



Dear Parents and Carers,

The World has been shocked by the war in Ukraine over the past week. War is always abhorrent and wrecks lives – it is the ordinary people of Ukraine who have been caught in this war who are suffering. Children and parents have come to me this week to see what we can do to help and, in line with our school values, we can show we care. I think the best way to help is to give to recognised charities who can mobilise the support people need, where it is most needed. We will also have a non-uniform day next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March; children may wish to wear blue and yellow, the colours of the Ukrainian flag. I also invite you to make contributions directly to the Disaster Emergency Committee, who bring together 15 leading charities to organise a united response to humanitarian disasters. You don't have to wait until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, of course. You can give directly [here](https://www.demec.org.uk)

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March (next Monday) we will be having our World Book Day celebrations. We have delayed so that Year 6 can join in. Please come to school dressed up as your favourite book character to celebrate the wonders of book and reading!

With thanks for your continuing support,

Mr R Stead

## Diary Dates

### Forest School

#### Wednesdays

9th March Class R  
16th March Pre-school  
23rd March Class 6  
30th March Class 5

### Monday 7th March

#### Milverton's Book Day

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character

### Parents' Evenings

Thursday 10th March  
5pm to 7.30pm

### Friday 11th March

Non-uniform day (Ukraine colours, if you can)

### Wednesday 16th March

3.40pm to 6pm  
Bookings are live, please book through Parentmail.

### Friday 18th March

Red Nose Day  
Wear something red!  
Please donate directly to charity.

### Thursday 31st March

Class 3 Multi-skills  
Festival at Kingsmead



We thought you would like to see all our lovely wall displays that we have up in school at the moment, showcasing our wonderful students' work.





## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>Florence W</b> for settling in so well. <b>Oliver PQ</b> for achieving her 10 miles.
<b>Class R</b>	<b>Noah</b> for outstanding effort in his phonics, especially with writing this week. What a superstar!
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Harper</b> for her amazing effort in everything she does. This week she particularly shone in forest school where she listened carefully and asked some fantastic questions.
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>India</b> for her engagement and enthusiasm in her lessons this week.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Owen</b> for his beautiful descriptions and imaginative metaphors in his poems about a river and the sea.
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Mason</b> for settling in so well.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Pixie</b> for her brilliant effort, enthusiasm and resilience with her sewing this week as part of our Make Do and Mend project. Well done!
<b>Class 6</b>	The <b>whole of Class 6</b> for having such a great week! <b>Charlie</b> for being such a good buddy to the younger years during break and lunch times.



Year 2's enrichment session this week was on the apparatus in gymnastics. The children got to play jungle gym whilst they familiarised themselves with all the equipment. They showed off their hanging, climbing, balancing and swinging skills. We then looked at making the 5 gym shapes on, under and through the apparatus. Then moved on to creating a bridge or gap for our partner to travel under or through. Great ideas and confidence were shown. The wristband went to Amelia as she took to every challenge and showed loads of her ideas to the class.

*Miss Storey*



This week a band of intrepid explorers headed out into the rain to find out what gems Forest School had to offer. We were not disappointed. We learnt about budding trees and enjoyed going on a bud hunt and putting our names on branches that we thought were about to burst into bloom (we also demonstrated how much we like to stick together as a class as you can see by our label distribution!) We went wild - quite literally - with our own time and made nests, played hide and seek and some of the children even put on a show on the Forest School stage. It wouldn't be a morning of outdoor learning with-



out mouth-watering marshmallows and tummy-warming hot chocolates. A big thanks to Mr Wedderkopp as ever for his fantastic knowledge sharing and fun.

*Mrs Atterton*



To finish their Art Unit of work on portraits, drawing with mixed media and Frida Kahlo, the children were tasked with creating a portrait of The Duke of Wellington in the style of Frida Kahlo. First, they used pencil to sketch the portrait and add pictures linked to his life. They then had to select drawing mediums to add colour and detail. I think they did a brilliant job.

*Mrs McDonagh*



On Thursday 3rd March Class 5 went to Kingsmead for a sports festival. Sadly, we could not go outside because it was raining so we had to go inside for our sports festival. The first game we played was called the garden game. You had to pick up the equipment and then throw the different pieces to the opposite side. The aim was to have the least equipment in your court and if you did then you won the game. The second game we played you had a tennis ball and you had to line up in a line. With your ball you had to pass it to the person behind you and when it got to the end the person at the end had to run to the front of the line and redo the activity until you had done it seven times as the biggest group had seven people. We had challenges to pass it in different ways. The third game we played was bench ball but you used beanbags instead of a dodgeball and if the beanbag hit the ground you had to give it to the opposition. The fourth and final game we played was another game of benchball with bigger balls and you could not pass the half way line of the court. After we finished with stretches because we had done lots of exercise and needed to stretch our muscles. We had a really fun time!



*by Reuben and Harmonie*

This week, Class 5 have been learning about Make Do and Mend. We had already learnt about food rationing but we now know that the textiles, materials and goods, like petrol, were also rationed during WW2. Rationing of materials began 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1941. This is because the supplies were limited as lots of uniforms had to be made and also because the transportation of supplies and importing of materials from other countries was made difficult. We learned that people had to make do with the things that they had rather than buying new and then had to re-use and repair old items. For our make do and mend project, we had to use an old t-shirt. We read our design brief and understood what features it should include and then started to do some market research to see the designs of drawstring bags which we are going to make. We then designed our bags by choosing different features from the research models and made sure our designs had accurate measurements. We chose our handmade bags to have drawstrings on both sides so that we could tighten our bags. First, we used a sewing machine to sew across the top of our t-shirt. This is the bottom of our bag. Then we learnt and practised lots of different stitches. The stitches we learnt were: running stitch, back stitch, double running stitch, chain stitch and cross stitch. We used these different stitches to create a pattern on the pocket of our bag. The pocket was made of felt and we could choose the size and design. Finally, Miss Brown showed us a variation of blanket stitch and we sewed our pockets onto the front of our bags. Our next job will be to measure the length of our bags and do some maths calculations to work out how much cord we need for our drawstrings. We will then thread the cord through the seam of our t-shirts, which is the top of our bags, and then we have a finished bag. Look out in the next Friday Flyer for our finished bag. We found it really exciting!



*by Maia, Pixie and Lettie*

Your School Lottery are giving another special prize to shout about. On April 23rd, one lucky player will win a £500 Bike Voucher, just in time for the warmer weather. All current ticket holders will be automatically entered into this special draw, there's no need to buy separate tickets to win this prize.

**WIN A**  
**£500**  
**BIKE**  
**VOUCHER**

**A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!**