



NEWSLETTER
Friday 24th May 2024

This has been an incredibly difficult half-term for our school community; the loss of Mrs Fishbourne has been a huge shock to us all. On behalf of the staff team, I want to say thank you to everyone who has sent cards, gifts and has shared supportive words. I have been so proud of the children who have been brilliant and have produced some lovely work for a memory book we are putting together.

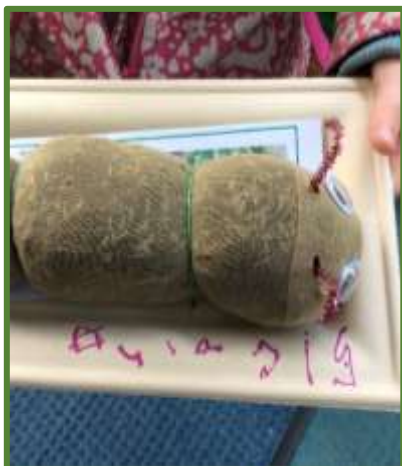
I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to put the memorial service together. Richard Thorniley for supporting me with the organising and running of the service, Mrs Soulsby and Mrs Collins for their excellent work with the musicians and Mrs Wild, Sophie Hedley and the Bretforton Band for performing so beautifully. Thank you to Mr Bowen who organised and supplied the orders of service and to the PTFA who organised and served the refreshments. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents.

A special thank you to those children who performed in the memorial service, I know that was not an easy thing to do but they were so professional.

Finally, I want to say thank you to our whole staff team, I know it hasn't been easy to come into school every day and keep things as normal as possible for the children. Helen would be so proud to see how everyone has kept the school running in this difficult time.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term and comes back refreshed ready to head into the final half term of the year. It's going to be a busy one with lots of exciting events ahead including transition planning ready for next year!

Mrs Enstone



In Nursery this half term, we have been observing nature through one of our favourite storybooks, 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. The children each created an ugly slug out of a nylon tight, compost and grass seed, then they found out what a seed needed to grow, before taking it home to look after it and watch it transform into a very hairy grass caterpillar.

We also found lots of wiggly worms in our nursery garden when planting our wild flower seed bombs and summer plants, so we built a wormery to observe how they moved around underground between the sand and soil. We made sure we watered the soil regularly, fed them and gave them a dark cover to feel at home.

During Forest School, we found a very large cocoon on the floor and brought it back to nursery to keep it safe, building it a new home in our curiosity cube. It's still wiggling and we can't wait to find out what it will transform into.

After counting out their own sunflower seeds and making a seed packet to take them home safely, the nursery staff are all wondering ~ 'who will grow the biggest sunflower?' we can't wait to see photos on the nursery's class Dojo page.

Written by Anita Wood



Vincent Van Gogh

WOW! The Nursery children have created their very own Vincent Van Gogh replica of his famous work ~ **'Sunflowers'.**

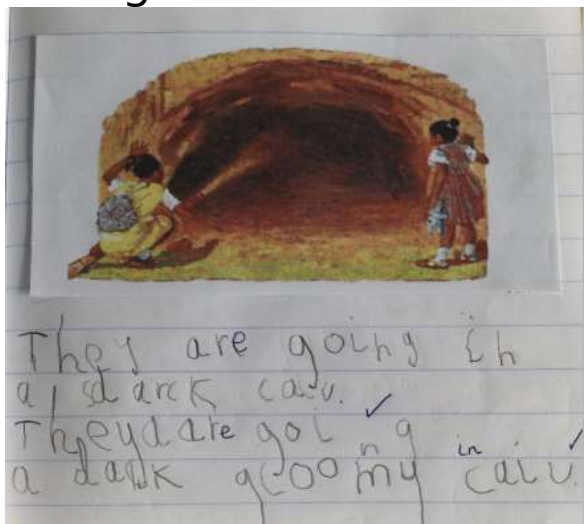
They looked closely at the colours of the petals, the black centre and the stem before painting with watercolours and different media.

What a beautiful piece of artwork!

Written by Anita Wood

Literacy in Reception

In Reception, we have been reading 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt'. We found lots of similarities and differences when we compared it to 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We had a go at writing our own sentences about the story.



Theodore



Ada

We also made our own lion masks.



Year 1 Botanical Gardens



On the 15th May, Year One went to The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. They participated in a plant scavenger hunt and learnt all about what plants need to survive. We went on a tour around the gardens to view all of the amazing plants they had. We also managed to see some ginormous koi fish! The children all worked well together in their groups and were an absolute pleasure to take on the trip. They shared their excellent plant knowledge with other adults while walking around the venue.

Written by Mrs Cooper



Year 2 loved looking after the class caterpillars which grew into beautiful butterflies! We have learnt lots about their life cycles and how to care for them. The class enjoyed setting them free in our school grounds. Good luck butterflies!

Written by Mrs Brown



Year 2



Year 2 put on a wonderful exhibition of geography work in our parent share. It featured artwork using oil pastels, watercolour and other mediums as well as our geography books, fact files, their homework habitats (wow!) and a sensational song. The children have been passionate about our topic of climate and the Amazon Rainforest.

Written by Mrs Cruchley





Y E A R 3



This half term during DT Year 3 have been looking at Castles. They looked at the different features of a Castle and designed their own one, thinking about what materials they could use. They cut out nets to make different 3D shapes. In partners, they then began building their Castle, using different materials and some of the 3D shapes they had created.

Written by Miss Byng



KS2 Theatre Trip

On Thursday 16th May, Key Stage 2 enjoyed their trip to the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. We went to see the show 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. It is a story of a refugee boy who joins a Year 4 class and explores the many issues that a child new to a country and new to a classroom might face. The children really enjoyed the whole experience and they were a credit to the school throughout the show, which was hosting almost a thousand school children from across the Midlands.

The show itself was a fantastic production, with excellent acting, excitement and drama throughout. It was an excellent insight into how to produce and tell an incredible story and we hope that many of our performers in the upcoming Key Stage 2 performance will have found inspiration in the story and the quality of acting.

Well done to all of KS2 for making it a day to remember.

Written by Mr Morris



Swimming Gala

On the 18th April, some KS2 children took part in the swimming gala. They took part in different styles and finished off with a relay race against other schools in the area. All the children worked really hard and did Harvington School proud. The children set an amazing example and cheered everyone on, including other schools.

We are proud to say that overall, Harvington came first place!

Written by Miss Byng

Year 5 Bikeability

Last week, Year 5 pupils had an exciting opportunity to participate in the Bikeability program, which is designed to teach children how to cycle safely and confidently. Over the course of the week, Year 5 learned a range of skills, from basic bike handling to navigating roads. Here is a recount of our experience.

Day 1 and 2: Getting Started

Year 5's Bikeability journey began in the school playground. The instructors introduced themselves and explained the importance of bike safety. Year 5 started with basic checks to ensure their bikes were safe to ride, learning about the ABCD check: Air, Brakes, Chain, and Drop (a simple test to check for loose parts). Year 5 moved around cones and practiced starting and stopping smoothly to practice balancing and control. By the end of the session, everyone was more comfortable on their bikes. Later on, Year 5 focused on more advanced skills. We practiced signalling with their hands to show which way they should turn and learned how to look over our shoulders without losing balance. Year 5 also learned how to control our speed, especially when going downhill, and how to navigate tight turns. The instructors emphasized the importance of being aware of our surroundings at all times.

Day 3, 4 and 5: On the Road and Navigating Junctions

The real excitement began when Year 5 took our skills to the road. Year 5 were split into small groups and, with our helmets on, Year 5 ventured out onto the local streets of Harvington. Our instructors guided us as we practiced riding in a straight line and positioning ourselves correctly on the road. We learned about the primary and secondary road positions and then focused on more complex manoeuvres practicing making left and right turns at junctions. This required us to use all the skills we had learned so far: signalling, looking behind, and road positioning.

Participating in the Bikeability program was a fantastic experience for Year 5. It not only taught the pupils how to ride their bikes safely but also boosted their confidence and independence. Bikeability has made a significant impact on their understanding of road safety and cycling skills. The practical, hands-on training was both educational and enjoyable. Year 5 are now more equipped to ride their bikes safely and look forward to more cycling adventures in the future! Watch out Worcestershire!

Written by Mr Cook



Crowd Funder

We are continuing to raise money to create a music memorial garden as a tribute to Mrs Fishbourne. As you know, she had a real love for music, so we would like to create a sheltered outdoor space with musical instruments for the children to enjoy. If you would like to donate, please click on the link or scan the QR code. Thank you!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/memorial-garden>



Fundraisers

We are so proud of Freddie and Jessie who have been selling sunflowers to raise money toward Mrs Fishbourne's memorial. They have worked incredibly hard and raised **£47.50**! A huge thank you Freddie and Jessie, what an amazing thing to do!



Grounds Morning

We are looking for parent/Carer helpers that can come in and support with our grounds morning on **Wednesday 5th June** from 9am for an hour or two. It will involve helping the children complete tasks such as weeding, sweeping, trimming bushes... If anyone is able to attend please let the office or Class teachers know and if you have a wheel barrow that you can bring we have some bark to move!

Thank you.



Clubs

Clubs continue after half term until week ending Friday 28th June.

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Year 4 swimming lessons resume on Thursday 6th June. Please remember to pay for swimming lessons via ParentPay.



Dress Down Day

Friday 21st June

If your child brings a tombola prize (either for the adult or child tombola) then they may attend school in their own home clothes on Friday 21st June. Example items include chocolates, tins, unwanted gifts, toiletries, toys, bottles of wine. The tombola contributions will be collected by the gate in the morning. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Dress Down Day

Friday 28th June

Please may we ask you to send in a jar filled with goodies for a child to buy at the summer fair. For example, you could add wrapped sweets, small toys, stationery etc.

The jars will be collected by the gate on the morning.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.



PTFA Summer Fayre – Friday 5th July
5pm -8pm





Book Look!

You are invited to come into school to look at your child's books on **1st July, 2024, 3pm – 3.30pm**. This is another opportunity for you to come into school to see your child's learning and to discuss any aspects with the staff.



School Reports

Reports will be issued to parents via 'pupil post' on Friday 5th July. The reports are very detailed but if you do wish to discuss any aspect please request a meeting with your child's class teacher via the office.
Thank you

Nursery Graduation

Wednesday 10th July at 10.00am-11.00am in the School Hall.

If your child does not attend that morning session, you are very welcome to bring them along at 10.00am and stay with them.

Don't forget to bring the tissues!



Sports Day

At this time, we are unsure whether sports day will be able to go ahead. Hopefully, the field will be finished soon but we will be given instructions as to how long we need to stay off the grass to let the turf settle. If the field is still out of action and we are unable to hold the usual sports day, the children will still complete some sports activities in their class groups but due to lack of space, we won't be able to invite parents/carers into watch. We will update you after half term.

KS2 Summer Production

Wednesday 17th July at 1.30pm and 6.00pm

Key Stage Two are proud to present our Summer Production

'The Greatest Show'

More details to follow soon ...



Class Catering Lunches

We have been informed by Class Catering that lunch prices will increase to £2.78 per lunch from 1st September 2024. Please remember that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 lunches are provided free of charge.





Charity News

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for Caring Hands. They are a charity we have supported for a number of years; they support those in need in the Vale of Evesham.

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.

As always thank you for your support.

Mrs Clark, Mrs Notarangelo, Lara and Abigail, Charity Ministers Year 5

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.

<http://www.uniformd.co.uk/harvingtoncofe-school>

Thank you
Mrs McCaugherty

schoollink@harvington.worcs.sch.uk

Word of the Month

Picturesque - adjective

Meaning – Visually attractive or charming place or building

"There were several picturesque little villages dotted around the countryside."



Class Attendance

05.09.23 to 24.05.24

★ Year 3 97.2% ★

Year 2 96.7%

Year R 96.4%

Year 4 96%

Year 1 95.8%

Year 5 95.7%

Whole School overall 96.3%

We wish to thank The Adventure Playground who have donated some balance bikes to school.

If you have any unwanted bikes they offer a recycling scheme – please visit:

<https://eveshamadventureplayground.org/Bike-Recycling>

Open Days for Prospective New Families

We are delighted to welcome families to our school so you can experience our learning environment and see the children enjoying the curriculum. You will receive an overview of life at Harvington C.E. First and Nursery school so you can make an informed choice about a school for your child.

You will be given a tour of the school, visit the classrooms and extensive grounds, and have the opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of your child joining our school family.

To make it a positive experience for you we do limit the numbers for each tour. You are welcome to bring your child.

If you would like to book into one of the planned visit day dates, please phone the school office (01386 870412) or email the school on: office@harvington.worcs.sch.uk to make a booking. We will ask for your name, a contact number and the name and date of birth of your child.

Next Dates:

Friday 27th September 2024 at 9.30am

Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7pm



Harvington CE First & Nursery School

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

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

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 that £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)**

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will be enjoying warmer weather from now on so please may you make sure your child has a sun hat, refillable water bottle and has had sun cream applied before school. We do need you to apply the long lasting sun cream to avoid further sun cream being applied during the school day. If you need to send a bottle of sun cream into school, it needs to be named and passed to your class teacher for safekeeping. It would also be useful for you to ensure jumpers and cardigans are still named, as they are easily mislaid.

We encourage the children to play in our shaded areas at playtimes wearing their sunhats and drinking plenty of water.

Please can we remind you that 'school type' shoes should always be worn. 'Open toed' sandals are not acceptable as they are unsafe in our busy playground.
Thank you



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).



IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

As there has been a change in First Aid advice we will no longer be able to administer any medicine, unless prescribed by a doctor, this includes Calpol. Any medicine has to be brought to school by an adult and signed in at the office. We will not be able to administer prescribed medicines that have to be given three times per day, unless the child attends Wrappers. It is expected that the medicine is given before school, after school and before bedtime.

Thank you for your support.

Music Lessons

September

If you would like your child to continue, or start learning a musical instrument or have singing lessons, please register your interest by emailing the school office

office@harvington.worcs.sch.uk

by Friday 14th June.

Thank you



We would like to thank you for your support this term.

Becky Enstone

Acting Headteacher

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!

School Closed

Please remember school is
closed on Monday 3rd June
as this is a designated staff
training day. The school will
reopen on Tuesday 4th June.

Thank you.

Information home this week:

Here is [the LINK to the May/June issue](#) of Families
magazine

Malvern Hills Challenge Poster

Half term events at Evesham Library

Half term events at Broadway Library

Young Voices New Visions

Evesham Lifesaving Club

Affiliated to Royal Life Saving Society

Early Sunday Evenings in term time

Evesham Leisure Centre

Level 7 minimum swim level and aged 8

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

May 2024

Friday 24th – Charity Fundraiser for Caring Hands

Friday 24th – Summer terms finishes

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May Half term holiday

June 2024

Monday 3rd – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th – PSHE Jigsaw Day

Wednesday 5th – Climate Day/Grounds Day all welcome am

Thursday 6th - Online Safety

Friday 7th – PE Enrichment (Years N-5)

Wednesday 12th – CAMEO teas in church (Year 5)

Friday 14th – Church yard tidy up 6 children from Years R and 4

Friday 14th – Year 3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

Wednesday 19th – Nursery visit St James' Church

Thursday 20th – Year 2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare

Friday 21st – Dress down day for tombola prizes for the summer fayre

Monday 24th – Last week of after school clubs

Wednesday 26th – Transfer Day

Wednesday 26th – Reception New Parents Meeting 7pm-8pm

Friday 28th – Dress Down Day for PTFA contribution

Friday 28th – Year N/R Together Day – Teddy Bear's Picnic



July 2024

Monday 1st – Book Look for Parents at 3pm to 3.30pm

Monday 1st – Nursery New Parents Meeting at 7pm

Wednesday 3rd – Year 4 trip to Houses of Parliament

Friday 5th – Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting) TBC

Friday 5th – Reports sent to parents

Friday 5th – PTFA Summer Fayre 5pm-8pm to include Year 5 Leavers' Party

Monday 8th – Reception trip to Lower Smite Farm

Tuesday 9th – In-house Transfer Day

Wednesday 10th – Nursery Graduation – parents invited 10am

Wednesday 10th July – CAMEO teas in school (Year 5)

Friday 12th – Reserve Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting) TBC

Monday 15th – Presentation Morning (invitation only)

Monday 15th – Music Concert 1.20pm to 2.45pm

Wednesday 17th – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6pm

Friday 19th – Leavers' Service – 9am school hall Year 5 parents welcome

Friday 19th – Summer term ends

Monday 22nd – Staff Training day

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

September 2024

Monday 2nd – Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd – Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 4th – Autumn term starts for pupils

October 2024

Thursday 10th – Nasal Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 15th – School Portraits