

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

It has been another full and lively fortnight in school, with classrooms busy, playgrounds noisy in the best possible way, and plenty of small moments that remind us why primary schools are such special places to be. As we move further into the term, routines feel well-established and children are continuing to grow in confidence and independence. Thank you, as always, for the support you give at home. Working together makes a real difference, and it is lovely to see the positive impact of that partnership each day.

Birthday Clothing Reminder

We love sharing children's birthday celebrations in school. Children are very welcome to wear their own clothes on their birthday as a way of celebrating their special day. We simply ask that these clothes remain suitable for a normal school day, allowing children to take part safely and comfortably in all activities. This means that items such as pyjamas or outfits that would not usually be appropriate for school should be avoided. Thank you for your support in helping us keep expectations clear and consistent for everyone.



Reception Animal Encounter!

Reception children recently enjoyed a fascinating visit from a range of unusual animal friends. They met Dave the snail, Mulder and Scully the hissing cockroaches, Willow the bearded dragon, who happily demonstrated her fondness for mealworms at snack time, Waffle the hermit crab and Milly the millipede. The session gave children the chance to learn about what these creatures eat, how they move and how they should be cared for. Staff were especially proud of how calmly the children listened, and how respectful and brave they were when holding the animals.



Sporting Success in Diving



We were delighted to hear about Ted's recent success in an age-group diving competition in Leeds. Competing against boys with more experience and already performing more advanced dives, Ted showed great determination and composure throughout the weekend. He achieved impressive results, placing 5th on the 1m board, 6th on the 5m platform and 9th on the 3m board. A particular highlight was receiving two of his awards from Olympic medal-winning divers Matty Lee and Anthony Harding. We are extremely proud of Ted's achievement and commitment to his sport.

World Book Day Fun!

We had a fantastic celebration of World Book Day this week, with activities happening all across the school. Our special assembly included a Book Covers Quiz, expertly led with the help of our wonderful librarians who also shared an inspiring poem all about the joy of reading. Children from every class took part and showed brilliant knowledge of their favourite stories.

Throughout the day, each class made a Reading Pledge—promising to develop their reading habits in fun and meaningful ways. Classes also spent time exploring their chosen authors, discovering new facts, stories and inspirations.

We also joined in with “Drop Everything and Read,” where the whole school paused to enjoy a quiet moment with a good book as well as participating in engaging live author lessons to really fire our imaginations!

It was a joyful day celebrating stories, imagination and the love of reading. Thank you to everyone who made it so special!"



Year 6 Evacuee Experience



Last week, Year 6 visited Bewdley Museum to take part in a special evacuee day, learning about what life was like for children during the Second World War. Through a range of hands-on activities and historical experiences, pupils were able to deepen their understanding of this important period in history. A particular highlight for many was the opportunity to sit inside a real air-raid shelter used during the war, which brought their learning vividly to life. The children represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.

Spring 2 Big Breakfast Bash!

Our next **'Big Breakfast Bash'** at Wrap Club will take place on Friday 20th March from 7:30-8:45am.

Karl, our playworker, will once again be organising exciting games and activities for all ages, along with an extra-special breakfast to start the day! The previous sessions have been a great success and have been really enjoyed by the children.

These sessions are always popular, so please book your places early. If your child has never attended Wrap before, this is a great opportunity to give it a try. We welcome children from Reception through to Year 6, and it's always a fun, friendly way to start the school day.

You can book through Scopay, or speak to the school office if you would like any further information.

We hope to see lots of children there!

SEND Information Parent Survey Results



Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey about the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) section of our school website. We really appreciate you taking the time to share your views. Your feedback is helping us improve how we communicate and support families.

What You Told Us

- Some parents have used the SEND section, but many were aware of it and hadn't yet explored it.
- Those who have used it generally found the information helpful, but sometimes a little confusing.
- Parents would like:
 - Clearer, simpler language (less jargon)
 - Clearer contact details
 - More information about outside services
 - Information that is easier to find

Many parents said they prefer information presented in:

- Short summary bullet points
- Clear written explanations
- Visual supports such as diagrams or flowcharts

You also told us that a mixture of communication methods works best — including website updates and email summaries.

What We're Doing Next

We are now reviewing and redesigning the SEND section of our website to make it:

- Easier to navigate
- Written in clearer, more parent-friendly language
- Better organised with clear pathways and contact information
- More practical and supportive

We are also looking at how we can share key SEND information through email updates and parent sessions, as well as the website.

Working Together

Strong communication between home and school is incredibly important to us. Your feedback helps us make meaningful improvements, and we are grateful for your partnership.

If you have further suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

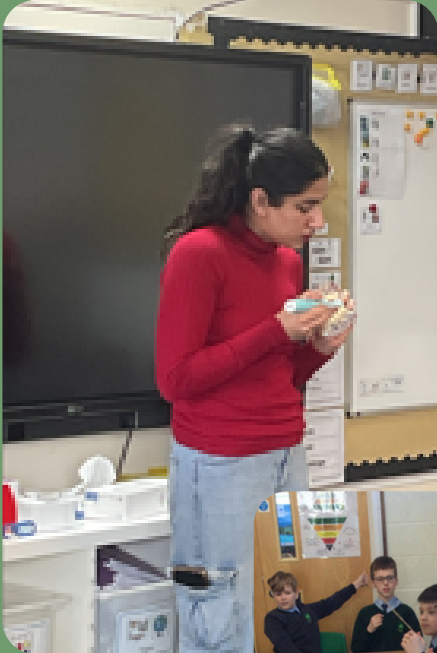
Thank you again for your continued support.



British Science Week

British Science Week has brought a real sense of curiosity and excitement to classrooms. In Year 6, Nathan from FESTA spoke to pupils about hydraulics and compressed air, helping them see how these principles are used in modern technology and engineering. Year 2 welcomed a visiting dentist and enjoyed learning practical ways to care for their teeth. In Year 5, children explored scale, from the microscopic to the vastness of the universe, and were fascinated by where they fit within it. Families can explore this further at home using the interactive scale website: <https://scaleofuniverse.com/en-gb>.

Year 4 were inspired by Mrs Pattison, who spoke about her work in STEM with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, including how habitats are protected and even how rivers are created and restored. These experiences have helped children see how science connects to everyday life and to future careers. Thank you also to the parent volunteers who generously gave their time to share their expertise and enthusiasm with our pupils.





Year 3 Reading Cafe

Thank you to the parents, carers and family members who joined us for the Year 3 Reading Cafe on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you sharing a range of books with your children and designing bookmarks together.

We talked about the importance of continuing to read with Year 3 children, even as they become more confident readers. Reading together at bedtime is a lovely way to encourage the reading for pleasure that is so important.

A big thank you to our Year 6 prefects who helped to support the event.

Our final Reading Cafe of the year will be for **EYFS families on Tuesday 24th March at 9:00am** in the school hall. We would love to see as many families as possible joining us to share a story together. Light refreshments will be provided.

Parents' Evening This Week



It has been lovely to welcome so many families into school for Parents' Evening this week. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to talk together about how children are getting on, celebrate progress and agree next steps. A number of appointments are still available, so **if you have not yet booked, please make sure you do so in time for next Wednesday's sessions.** Working in close partnership with you helps us support every child as effectively as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Attendance 02.03.26 - 13.03.26



Apple - 95.83%



Cedar - 98.33%



Hawthorn - 93.87%



Pine - 98.28%



Apricot - 92%



Cherry - 91%



Hazel - 95.17%



Poplar - 95.17%



Beech - 95.17%



Elder - 95.5%



Larch - 97%



Birch - 96.67%



Elm - 95.33%



Lime - 92.67%



Well Done
Cedar Class!

House Points



11453



10344



10823



8691

Mentions Week 1

Apple - Daisy
 Apricot - Nayab
 Beech - Maiya
 Birch - Theo
 Cedar - Oscar & Dexter
 Cherry - Walter
 Elder - Riley
 Elm - Alyza
 Hawthorn - Amber
 Hazel - Kaleb
 Larch - Isobel
 Lime - Jenson
 Pine - Ben
 Poplar - Ted

Mentions Week 2

Apple - Annabella
 Apricot - Raya
 Beech - Isaac
 Birch - Eleanor
 Cedar - Millie
 Cherry - Eden
 Elder - Luna
 Elm - Josiah
 Hawthorn - Lincoln
 Hazel - Oliver
 Larch - Diyala
 Lime - Caleb
 Pine - Casper
 Poplar - Sophia