



NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd March 2024

We have enjoyed a lovely few weeks with lots of activities, trips and visitors in school.

We are pleased to share the exciting news of the safe arrival of a baby boy for Mrs Reeve and a baby girl for Miss Spencer.



After Easter, we will be welcoming some new staff to our team:

Mr Morris will be joining us as Year 4 teacher and Assistant Headteacher.

Mr Cook will be joining us for the summer term as Year 5 teacher.

Mrs Hooper will be joining us as lunchtime supervisor and Mrs Sewell will be supporting in our Year 1 class.

We look forward to welcoming them to the Harvington Team!

We also look forward to welcoming several new children to our nursery family after the Easter break too.

PSHE

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

Written by Mrs Cooper



Understanding Christianity Theme Day - Gospel

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

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

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

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



Safer Internet Day 2024

On the 6th February 2024, the digital ministers Olivia and Oliver, held an assembly for the children to introduce how we can all be safe on the internet. The children all took part in completing different activities about being safe online.

We discussed the importance of talking to trusted adults whenever something happens online that worries us.

Although we want the internet to be a fun, supportive and a great space for children and young people, we acknowledge that things don't always go the way we want them to. If something goes wrong online, it is important that you as a parent or carer have the right tools at hand to help support your child, whatever problem they may be facing.

There are some initial steps you can take if you think something has gone wrong for your child online:

- Start a conversation
- Be curious, not furious
- Try not to place blame
- Know where to go for help-<http://www.reportharmfulcontent.com/>





Winter Wonderland!

The **BLUBBER** Glove Experiment

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



Items Needed:

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

Follow Up Questions:

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



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

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

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

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

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

Written by Anita Wood.





The nursery children have been having lots of fun this half term, learning all about:

Dangerous Dinosaurs!

Through lots of different activities we found out that most dinosaurs were 'Herbivores' and often had blunt or flat teeth to help crush or grind the plants. Some were 'Carnivores' (Tyrannosaurus Rex, being the children's favourite) with sharp teeth to cut through the meat and some were 'Omnivores' eating both plants and meat.

We had some roaring, stomping dinosaurs (children in disguise), a role play dinosaur museum and some 'palaeontologists' discovering dinosaur fossils hiding in the sand, to name just a few the children had enjoyed.

Written by Anita Wood





Reception Sewing

This term in Reception, the children have been learning how to sew using hessian and plastic needles. The children were able to design their very own bookmarks and then use hessian to bring them to life. Reception class were just amazing and persevered even when it was hard! They were able to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design and texture.

Written by Miss Spencer



Reception Walk

Reception are learning all about the world, so went on a walk to look around their local area. They had a look at lots of different buildings including the church, the chapel, and we even spotted some of the children's houses along the way! The children enjoyed telling me about the activities that they can take part in such as Rainbows, getting on the bus to go swimming and so much more!

The children took pictures of some of the buildings so they could make their own maps in the classroom.

Written by Miss Spencer



Nursery and Reception Trip

On the 5th March, Nursery and Reception children visited the Children's Play Village. The children had lots of fun with imaginative and creative play activities in the different role-play areas. These included a hospital, a fire station, a theatre, a café and many more. It was lovely to see the children take on the different roles and be so immersed in their play.

Written by Mrs Enstone



The Reception and Nursery's Easter Together Day

The reception and nursery children enjoyed lots of fun Easter activities together on the morning of, Wednesday 13th March, 2024.

They learnt that Christians believe Jesus died on Good Friday and came back to life on Easter Sunday. During snack time, they enjoyed a special treat of a hot cross bun.

The Easter bonnets parade was very exciting, and the children held on tight to their hats during a very blustery walk onto the playground! We would like to thank Mrs Allen and Mrs Johnson for finding the time to judge them, as it definitely gets trickier each year. Well done to the children that won from each class.

We were also very lucky that the Easter bunny found time to hop around the nursery and reception gardens leaving a small egg for all the children in the EYFS.

Thank you Easter bunny!!

Written by Anita Wood





Cotswold Wildlife Park

On Friday 15th March, Year One went on an amazing trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. We had the best day looking at all of the amazing animals in the park; we even heard some interesting facts about the different African animals. We were all very excited to see the penguins and even in the rain, we had the best day!

Written by Mrs Cooper



Year 2 First Aid Workshop

Year 2 took part in a mini first aid workshop where they learnt how to respond to finding a casualty and the basic steps to save someone's life.

Written by Mrs Cruchley



On the 2nd February, Year 3 visited Bishops Wood to learn more facts about the Stone Age. They took part in a variety of different activities such as, making a house using willow, tarp and rope. They made a fire, caught animals, built a wall and many more! The children absolutely loved it and had a wonderful day out learning lots of new things!

Written by Miss Byng



Year 3 Hindu Temple

On Monday 4th March, Year 3 visited the Balaji Temple to learn about Hinduism. They learnt about their main god and all the different gods and goddesses they worship. Children entered different shrines relating to the different gods and goddesses. The children learnt about the Hindu festival 'Diwali'. They had a wonderful time.

Written by Miss Byng



Year 4 trip Saxon Workshop – Thursday 14th March

Alex Bear from the Almonry Museum visited Year 4 to teach us even more about our topic of Anglo-Saxons. We took part in workshops during the day including arms and armour, spear wall, clay pot making and burial goods.

During the first workshop, we explored all of the different weaponry that the Anglo-Saxons would have used.

We ended the day by looking at what Saxons would have been buried with, how they were found and what they can tell us.

On Friday 12th January, Year 5 visited the Almonry to learn all about Simon de Montfort and the Battle of Evesham. We were met by Alex who told us the story of the battle and we found out lots about Evesham and the importance of the Abbey. We found out that this is where it is believed Simon's body was buried but he has never been found! During the afternoon, we had the chance to explore the shields and the weapons and armour worn by knights at that time and we even re-enacted the battle!



Written by Mrs Whillock

Year 5 Residential Trip to Condover Hall

During the 7-9th February, Year 5 went on a residential trip to Condover Hall. The children took part in various different activities such as abseiling, high ropes, tunnelling, dancing and survival. The children pushed themselves to try new things and face their fears. During the evening time, the children took part in a campfire and then a disco. The children ended the night after the disco with a hot chocolate and biscuit. They all had a wonderful time.

Written by Miss Byng



Islamic Centre

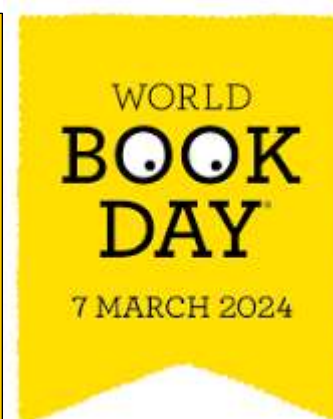
On Tuesday 19th March, Year 5 visited the Islamic Centre in Birmingham where they spent the day learning about the Islamic Faith. The children visited a prayer hall and took part in workshops where they learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam.



Year 5 were treated to a wonderful performance of St Egwin's 'High School Musical on Stage!' at the Henrician Theatre on Thursday. It was a fabulous production and enjoyed by all! Well done St Egwin's!

The children looked fabulous dressed as an amazing word!

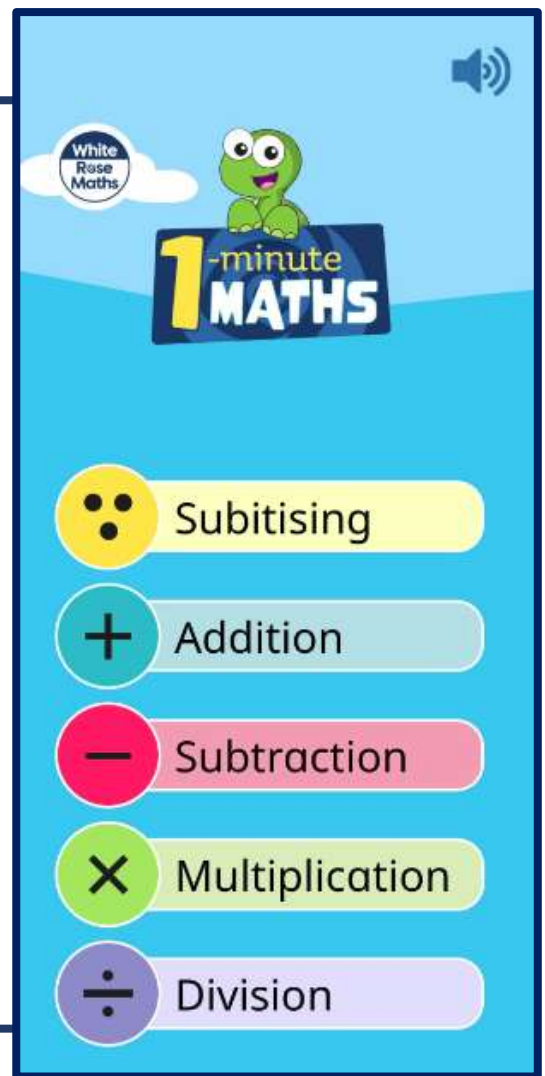
Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair – we will use the commission from your purchases to buy some wonderful new books for our library. Thank you!



Mrs Brown recommends ...

White Rose- 1-minute maths app!

Aimed at Early Years and Years 1 and 2. This app is great for children to recall facts and test their mental maths skills. It is free app.



Government Assessments

The children in Year 1 will take their Phonics Screening Check the week beginning the 10th June 2024. The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps us confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the National Curriculum.

The Year 2 SATS are now optional starting from this year. This is because the current Year 2 children were the first cohort to complete the Reception Baseline assessment tests. As a school, we have decided not to complete the SATS as we already use PIRA reading assessments and PUMA maths assessment to inform our teacher judgements.

The Year 4 Multiplication Check will be completed between the 4th June-14th June 2024. The multiplication check is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practise questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

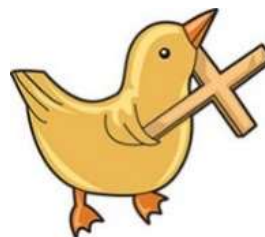
Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our moving Easter Service on Wednesday led by Reverend Thorniley. The children were amazing.



Easter Chicks!

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Burfoot for bringing in some baby chicks for the Reception children to meet!



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



Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Year 4 are swimming next term, lessons start on Thursday 11th April. Please remember to pay for swimming lessons via ParentPay.



Smile Please!

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 30th April to take the Year 5 Leavers' Photos

We wish to thank the PTFA for purchasing an electric piano for the children to continue to enjoy their keyboard lessons.

CHANGE TO PE LESSONS

AFTER EASTER, YEAR 5 WILL HAVE PE ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AND YEAR 4 WILL HAVE SWIMMING AND PE ON THURSDAYS.

After School Clubs

Clubs start again week commencing 29th April – we will be sending out the summer clubs list on 8th April.

Charity News

Wow! It's been a very busy couple of fundraising months...

In February, we held a Pet-tastic quiz raising **£80** for the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

We also raised **£165.52** for a primary school in Tanzania by wearing the colours of their national flag.

This month we have raised **£145.37** for Comic Relief by dressing in bright clothes and bringing a joke into school to share with our friends.

As always thank you for all your amazing support, we couldn't do it without you!

Lara and Abigail, Charity Ministers Year 5



Class Catering Lunch Menu

The new Spring/Summer menu will be available from 8th April.

Please see the website for details.

<https://harvington-ce-first-nursery-school.secure-primariesite.net/school-lunches-3/>



Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability – week commencing 13th May 2024

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

Thank you.



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





Class Attendance
05.09.23 to 22.03.24

★ Year 3 98% ★

Year 2 96.9%

Year R 96.4%

Year 4 96.3%

Year 5 96.1%

Year 1 96%

Whole School overall 96.6%

Word *of the* Month

Intrigued - verb

Meaning – Interesting or fascinating. Makes you want to find out more.

"She was intrigued to find out who the little girl in the black and white photograph was."



PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who has supported again this term. If anyone would like more information on the PTFA and what we do or would like to get involved as a helper please email the PTFA on harvingtonschptfa@gmail.com

PTFA Events

Wine & Cheese Night on Saturday 13th April at Harvington Village Hall from 7pm-9pm

Tickets £25 per head, please email harvingtonschptfa@gmail.com

Please note that the sponsored colour run and BBQ on 3rd May has been cancelled as the field is still not in use

PTFA Discos on Friday 17th May – more details to follow soon

Dress down day on Friday 21st June in exchange for a tombola prize for the summer fair

Dress down day on Friday 28th June in exchange for a PTFA contribution ... further details to follow

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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 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)**

Start of the School Day

It is lovely to see the children so keen to come to school but please may I remind you to not come onto the school grounds before 8.30am as this is causing the area to be very busy. Please also ensure your child has remembered their coat as we are still outside for some of the day. 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 will inform parents/carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by email (except parents of Nursery children who will still receive a SchoolApp

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.





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!

Meet the Teacher

Parents and carers of children in
Years 4 and 5 are welcome to join us
in classrooms on Wednesday 17th
April between 5pm and 6pm
to meet our new teachers, Mr
Morris and Mr Cook.
We look forward to seeing you then.

We would like to thank you for your support this term. We all wish you a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th April.

Becky Enstone

Acting Headteacher



Information home this week:

Here is [the LINK to the March/April issue](#) of Families Hereford and Worcester magazine

This is the link to the Raring2go! magazine
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworchester/spring2024/>

March 2024

Friday 22nd – Spring term ends

April 2024

Monday 8th – Summer term starts for pupils

Monday 8th – PSHE Jigsaw Day/Mindfulness/Understanding Christianity – Kingdom of God

Monday 8th – Music lessons start this week

Thursday 11th – Online Safety

Thursday 11th – Swimming starts for Year 4 (10 lessons)

Friday 12th – PE Enrichment (Years N-5)

Wednesday 17th – Meet the Teacher for Years 4 and 5 from 5pm-6pm

Thursday 18th – Swimming Gala

Friday 19th – Church yard tidy up 6 children from Year 1 and Year 3

Monday 29th – After school clubs start this week

Tuesday 30th – 9am Year 5 Leavers' Photos



May 2024

Friday 3rd – PTFA Sponsored Colour Run and BBQ (times to be advised) - CANCELLED

Monday 6th – May Day school closed

Friday 10th – Tea & Talk with Mrs Fishbourne

Monday 13th – Bikeability Year 5 Monday to Wednesday and Friday

Wednesday 15th – Year 1 trip to Botanical Gardens

Thursday 16th – KS2 Theatre trip

Friday 17th – PTFA Summer Discos Rec, Years 1 & 2 5.30pm-6.30pm; KS2 from 6.45pm-8pm

Wednesday 22nd – 9am Nursery Graduation Photos

Friday 24th – Charity Fundraiser for Caring Hands – further details to follow

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/Online Safety

Thursday 6th – 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

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

Friday 28th – Dress Down Day for PTFA contribution



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updates



July 2024

Monday 1st – Book Look for Parents at 3pm to 3.30pm
Monday 1st – Nursery New Parents Meeting at 7pm
Friday 5th – Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting)
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)
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

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

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