



NEWSLETTER
Friday 27th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The children have enjoyed a fantastic week with iSingPOP in school teaching them some great new songs and giving them the chance to perform them together. Thank you all for your support of the event, the children have absolutely loved it.

2026 - National Year of Reading

This year there is a huge push on reading through the National Year of Reading movement. Unfortunately, reading for pleasure is in decline nationally. To try to improve the situation, work is going on across the country to try to encourage people of all ages to spend more time reading and very importantly to read about their passions. If children see adults choosing to read more, they are likely to want to read more. Please find below some links to pages that include some book recommendations for both children and adults.

[Sport](#)

[Music](#)

[Horror and Sci-Fi](#)

[TV and film](#)

[Comedy](#)

[Gaming](#)

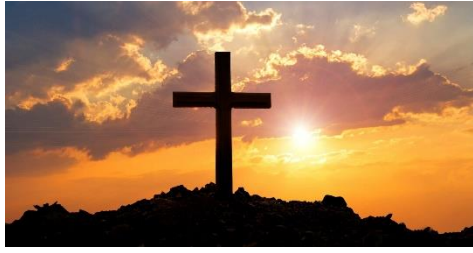


Hopefully we can all find some time to enjoy a good book and enjoy a wonderful couple of weeks together over Easter.

Kind regards

Mr Holdstock

Salvation Day



On Monday 23rd February we celebrated Salvation Day. Salvation means 'being rescued from the wrong things we do'. The children learnt all about the Easter story and how Christians believe that Jesus died to save them from their sins. Each of the classes took part in different activities and

explored the Easter story and its meaning.



Each class also prepared something ready for the Easter service. In Reception they made (and waved) some palm leaves to represent Palm Sunday. In Year 2 the children made stained glass window crosses and in Year 4 children decorated prayer stones.

Written by Mrs Magee





Together Day

Nursery and Reception

Nursery and Reception spent the morning together to celebrate Easter. We read about the Easter story as an introduction and then went off to explore the exciting activities throughout the Nursery and Reception spaces. There was lots on offer including: making Easter bunnies, making Easter headbands, an Easter hunt and Easter biscuit decorating. After a very busy morning we all came back together to enjoy our Easter biscuits for snack time.



NURSERY TRIP TO SANDFIELD FARM



WOW!! What an exciting day we all had at Sandfield Farm. In the morning, we walked around the farm, enjoyed climbing up individually onto a small tractor and then explored an orchard learning about the blossom and what it might grow into.

We met some young calves where we could safely greet them and some piglets that enjoyed our leftover fruit for their lunch.

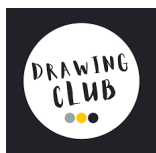


We enjoyed an afternoon in the secure forest school area, exploring the tunnels, slides and different paths around the forest. All we could hear were the giggles, as they raced around the wood hiding from each other, and then some gentle snores on the coach on the way home!

Nursery would like to thank our helpers in supporting us with this trip.

Written by Anita Wood





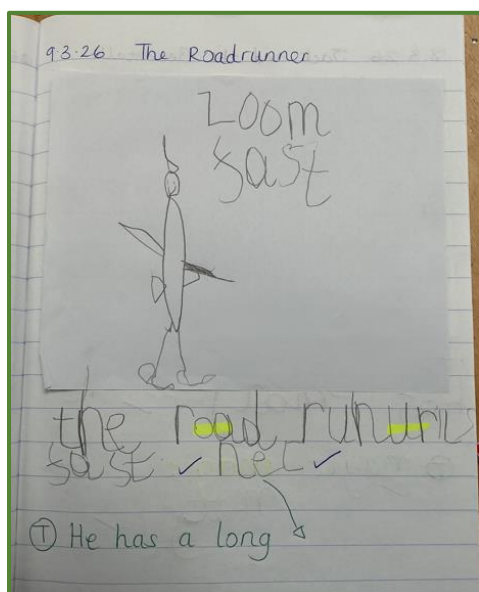
Drawing Club in Reception

Reception are loving doing drawing club every week to develop their vocabulary, ideas for writing and writing of words and sentences. Each week we look at a modern story, traditional story or film clip to inspire our writing.

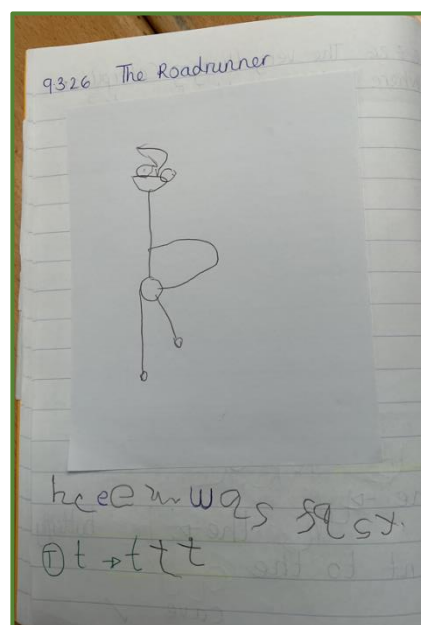
One of our favourites this half term was: Road Runner!



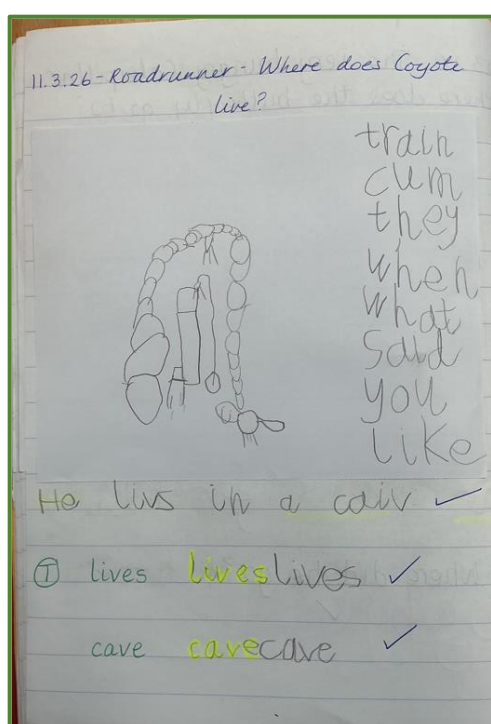
Harriet



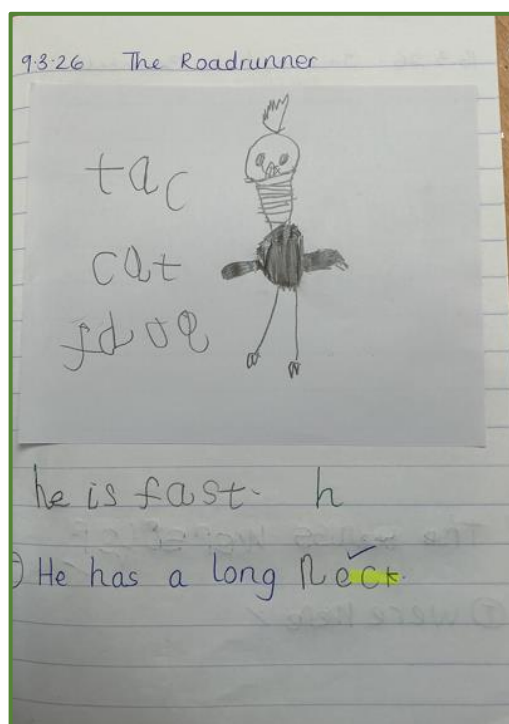
Zachary



Charlie



Willow



On Friday 20th March, Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. We loved seeing the wolves because they are so rare to find. There were lots of penguins and even two lions. Lions were lots of people's favourite animal. Some of us liked the black panther even though it was hiding. We saw its fluffy ear! We learned that daddy lions do the hunting and mummy lions look after the cubs.

Written by Tobin, Novah, Edward and Sophia in Year 1



Year 2's half term!



Caterpillars



One day something arrived! It was caterpillars! First, they were small then they got bigger and bigger! Soon they will make a cocoon. Then they will hatch into butterflies and we will release them. - Phoebe

The caterpillars are growing so fast and going into chrysalis then they will turn into butterflies soon! - Grace

The caterpillars were small when we got them

but now they're big! They will turn into butterflies soon. - Theo

The caterpillars are so big now! - Logan



World Book Day

World book day is a day where people come to school as a book character. - Max



World book day is where you dress up as your favourite book character. I dressed up as the BFG. We baked star cookies and showed everyone our costumes. We had a special assembly and went outside to do activities. We read a story together. - Isla-Mae

World book day is a special day. You get to have fun and we read 'How to Catch a Star'. We did baking and had a 'booknic'. We even made our own sunset pictures. We showed

our costumes in the hall. - Zachary

I was Zog. We had a story of 'How to Catch a Star'.

We baked star biscuits and listened to some stories.

- Amalia

We did activities, one activity was to make a

cookie! - Armando





Spring 2 in Year 3...

This half term we have been doing lots more brilliant learning, with fantastic hard work and opportunities for children to showcase their amazing work along the way!

We went on our trip to the Balaji Temple which provided the children with an excellent opportunity to experience different cultural experiences. The children were very respectful and it was an exciting and joyful day for all!



We have been busy learning all about seasonal vegetables in DT this half term. We shared our learning with our parents during our parent share and it was so great to see so many children trying new things for the first time! We then designed and made our own delicious seasonal tarts!

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy

What Year 3 have to say about their work:

"I liked going to the temple because we learnt lots of new facts about what they do" – Jemima

"I liked the Hindu Temple because I learnt all about the different Gods" – Isla

"I liked doing our RE God drawings because it was really fun to draw them" – Munesu

"I enjoyed making our leaflets about whales and I learnt lots of new things about whales" – Esme

"I liked tasting new vegetables in DT ready to make our tarts" – Arthur

"I liked learning about shadows in science because it was fun to test and experiment with materials to see if they were transparent, translucent or opaque" – Freddie

"The whale leaflets were fun to colour in and it was really fun learning new facts for it" – Ada

"I liked learning about Antarctica because it was fun to learn about the different animals and why people visit there. We looked at maps and found the equator" – Poppy



This Half Term in Year 4

What a busy and exciting half term it has been in Year 4!

Alongside, welcoming the incredibly impressive Roller Skater and author Jenna Downing to Harvington and celebrating World Book Day with the rest of the school, we were delighted to welcome an Anglo-Saxon expert into class. The children learned all about Anglo-Saxon life, including their weaponry and way of life. They were even able to handle replica artefacts and try on Anglo-Saxon armour, which made the experience truly memorable.

A highlight of the visit was re-enacting the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings. The children then went on to design and create their own shields, which they proudly used to form a shield wall in the afternoon.

In English, we have been studying *When the Giant Stirred*. The children have produced some fantastic work, including vivid setting descriptions, action-packed diary entries, and a range of creative retellings that brought the story to life.

It has been a wonderful half term full of learning, creativity and hands-on experiences!

Written by Miss Knapton, with children's work written by Alexia, Millie, Harper and Rhett



Suddenly, without known warning a flock of parrots appeared louder than the awful noise. Without so regrets, on large, multicoloured birds glid away from the island and may have return. Or will they? I was worried and I'm pretty the sure they were so well. So that may be the last time we might see them. Oh, they went to find somewhere roge

Drifting from our abode, clouds of toxic ~~gas~~ smoke poured into the formerly clear sky. B. bubbles of burning fluid dribbled from the crater. A pungent smell of volcanic ash filled our noses. My stomach was in knots as the sky turned a horrible grey. The sun was blacked out. The only thing lighting it up was the lava being expelled from the volcano. Then, an almighty ROAR! Giant streams of lava bled down the high ^{mountain} forest. Our home was ^{completely} utterly ^{completely} in total disintegration. Just as we were analysing in disbelief at what had happened, a giant wave of ^{superheated} sulphur ^{clouds} ^{erupted} clouded the ~~sky~~ ^{area}. Where would we go now? Our boat helplessly bobbed under the water as I felt no other hope.

From Kms.

Teeth Bar, have catapulted into the
dark, grey sky. Happening too fast, our
moment became a scag, horrefully soon
relaxed! Tears launched down my face
Volcanic, black rocks ^{threw} through their
straight into the air. I don't know if I'm
going to sleep bright for what my gas
has seen today.



Miss Knapton set the reading ministers a task to write about the National Year of Reading; here is Isla's fabulous contribution.



SCHOOL NEWS: WHY THE YEAR OF READING IS SO IMPORTANT!

This year has been chosen as a very special Year of Reading, and children across the country are joining in to celebrate a whole world of stories, adventures, and Ideas.

Teachers, Librarians, and families are getting involved by sharing their favourite books, planning fun reading events, and helping everyone discover the joy of reading. ★

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT READING'

 **Reading Helps You Learn New Things**

Books are full of interesting facts, cool Ideas, and exciting information. Reading Helps You Feel Calm. Sometimes reading is you're feel calm and bright.

READING BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Families and friends love reading together, sharing stories , laughing, and spend happy times together.

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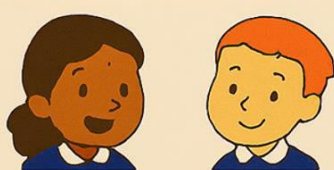
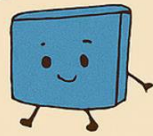
Schools and friends enjoy reading side by side. Swapping tales lets everyone chat, giggle, and make fun memories together.

SO ... WHAT CAN YOU DO

Pick up a book, jump into a story, and join the fun!

MAKING SURE EVERYONE CAN READ

As part of the Year of Reading, schools and libraries are working hard to make sure every child



Year 5



Year 5 had a fantastic and enriching visit to the Islamic Centre, where they learned a great deal about the Islamic faith and what it is like to be Muslim in Britain today. During the visit, the children explored a range of artefacts, gaining insight into their meaning and importance within Islam. They were also given the opportunity to visit the prayer hall, where they learned about how Muslims pray and the significance of this space. The pupils showed great curiosity and respect throughout, asking thoughtful and insightful questions that helped deepen their understanding. We are very proud of the way Year 5 engaged with the experience—well done and thank you, Year 5!

Written by Mrs Whillock



This half term, Year 5 have been exploring the fascinating world of oceans as part of our geography learning. To bring our studies to life, we carried out a field study within the local village, where the children took part in a litter pick to help our environment.

We were incredibly proud to collect around four bags of litter! Back in the classroom, the children carefully sorted the rubbish into different materials and used this information to create pie charts, helping them to analyse where most of the litter came from. This hands-on experience helped the children to understand the real impact of waste on our planet. They learnt about the importance of recycling and reusing materials, and how small actions can make a big difference in preventing rubbish from ending up in our oceans.

Well done, Year 5, for your hard work and for showing such care towards our environment!

Written by Mrs Whillock

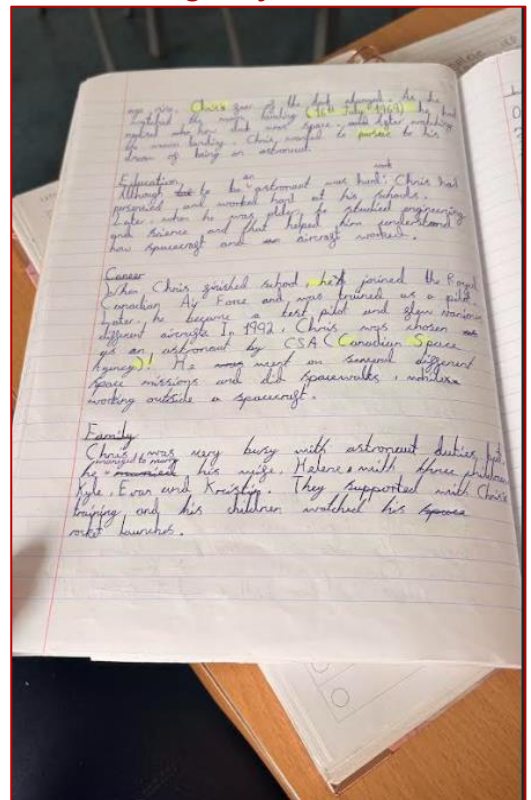
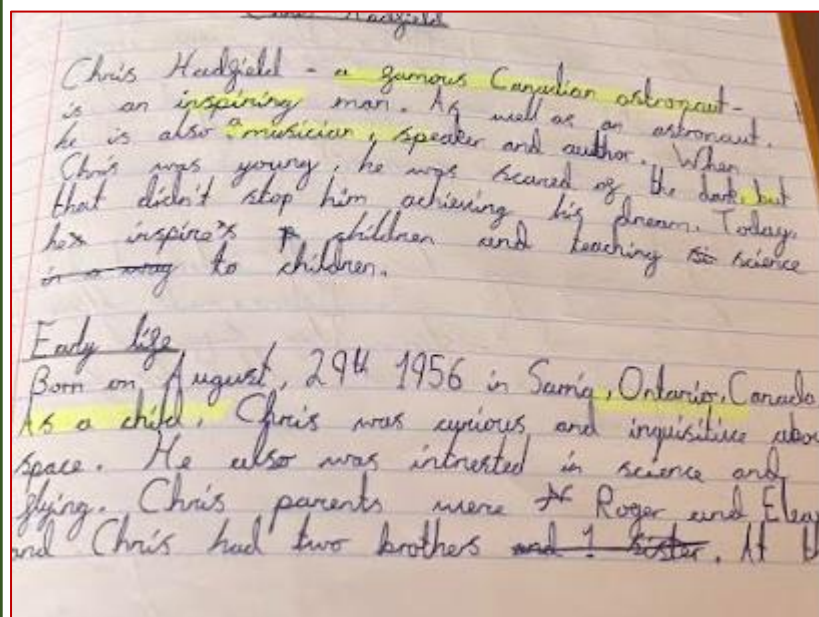


English Learning

Written by Ugne, Scarlet and Matilda

In English we have been the reading 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield. We all wrote a biography on the astronaut Chris Hadfield. In our writing we had to use subordinating conjunctions, parenthesis and relative clauses.

Here are some examples of our writing below.



World Book Day

What a fantastic time we have all had celebrating our school's love of books!

First, we would like to say a huge thank you for all the support shown at this year's Book Fair. This year, we raised an incredible total of over £1200. The funds will go towards enriching our wonderful library and continuing to inspire a love of reading across the school.

This year's World Book Day focused on promoting reading for pleasure, and this was at the heart of everything we did. Each year group took part in exciting, creative activities linked to books and storytelling.

Year 5 created beautiful lion artwork inspired by *The Butterfly Lion*, while Year 4 took part in a fun "Footy Booky Quiz," showing that even if sport is your passion, reading is still incredibly important! Year 3 designed stunning dreamcatchers inspired by *The BFG*, and Year 2 used watercolours to create imaginative journeys to the stars based on the book *How to Catch a Star*. Down in Key Stage 1, children also had a wonderful time—Year 1 enjoyed activities inspired by *Elmer*, Reception created colourful butterflies based on *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and Nursery explored a range of traditional tales.

It was truly a joyful celebration of reading, creativity, and imagination across the whole school!



Class Catering also joined in with World Book Day and served a delicious lunch



Football players from Harvington enjoyed a fabulous tournament at St Andrews where we played matches against 3 other local schools. Play was fantastic, with excellent team spirit and skills on show. Children rotated positions and due to superb goal keeping skills we did not concede a goal all afternoon. We won every single match and were crowned champions of the tournament. Well done all involved!

Written by Mrs Cruchley



Students at our school recently had a fantastic opportunity to meet professional inline skater Jenna Downing, who visited us on 27th February to share her skills and passion for the sport.

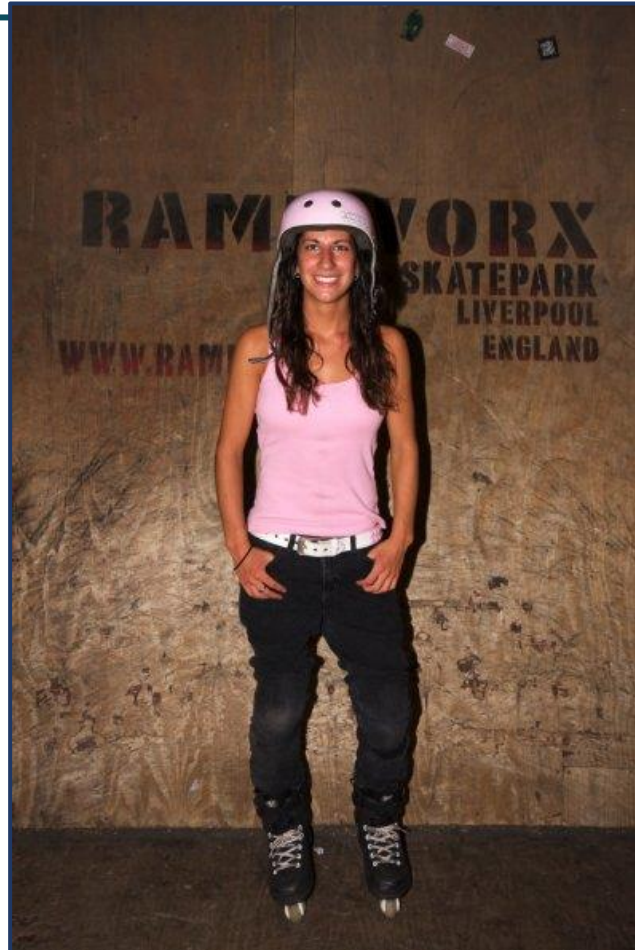
Jenna delivered an inspiring assembly where she spoke about her journey, achievements, and the importance of perseverance and confidence. Students were amazed to learn about her international competitions and world-class performances.

Following the assembly, several classes were lucky enough to take part in hands-on inline skating sessions. With Jenna's guidance, students learned basic techniques, balance, and control. For many, it was their first time on skates, and although there were a few wobbles, there were plenty of smiles and laughter too!

The sessions were a huge success, helping students build confidence, try something new, and stay active. It was an unforgettable experience that inspired many to keep practicing and maybe even pursue skating further.

A big thank you to Jenna for visiting our school and making the day so memorable!

Written by Mrs Cruchley



Music Concert



For those learning a musical instrument there will be a chance for them to perform to parents/carers in an evening concert.

The evening concert will be on 20th May at 6pm.

More details to follow nearer the time.



After School Clubs

Clubs will start again for 8 weeks from 27th April.

Please look out for the clubs list after Easter.

Nursery, Breakfast Club and Wrappers Bookings for September 2026

We have issued new booking forms and terms and conditions for September – please ensure you return these as soon as possible as places are limited.

Thank you.

Year 5 will start swimming lessons after Easter – the first session will be on Thursday 23rd April

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.



iSingPOP Concerts – Thursday 26th March

Wow! What an amazing time the children had this week learning new songs and actions.

Both concerts were a huge success and it was clear that everyone who attended enjoyed them immensely.

Thank you for your support and also to Sandy from iSingPOP who made it such a fabulous, fun event for the children.

Sponsored Walk



This year, our sponsored walk will take place on Friday 22nd May

– further details to follow shortly.

All money raised will go towards our school.

Thank you in advance for your support with this event.

Policies and Privacy Notices

We have updated some policies and privacy notes – these can be viewed on our website.

Parent Consultations

We hope you found the recent meetings informative.



Smile Please!

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 28th April to take the Year 5 Leavers' Photos

They will also be taking nursery graduation photos on Wednesday 20th May at 9am.



Crime Prevention Event at The Valley on Thursday 9th April at 12 noon

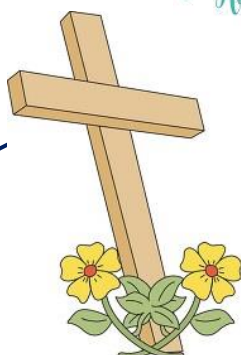
Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what we are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

PCSO Jasmine HILL

Class Attendance
02.09.25 to 27.03.26

★ Year 4 97.5% ★
Year R 97.1%
Year 5 96.9%
Year 3 96.3%
Year 2 95.8%
Year 1 95.5%

Whole School overall 96.5%



Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who
attended our Easter Service
on Wednesday led by
Father Glenn.

All the children who took
part in the service were
amazing.
Well done!

**Word
of the
Month**
Bask - Verb

Meaning: To lie or relax in a
warm environment or to take
pleasure in something.

In a sentence: "He basked in the
warmth of the sun."

**Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability – week
commencing 11th May 2026**

You should have received a letter
regarding Bikeability for Year 5.
Please complete the online consent
form as soon as possible.

Thank you.



We wish to thank The Valley
Garden Centre for very
kindly donating some
beautiful primroses for our
school grounds.



SEND parent/Carer Drop in

Thank you to everyone who attended the last SEND drop in, it was a lovely session and everyone who attended is keen for these sessions to happen more regularly.

Our next session will be on **Monday 20th April 8:45am-10am**



If you are a parent/carers of a child with a special educational need or disability please come along to have a cup of tea and chat with other parents/carers and have time to talk to me as SENCo.

We hope to see you there
Becky Enstone

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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

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.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 13th April.

Tom Holdstock

Headteacher



Please see the spring edition of the Raring2go! Hereford & Worcester
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworchester/spring2026/>

FREE FAMILY CYCLE DAY



INVITE ALL YOUR FAMILY



**THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
10:00 - 14:00**



**NO BOOKING NEEDED – JUST TURN UP WITH
YOUR BIKES, HELMETS, AND A SENSE OF
ADVENTURE.**



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March 2026

Friday 27th – Last day of spring term

April 2026

Monday 13th – Summer term starts for pupils

Monday 13th - PSHE Jigsaw Day Understanding Christianity - Salvation

Thursday 16th - Online Safety Day

Friday 17th – PE Enrichment Day (N-Yr 5)

Monday 20th – SEND Drop-in 8.45am to 10am in the Learning Zone

Thursday 23rd - Swimming starts for Year 5 (10 lessons)

Thursday 23rd – PTFA EGM at 7.30pm in the school hall

Monday 27th – After school clubs start this week

Tuesday 28th – Year 5 Leavers' Photos



May 2026

Friday 1st – KS2 trip to Birmingham Town Hall

Monday 4th – May Day school closed

Wednesday 6th – Year R trip to Nature in Art

Friday 8th – Year 2 trip to Worcester Cathedral

Friday 8th – Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle

Monday 11th to 14th May - Bikeability Year 5 all week

Friday 15th - PTFA Summer Disco KS1 5pm-6pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm

Wednesday 20th - Nursery Graduation Photographs

Wednesday 20th – Year 2 Parent Share – Florence Nightingale 2.15pm to 2.45pm

Wednesday 20th - Music Concert 6pm

Friday 22nd – PTFA Sponsored Walk

Friday 22nd – Summer 1 term finishes

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May Half term holiday

June 2026

Monday 1st – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd – PSHE Jigsaw Day/Understanding Christianity Kingdom of God

Wednesday 3rd – Grounds Morning all welcome/Litter Picking

Thursday 4th – Music Day and Litter Picking

Friday 5th – World Environment Day and Online Safety

Wednesday 10th – Year 5 Bellboating at Fladbury

Friday 12th – Dress down day for a tombola prize for the PTFA summer fair

Friday 12th – Year 2 trip to Envirosort

Wednesday 17th – Year 5 CAMEO Teas in Church

Friday 19th – Year 5 trip to Mary Arden's Farm

Friday 19th – PTFA Film Night – times to be confirmed

Monday 22nd – Last week of after school clubs

Monday 22nd – Year 5 Evesham Schools Bellboat Regatta

Wednesday 24th – Transfer Day

Wednesday 24th – Reception New Parents Meeting 6.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 26th – Dress down day for a jar filled with goodies for the PTFA summer fair

Tuesday 30th – Year 5 trip to London

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may be subject to
change -
new/amended dates
will be shown in red.
Please check
newsletter for
updates



July 2026

Wednesday 1st - In school transfer morning

Friday 3rd – Reports sent to parents

Friday 3rd – Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting)

Friday 3rd – PTFA Summer Fair **4pm to 7pm**

Wednesday 8th – Nursery Graduation – parents invited 10am

Wednesday 8th – Year 5 CAMEO Teas in school

Monday 13th – Presentation Morning (invitation only) at 9.30am

Wednesday 15th – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6pm

Friday 17th – Leavers' Service – 9am school hall Year 5 parents' welcome

Friday 17th – Summer term ends

Monday 20th – Staff training day



September 2026

Tuesday 1st – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd - Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

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