



Newsletter: 13th March 2026

Awards:

	Pupil of the Week	Book Worm	Behaviour Champion
Preschool	Lydia	Lenny	-
Reception	Alfie	Finley	-
Year 1	Ella	Elias	-
Year 2	Kane	Edyth	-
Year 3	Elsie	Freddie	-
Year 4	Hollie	Jeron	-
Year 5	Alfie	Albie	-
Year 6	Ben	Harper	-

British Science Week 2026

This week we have been celebrating all things Science during British Science Week. All year groups have completed a Science session each day, focussing on the theme of Curiosity. Here are just a few of the fabulous activities which have been happening across the school this week:

Reception enjoyed making their own 'Hungry Caterpillars' during forest school this week. The children used different natural resources to create the different body parts. Mud was a popular choice as always!



Year 1 have been experimenting with flowers, to see if they can change the colour of petals using food colouring. This was a great demonstration of how a plant is able to 'feed' itself.



Year 2 were looking at what makes a paper aeroplane fly. They investigated materials and properties and manipulated paper to create their own aeroplane. Walking into the classroom with nearly 30 'planes' in the air was very exciting!



Year 3 joined a live lesson from the National Farming Union (NFU) and asked lots of questions about how food is produced. They even learnt about the importance of cow's poo (a real highlight for the children I am sure!). They also made paper chains to see who could make the longest using one piece of paper and also made paper aeroplanes. They tested the aerodynamics by using different ways to fold their paper to see if this made a difference to the aerodynamics of their flight!



Year 4 have been grouping invertebrates according to their characteristics. They then designed their own invertebrate using the key characteristics they had learnt about. Miss Ryding then used AI to make these models 'come to life'. The children will hopefully then complete a written activity where they can describe their invertebrate in more detail.

Year 5 took part in a live lesson with the astronaut Tim Peake. They looked at what they needed to do to become an astronaut to work on The International Space Station. They learnt about hydration and nutrition as part of their learning. They also experimented with different folding techniques to make paper aeroplanes to test air resistance.



Year 6 have become detectives this week. They have investigated how their fingerprints are all different by looking at the characteristics of these. They are going to use their knowledge to crime bust and write their own criminal report.



Science week in Preschool

Preschool have enjoyed science week with lots of lovely activities. Mixing blue and yellow coloured water to make green, using warm water and blueberries to make blueberry porridge, finding out how whisks work to make bubble snow, making our own popcorn for snack time and changing the fragrance of our playdough with herbs. It has been so much fun!

Mrs H Ranford



A fantastic week of fun for the children. Many thanks to all the staff for their hard work, to bring Science to the forefront this week. Science is all around us, and the learning has provided the children with a greater awareness of just how important to their every day lives Science is!

Mrs S Nash (Science Lead)

We are excited to announce that this year's **Easter Eggstravaganza** will be taking place on a spectacular **circus theme!** We can't wait to see the creativity, imagination and brilliant ideas that our children will bring to life this Easter.

This year, pupils are invited to take part in **three exciting competitions:**

1. Design and Make an Easter Circus

Children can create their very own circus scene with an Easter twist.

Judging criteria will include:

- Name of the scene
- Overall design
- Circus features included



Wednesday
25th
March

2. Decorate an Egg

Children may design and decorate an egg in any circus-themed style they wish. Please ensure the egg is either hard-boiled or blown before decorating.

Entries will be judged on:

- Detail
- Decoration
- Design



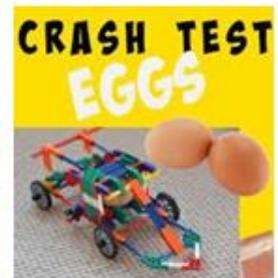
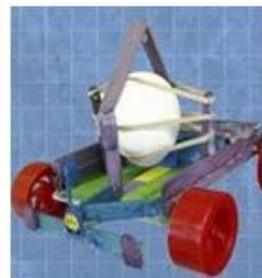
3. Easter Stunt Car Challenge

Children are invited to design and construct an Easter stunt car that can:

- Jump through a ring of fire (made from brightly coloured tissue paper)
- Land on a target
- Keep their driver (a hard-boiled egg) safely intact!

Judging will be based on:

- Pun (creative, humorous name or theme)
- Speed
- Strength
- Driver safety



We are really looking forward to seeing the imaginative circus creations the children come up with. Thank you for your support in helping make this year's Easter Eggstravaganza the best one yet!

See letter for further details

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

PRIZES TO BE WON

DECORATE AN EGG

EASTER STUNT CAR CHALLENGE

DESIGN AND MAKE AN EASTER CIRCUS

TAKE YOURSELF
FUNNY
FOR MONEY!

COMIC RELIEF
RED NOSE DAY
FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Red Nose Day:

Friday 20th March

Our theme for Red Nose Day this year is 'Share a smile; Tell a joke'. Children are invited to **wear something red** and to prepare a joke to tell their classmates.

£1 for Comic Relief.



The Easter 2026 HAF programme will run from **Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April**. Bookings will go live from **Wednesday 11 March**.

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a Department for Education-funded scheme that provides free holiday clubs, including healthy meals and enriching activities, for children from families on benefits-related free school meals.

Who is eligible?

If your child is school aged 5 to 16 (reception to Year 11) and eligible for benefit related free school meals, they'll be able to attend our different activities. If you are not sure, please contact your child's school to check or visit the [Herefordshire Council free school meals webpage](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals).

What is on offer?

You can book up to 4 activity sessions per child over the Easter holidays. It's the perfect opportunity to try a selection of new activities, such as dance, crafts, martial arts and more!



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit the link below.

www.talkcommunity.co.uk/holidayactivities

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TALK COMMUNITY

NHS
Children and Adolescent
Mental Health Services
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS
Parents online Workshop

Helping your child cope with the stress of exams and tests.

Who is it for:
Parents who want to learn more about
Tips on how to support your child.
How to plan for exams and manage the associated stress and anxiety.

Run by the NHS's Wellbeing and Emotional Support in schools team. (WEST)

On the 26th of March, Online, on Teams:
From 12pm to 1pm

Join on Teams
Meeting ID:
351 821 756 529 4
Passcode: dk92dc7j

www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west

Provided by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

Dates for your diary:

March	
17 th	Invacuation Practice – whole school
18 th -20 th	Red Ridge Residential – Year 6
20 th	Red Nose Day – Whole School (P-6) Dress up in 'Red to Toe'
23 rd	West Midlands Safari Park visit – Year 2
25 th	Easter Eggstravaganza – Design a circus, design a stunt car, decorate an egg
26 th	iRock Assembly – invited parents only
27 th	Easter Church Service – parents to collect from Church at 2.45pm
27 th	End of Spring Term
April	
13 th	Summer Term 1 begins
30 th	Bingo
May	
1 st	TED (Inset Day) – school closed
5 th	Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers
11 th 14 th	SATS Week – Year 6
22 nd	End of Summer Term 1
25 th -29 th	Half Term
June	
1 st	Summer Term 2 begins
8 th -12 th	Expressive Arts week
July	
1 st – 3 rd	Year 6 Transition Days at QE High School

Attendance:

Attendance this week is:

94.7%

A reminder that if your child is well enough to attend school, please send them as it is vital they attend school as regularly as possible. If your child has been off school with a sickness bug, they need to be 48 hours clear before they return.

Absences must be reported daily either via message through the MCAS app, emailing gunwin@st-peters.hereford.sch.uk or calling the school on 01885 483237.

Highest Class attendance this week goes to:

YEAR 2

Breakfast Club and After School Provision:

Please could we you remind you that ALL breakfast club and after school provision sessions must be booked and paid for prior to the day it is required. This is to make sure that there is the correct staff to pupil ratios in place. Thank you

Breakfast Club:

7:30am - 8:45am £3.50 per child
 Breakfast served from
 7.30am-8.15am

After School Club:

3:30pm - 4:30pm £5.00 per child
 4:30pm - 5:30pm £2.00 per child
 5:30pm - 6.00pm £1.00 per child



When children come in to school dressed in their PE kit it allows for more time to be used for physical activity rather than time taken up changing.



Monday	Year 6 bring kit to school to change
	Year 5 bring kit to school to change
	Year 3 wear kit to school
Tuesday	Year 2 wear kit to school
Wednesday	Reception wear kit to school
Thursday	Year 1 wear kit to school
Friday	Year 4 wear kit to school

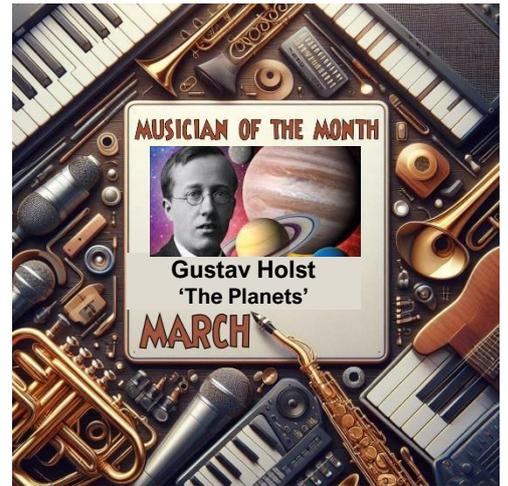


Year 3 – Monday

Please come to school dressed in your Forest School clothes, with your outdoor boots or wellies in a carrier bag
School uniform MUST be brought in to change in to after the lesson.

Reception - Monday

Please come to school dressed in your Forest School clothes, with your outdoor boots or wellies in a carrier bag. If you have an all in one suit, please bring it in. School have waterproof trousers and jackets for all children.



Jeron (Y4) Phoebe (Y6)

Liam (Y2) Darcy (Y2)

Hubert (Y5) Derry (Y4)

After School Clubs:

Day	Activity	Time
Monday	Comp	3.15pm-4.15pm
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Tuesday	Creativ 4 (not 10)	3.15pm-4.15pm
Wednesday	D 4 (n	3.15pm-4.15pm
Wednesday	f (r	3.15pm-4.30pm
Thursday	Pla	3.15pm-4.15pm
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Friday	(not 27 th March)	3.15pm-4.15pm

PLEASE NOTE:
Science club
 Monday 16th March
 cancelled
 Mrs Nash is not in school
Art club
 Wednesday 18th March
 cancelled
 Mrs Rocca is at Red Ridge
Drama club
 Thursday 19th March
 cancelled
 Miss Chambers is at Red Ridge
Football
 Thursday 19th March
 cancelled
 Mr Hollywell is at Red Ridge



TOTS TIME WITH COSI IN THE COMMUNITY

We are excited to collaborate with The Hands Hub to bring you a CoSi in the Community with Tots Time Event:

SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD IN THE EARLY YEARS TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

CoSi is Communication and Social Interaction support for Autistic children in the Early Years. Tots Time is a relaxed Stay and Play session Led by the Hands Hub, every Tuesday morning.

The CoSi team would like to invite you to a short session to support you with transitioning your child to primary school. Many parents often have lots of questions about transition and there are lots of ways that we can support a smooth transition into reception.

Feel free to attend with or without your child.

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2026, 10AM-NOON

WHERE:
HANDS HUB,
SUITE 4 BERROWS BUSINESS CENTRE, HR1 2HE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
AMBER- 07792880765 OR
FOLLOW THE HANDS HUB ON FACEBOOK.

Herefordshire Council | Dingley's Promise

General Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Invacuation Practice

At St. Peter's Primary School, the safety and well-being of our pupils is top priority.

To ensure that we are prepared for any emergency situation, we will be conducting an invacuation drill on Tuesday 17th March in the morning (next week).

An invacuation drill is a practice exercise that helps pupils and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency that requires us to secure the school building, such as the air ambulance needing to land on the school field. Just as we practice fire drills to prepare for a fire, we practice invacuation drills to be prepared for other types of emergencies. This is an annual drill.

During the drill, teachers will follow established safety procedures to secure their classrooms, and pupils will be instructed on how to remain quiet and follow directions. The drill will be conducted in an age-appropriate manner, with staff explaining the procedures to pupils in a calm and reassuring way in assembly on Monday 16th March.

In the event of a real invacuation event, we will notify you as soon as practicable via MCAS and Facebook. To ensure everyone's safety, we ask that, in the event of a real invacuation, parents and carers refrain from coming onto site; this may hinder any emergency services action that needs to take place. We will not release students during a lockdown and we would ask that parents and carers not to ring school as this could tie up emergency lines.

We understand that the idea of an invacuation drill can be concerning for some parents and pupils. Please be assured that these drills are an important part of our safety protocol and are designed to help everyone know what to do to stay safe in an emergency. If you have any questions or concerns about the invacuation drill, please feel free to contact the school office. We are committed to keeping our school a safe and secure environment for all our pupils. Thank you for your support and understanding.

