of the Falls' by Chris Van Allsburg. The quality of their writing was testament to the enjoyment they shared for Annie's story of daring and adventure. Thank you for the supportive messages we have received from parents, who were compelled to share the enthusiasm their children had for this incredible story.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to our trip to Compton Verney after half term, on November 5th. This will help us to conclude our study on the Vikings. Again, the engagement the children have shown for this topic has ensured that their learning has been memorable and this will certainly help to make their trip even more enjoyable.

Written by Mr Morris

SEND Drop In

Last year we held some drop-in sessions where parents/carers of pupils with an SEND need could come into school for a cup of tea/coffee and meet other parents/carers. It was a lovely opportunity to share experiences, ask questions and offer advice.

During this time, I will be available as SENCo if there is anything you would like to discuss with me.

Our next drop in, will be: Tuesday 19th November between 8:50am and 10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Written by Becky Enstone

New App to support children (aged 7-12) with anxiety, fears and worries

Herefordshire and Worcestershire NHS have partnered with BFB Labs to offer children and young people in Herefordshire and Worcestershire free access to Lumi Nova from 1 October 2024.

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage is a digital therapeutic mobile game supporting children with fears, worries and anxiety. Designed for children aged 7-12 years, Lumi Nova helps children to reflect on their feelings, build resilience, and learn lifelong skills to self-manage their worries in a fun intergalactic adventure.

If you would like to sign up to use the app, please click on the link:

<https://luminova.app/handw>

Attendance

As you are aware new statutory guidance has come out from the Government to focus on trying to improve attendance in schools. You will have received our updated policy in the summer stating that term time holidays will not be authorised.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of children absent from school this half term due to being away on holiday. Our whole school attendance target is 98% which we would be achieving if it wasn't for term time holidays. Unauthorised holidays has dropped our attendance by 1.4% already this half term which works out to 62 missing school days!

Please can you arrange holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays. Missing school days does have a real impact on a child's education.

Thank you

Class Attendance

04.09.24 to 21.10.24

★ Year 2 97.5% ★

Year 4 97.3%

Year R 97.1%

Year 3 96.5%

Year 1 96.2%

Year 5 94.2%

Whole School overall 96.5%

SEND Local Offer

Worcestershire SEND Local Offer provides information about provision families can expect to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people who have a Special Educational Need (SEN) or are disabled, including those who do not have Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans. You can find out about resources, services, support, activities and events here:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/send-local-offer>

Worcestershire SEND have been working with parent carers and colleagues in health services to create a new Neurodivergence Zone on our SEND Local Offer website. This is a specific section of the website that has information on children, young people and neurodivergence for families.

Neurodivergent means that the brain functions, learns and processes information differently. The most common types of neurodivergence are:

- Autism
- ADHD
- Dyscalculia
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia or Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD)

To access this information, follow this link:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/send-local-offer/neurodivergence-zone>

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening. We hope you found it informative.



Please support us if you can by filling a shoebox for T4U.

Boxes will be collected after half term.

Thank you in advance.

T4U
real people making
a real difference



Harvest Festival

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at our Harvest Festival Service lead by Reverend Thorniley. The children showed an excellent understanding as to why we gather together for our service.

We would also like to thank you for sending in so many items for our chosen charity, Caring Hands. You have been enormously generous and these donations will enable us to make care packages for those people



most in need of some support.

Thank you



Parent Consultations

There will be an opportunity for you to meet and discuss your child's progress week. We are offering either a TEAMS meeting or a face-to-face meeting. Staff will not only focus on specific curriculum subjects but will discuss wider curriculum and personal attributes as part of this meeting.

Children's books will not be available at any of the meetings but as a reminder there is a **Book Look in classrooms on Friday 8th November from 3pm.**

During week commencing 4th November, you will receive an invite via our website to book your appointment.

Wednesday 20th November – In Person in School from 1pm to 3pm in the school hall (Reception to Year 5) and TEAMS meetings from 3.30pm to 5.00pm (Reception to Year 5)

Thursday 21st November – In Person in School from 4.30pm to 7.30pm (Nursery to Year 5)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

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



Thank you!

A huge thank you to the Evesham Garden Centre at The Valley for supplying us with some seeds and compost.

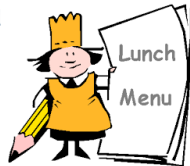


The new menu will come effect after half term – please check the website.

There are some delicious choices on offer so please encourage your child to have a cooked lunch in school.

Please ensure that lunches are paid for on the day or in advance (Nursery and Years 3-5)

Thank you



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Remembrance Day
Monday 11th November

Poppies will be on sale after half term and all proceeds will go to The Royal British Legion.

You are welcome to join us for our short Remembrance Service at 10.50am in the hall.

Children in Need Day

We are pleased to be supporting Children in Need Day again this year.

On **Thursday 14th November**, we would like children to come to school dressed in spotty clothing or wearing bright colours in return for a small donation towards Children in Need.

If you prefer, you may also donate via ParentPay via this link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15538>

We may also be having a visit from a very special visitor



Clubs

We hope the children are enjoying after school clubs. These will continue for a further 4 weeks.

Year 4 continue to swim after half term – the last lesson will be on Thursday 5th December

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.





Harvington First School Annual Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December 3pm to 4pm

PTFA Toy, Gift & Christmas Clothes Collection!

The holiday season is upon us, and it's time to spread some cheer!  The PTFA is collecting gently used toys, festive clothes, and gift items to raise funds for our Annual Christmas Fayre.



How Can You Help? Donate items that could brighten someone's Christmas and support a fantastic cause. It's a wonderful way to contribute to our school and promote sustainability!  

Drop-off Dates: We'll be collecting donations during school drop-off mornings on the following dates:

- 15th November
- 29th November

Bring your donations to the school office and don't forget to visit our stall at the Fayre to find the perfect gift. Every donation helps create a more sustainable and joyful holiday season! 

Donate Today and Join the Festive Fun! 



Music Concerts

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.

Word of the Month

Subtle - adjective

Meaning – not obvious or easy to notice.

"The room was painted a subtle shade of yellow."

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>

Thank you
Mrs McCaugherty

schoollink@harvington.worcs.sch.uk



5* Food Hygiene Rating

After a spot check visit from Environmental Health we are very pleased to inform you the school received a 5* rating for Food Hygiene.
Congratulations everyone!



**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 half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November.

Becky Enstone

Acting Headteacher



Information home this week:

Here is [the LINK to the September/October issue](#) of Families magazine
Lumi Nova attachment

Evesham Lifesaving Club

Affiliated to Royal Life Saving Society
Early Sunday Evenings in term time
Evesham Leisure Centre
Minimum level 7 swimmer and 8 years old
Fun and cheap way to be in the water
Subs currently £13 a month
Contact eveshamrlss@outlook.com or
Andrew Uncles, Head Trainer, 07929 549839 for details

October 2024

Friday 25th – Last day of autumn 1

Monday 28th – Friday 1st November Half term holiday

November 2024

Monday 4th – PSHE/Understanding Christianity Day – People of God & Incarnation

Monday 4th – KS2 Business Week

Tuesday 5th - Year 5 trip to Compton Verney

Wednesday 6th-Reception Phonics Parent Workshop 2:15pm

Friday 8th – Online Safety Day

Friday 8th- Book Look for parents 3pm

Monday 11th- Remembrance Service 10.50am – school hall all welcome

Thursday 14th – Children to dress in spotty clothes or bright colours for donation to Children in Need

Thursday 14th – Nursery Parent Share Sing along Session – World Rhyming Week

Friday 15th – Children in Need Day

Monday 18th – Year 2 trip to Worcester Cathedral

Tuesday 19th – SEND Drop-in at 8.50am to 10am

Wednesday 20th – Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:30pm-5:00pm (Reception-Year 5)

Thursday 21st – Parent Consultations face to face 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall (All year groups)

Monday 25th – Last week of after school clubs

Friday 29th -Year 4 trip Hartlebury Museum

Friday 29th-Year 3 trip Evesham town

Friday 29th – Christmas Disco (times TBC)



December 2024

Tuesday 3rd-Reception trip Smart Trees

Wednesday 4th – Advent Service in St James' Church 9.30am (all welcome)

Friday 6th – PTFA Christmas Fair 3pm-4pm

Tuesday 10th-EYFS Together Day

Monday 16th – EYFS/KS1 Productions 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th – EYFS/KS1 Production 1:30 pm and 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th – Pantomime Trip Aladdin Swan Theatre YR-Y5

Thursday 19th – Christmas dinner party and special visitor

Thursday 19th – KS2 Carol Service at St James' Church 6pm

Friday 20th – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th – End of autumn term

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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



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)
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
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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