

# TG's Spring 2 Newsletter



## Dates:

**28.04.25** - Back to school.

## May

**05.05.25** - Bank Holiday

**08.05.25** - Home Learning sent home

**12.05.25** - SATs Week 12th-15th

**13.05.25** - Class 1 & Year 5 @ Forest School

**14.05.25** Class 1 & Year 5 @ Forest School

**16.05.25** - Year 6 SAT's Party

**21.05.25** - Class 1 & 2 Warwick Castle Trip

**22.05.25** - PTA AGM

**23.05.25** - Last Day of Term

## Half Term

**02.06.25** - Inset Day

**03.06.25** - Back to School

**06.06.25** - Disco Night

**12.06.25** - Home learning sent out

## Message from Mrs Yorke

It's amazing to reflect on the fact that we've now reached the end of the spring term and are already two-thirds of the way through the academic year. Once again, it's a wonderful opportunity to pause and appreciate the enriching experiences that continue to shape our school community.

One of this term's standout moments was our whole-school STEM Kapla Workshop Day. Every child was fully involved, contributing to the final build by using vital skills like spatial awareness, manual dexterity, imagination, and teamwork. It was a joy to witness such calm, focused engagement and real resilience when structures toppled – only to be rebuilt with even more determination! The 'wow' from visiting parents captured the spirit of the day perfectly.

Continuing our STEM focus, pupils took part in British Science Week, designing and building their very own moving vehicles (bogeys). Eight pupils then proudly represented our school at the celebratory event at Long Marston – and one even won first prize for the best-themed train!

We also came together to celebrate World Book Day, where creativity was in full swing with some incredible 'Story in a Jar' entries. Many children also took part in our school book swap, sharing stories and the joy of reading with one another.

## Collective Worship;

Our Collective Worship focus this half term has been Justice. Through a range of stories and discussions, we've explored what fairness means and how we can treat ourselves and others with equity. Some of the stories we've reflected on include:

- The Prodigal Son
- Justice for all: Celebrating Women's History Month
- Peace Babies
- Equity and Equality
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We began our Easter reflections with the story of Lent, led wonderfully by our newly trained pupil assembly team. As we now prepare for the Easter celebration, classes are looking forward to marking this special time through poetry, prayer, and hymns. It's a beautiful moment to come together in joy and reflection, living out our school values of collaboration, inspiration, nurture, and respect.

Wishing all of our families a peaceful and happy Easter break.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Dillon

Class 2 - Bohdi

Class 3 - Thoren

Class 4 - Max

**Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 96.7%, our target for all pupils is 97% Keep up the great work!**

# Class 1 & 2



This spring term, Class 1 has been busy exploring our exciting topic, \*BLOOM\*. We began with the traditional tale \*Jack and the Beanstalk\*, which inspired us to plant our own beans and learn about what plants need to grow. In science, we carried out experiments with beans, investigating how water, light, and temperature affect growth. Our learning then blossomed into exploring farming, food, and animal lifecycles. A highlight for many children was \*The Very Hungry Caterpillar\*, which we brought to life through role play and story mapping. As Easter approached, we learned all about why Easter is celebrated and enjoyed hearing the story of Jesus dying on the cross and rising again on Easter Sunday. The term ended with lots of Easter fun, including egg hunts, creative crafts and performing in church at our Easter Service. — a joyful and busy term for everyone!



This half term in Class 2, we've had loads of fun exploring all kinds of exciting topics! We've been writing weird and wonderful food poems that made us laugh and think, learning all about humanism and what humanist beliefs are, and diving into the world of animals—discovering different types of vertebrates and finding out what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores like to eat. It's been a brilliant mix of creativity, curiosity and discovery!

**Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores**

**What are herbivores?**  
Herbivores do not eat other animals and eat plants.

**What are carnivores?**  
Carnivores eat other animals but not plants.

**What are omnivores?**  
Omnivores eat meat and plants.

**What similarities are there between them?**  
Carnivores eat meat and omnivores eat meat.

**What differences are there between them?**  
Herbivores eat plants, carnivores eat meat and omnivores eat meat and plants.

**Did You Know...?**  
Did you know that an Squid is a carnivore?

**Carnivore**  
Jaguar, Goat

**Herbivore**  
Fruit, Leaves

**Omnivore**  
Cow, Grass, Spider

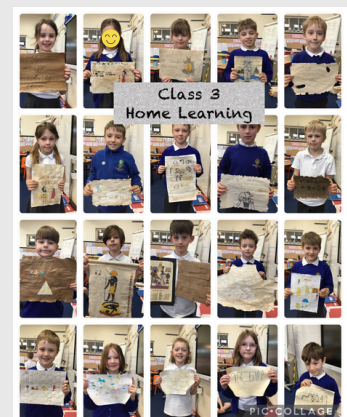
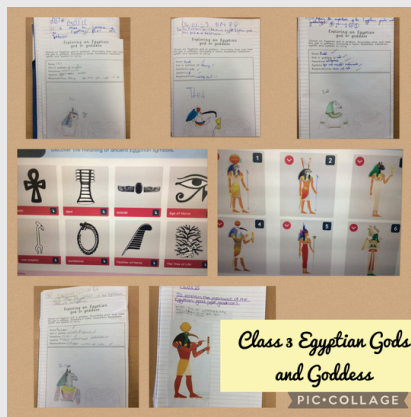
**This week in Class 2 we have been learning about Humanism and what it means to identify as a Humanist.**

**Class 2's weird and wonderful food poems**

# Class 3 & 4



This half-term, Class 3 have continued to impress with their enthusiasm and creativity across all subjects. In English, we explored the beginnings of stories, practising how to introduce characters and settings, and wrote our own inspired openings based on 'Varjak Paw' and 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. In maths, we completed our work on multiplication and division and have now begun learning about length and perimeter. Our history topic on Ancient Egypt has sparked real inspiration, as we discovered when and where the Egyptians lived, their beliefs, mummification, pyramids, and the Book of the Dead. I was especially proud of the effort and creativity shown in the children's home learning, with their beautifully made Egyptian scrolls. In science, we explored forces, friction, magnets, and magnetic materials, working together with great collaboration during investigations. Our RE lessons encouraged respect and open-minded thinking as we looked at worldviews about God in Christianity, Sikhism, Islam, and Hinduism, comparing similarities and differences. In French, we learned to describe the seasons. Finally, music took us to Japan, where we explored the Hanami Festival and created sounds to represent cherry blossom trees.



This term, our topic has been The Greeks, and Class 4 have absolutely loved exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Greece – from its rich culture and influential philosophers to the day-to-day lives of its people. We've been comparing their society to ours today, sparking some brilliant discussions and insights.

In English, we've been diving into the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. As we've written each part of the story, we've also brought it to life through drama. The children have thrown themselves into their roles – Michael was a commanding King Minos, Zach played a brave and noble Theseus, and Emily made a wonderfully cunning Ariadne! Acting out the story has really deepened their understanding and inspired some fantastic creative writing. I've been blown away by their imaginative use of language – we definitely have some budding authors in the making!

In Maths, the class have shown great focus and determination as we tackled decimals, fractions, and percentages. They grasped these tricky concepts brilliantly! We've now moved on to algebra, and the children have approached it with curiosity and perseverance. Using 'mystery cups' filled with hidden counters helped us understand how letters can represent unknown numbers – and made the learning really fun.

It's been an absolute joy teaching Class 4 this half-term. I'm so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm, and I wish them all the best for the summer term!



# Sporting Updates from Mrs Campbell.

**This half term has yet again been a busy one with All Stars Cricket, National cross-country, Lots of and girls & boys football matches & tournaments!**

## National Cross Country Championships:

On Saturday 22nd March Hudson represented Temple Grafton in the Year 4 National Primary School Cross Country Championships in Kenilworth. The year 4 runners had to run 1600m. Hudson did amazing and finished 71st in just under 7 minutes. It was a very competitive field of runners. Well done Hudson we are all very proud of you!



## Let Girls Play Football Skills Event

On Friday 7th March, some girls from Year 3,4,5,6 were invited to take part in the National Biggest Girls Football Event at Stratford Town FC. The aim of the event was to get as many girls as possible throughout the country playing football on the same day! The girls had a great morning learning new skills, working with pupils from other schools and playing mini matches. Well done to all the girls for taking part (Sophie R, Violet, Lexi, Harriette, Evie B, Lola, Emily H, Jess, Leyla, Emilia).

## Year 5/6 boys football tournament.

On Wednesday after school the year 5/6 boys football team played in a football tournament at St Studley St Mary's Academy. 10 schools took part. The teams were organised in to 2 groups of 5. The boys played really well, showcasing some super passing and runs with the ball. Zach and Ben shared the GK duties and both made some fantastic saves. Despite not winning a game the boys had fun and enjoyed the experience. They were fantastic role models and Mrs Campbell was proud of them all. Game 1 player of the match Henry, Game 2 Tom, Game 3 Ben, Game 4 the whole team. Thank you to parents and siblings for supporting the team on the night. Team: Henry, Ben, Abel, Oscar, Tom, Zach, Ethan.

## Year 3/4 boys football match.

At the start of this half term the year 3/4 boys played their first friendly fixture against Claverdon Primary School. We made a dominant start scoring 2 goals early on in the match. Both teams had plenty of chances and both keepers made great saves. The match was very even and finished 4-4. Well done to the team and thank you to parents for your wonderful support. Team: Nate, Tom, Oliver C, Cobie, Elijah, Hudson Alfred, Ethan.



## Just Play Girls Friendly Football Tournament

On Tuesday after school the Year 6 girls football team played in a friendly Just Play girls football tournament at Alcester Town FC. The girls made a great start winning their warm up match v St Nick's Dynamos 1-0. With Jess scoring a great goal. The girls then went on to draw 0-0 against Bidford and St Nick's Harriers, with Leyla making some fantastic saves. The next match was against a strong Studley St Mary's team who had some experienced players. The girls defended well and made a couple of good chances but unfortunately went on to lose the match. The final game was against St Nick's Dynamos, we played with confidence and passed the ball well. Sienna -Rose and Emily H scored two fantastic goals. A team effort where everyone contributed to the 2-0 win. Well done Team TG (Emily H, Sienna, Jess, Robyn, Leyla, Charlotte, Lola, Esmee). Thank you to parents and siblings for transporting and supporting the girls.



## Enrichment Sport

### All Stars and Dynamos Cricket:

On Thursday 3rd April Josh from Warwickshire Cricket came in to school and gave our pupils a taster session for All Stars and Dynamos cricket. The children had a fantastic day and had lots of fun. The children went home with information on how to sign up for the All Stars and Dynamos programmes which are taking place at various cricket clubs throughout the summer.



### Mini Marathon Challenge:

This week all classes have started the London Marathon mini marathon challenge. This will continue the first week back after the Easter Holidays. Pupils are challenged to complete 2.6 miles by walking or jogging 29 laps of the daily mile route. The pupils can complete this in part of their PE lesson, at break, lunchtime or as part of the daily mile. All laps need to be recorded by Friday 2nd May. A big well done to Nate and Tom E who completed all 29 laps in one go during their PE lesson on Wednesday! If 80% of pupils complete the challenge the school will receive a trophy! Last year 90% of pupils completed the challenge. Good luck TG!

### C4U Archery

On Tuesday 4th March, Primrose, Abel and Anise took part in an Archery Competition as St Nicholas Primary School. The morning consisted of the teams trying different target sports before the archery competition. The children tried boccia, frisbee golf, bowling and using the blaze pod and met Bug the therapy dog at St Nick's. The team did very well in the archery competition finishing 3rd with the bullseye being hit a couple of times. Well done Team TG!

### Onside Girls Football:

Rich from onside put on an introduction to football skills session for Key Stage 2 girls. The girls had great fun developing their football skills. The aim of the session was to develop a community link with Alcester Town Football Club and get girls playing outside of school. Girls Training at Alcester Town FC is on a Monday Evening.

### Winston Powell; Champion for Schools Sport

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Winston Powell an upcoming British Gymnast visited our school for a sponsored fitness event as part of the Sport for Champions Programme. The day started with Winston giving an assembly to the children, providing information about how he started, his biggest achievements and setbacks and he even gave a demonstration of some of his skills. The children then took part in a sponsored fitness circuit, with teachers and staff supporting their class and joining in with the challenges. It was a great morning with all children taking part and having fun. Each class got to have a class photo with Winston. Well done to all our families for your fundraising efforts, we achieved our target. A special mention to Isla in Class 1 who raised a massive £160!



### PE Value Awards

This terms PE Value Awards have been give to;

Class 1 - Atticus

Class 2 - Bohdi

Class 3 - Fern

Class 4 - Leyla

Sport Commitment Award - Hudson

# SCHOOL CLUB SCHEDULE - SUMMER 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30-4.30pm	Year 5/6 Netball (3 Sessions from 28.04.25)	Onside Football with Richard Year 3-6 (4 Weeks, starting 29.04.25)	Year 4 - 6 Athletics Club ( 4 Sessions from 30.04.25)	Class 1 & 2 Girls Football - Disney Shooting Stars (3 Sessions from 01.05.25) NO Club on 8 <sup>th</sup> May 25.	
3.30 - 4.40pm	B'Arty with Olivia Class 3 ( 3 weeks starting 28.04.25)				
3.30 - 5pm		S J Academy Drama - In Village Hall (Starting 29.04.25)	S J Cheerleading in Village Hall (Starting 30.04.25)		
5-6pm		S J Dance & Gymnastics In Village Hall			
Lunchtimes		Choir with Simon Kemp - In Class 4		TT Rock Stars Club with Mrs Brocklebank	Lego Club & Chess Club with Class 2 Junior Maths Homework Club - Class 4

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SJ Academy - [sjacademy@outlook.com](mailto:sjademy@outlook.com)

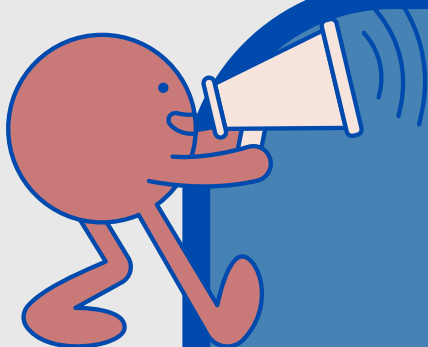
B'Arty - [richards8sn@btinternet.com](mailto:richards8sn@btinternet.com)

Onside Football - [ireland.r@onsidecoaching.co.uk](mailto:ireland.r@onsidecoaching.co.uk)

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# Dates for the Diary

## SPRING TWO



### MAY/JUNE 2025

**Monday 28th April - Back to School**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Home Learning sent home**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - SATs Week**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Class 1 and Year 5 at Forest School**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Class 1 and Year 5 at Forest School**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - SATs Party**

**Wednesday 21st - Class 1 and 2 Warwick Castle Trip**

**Thursday 22nd - PTA AGM**

*Summer Home Learning Due Back in*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Last day of Term**

**26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May Half Term**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Inset Day**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Back to School**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - School Disco**

**MAY HALF TERM**

**26<sup>TH</sup>- 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

# Year 6 Dates 2025

**12th - 15th May - SATs Week**

**Friday 16th May - SATs Party**

**Wednesday 18th June - Class Photos &  
Year 6 Fun Pictures**

**Friday 4th July - Sports Day PM**

**Wednesday 9th July - End of Year  
Reports**

**Friday 11th July - Final Celebration  
Assembly & Back up Sports Day.**

**Tuesday 15th July - KS2 Performance @  
7pm**

**Thursday 17th July - Leavers Assembly  
@ 9.05am**

Rounders, BBQ & Waterfight

**Friday 18th July - Leaver's Service -  
10am at St Andrew's Church**

**END OF TERM**

# PTA NEWS



## 📣 PTA News & Updates – Join Us for Our Next Meeting

We wanted to give you 30 days' notice that our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd May at 8:00pm at The Golden Cross, Arden Grafton.

During the meeting, we'll be reviewing the year gone by, including the finances, and holding elections for all PTA roles, including Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. Two of our current postholders have decided not to stand for re-election, so we are actively looking for new people to get involved and help shape the year ahead!

We'll be putting out more information and adverts for these roles soon, but if you're interested or would like to chat about what's involved, please feel free to contact the Chair at [ptatemplegrafton@gmail.com](mailto:ptatemplegrafton@gmail.com) – we'd love to hear from you!

🌱 Support Our Forest School & Science Garden!

If you'd like to make a donation to support our existing Forest School or the development of our brand-new Science Garden, you can do so here:

👉 [Donate on GoFundMe](#)

🎉 Save the Date: School Disco – 6th June

We're excited to announce a school disco will be taking place on the evening of Thursday 6th June – so please save the date! More details will follow soon.

🏆 Sports Day Social

After Sports Day, we'll be organising a family social with games and refreshments. It's a lovely chance for the whole school community to relax, chat, and celebrate together – we really hope you can join us!

Finally, from all of us at the PTA, we wish you a very Happy Easter – enjoy the break, and we look forward to an exciting summer term ahead!

Warm wishes,  
Temple Grafton PTA





# Support Outdoor Learning.

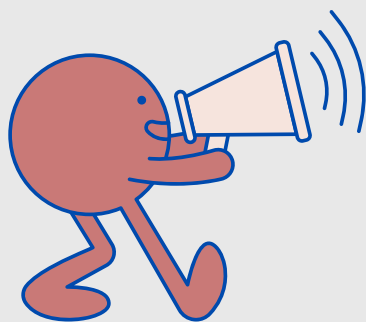
Help the PTA to raise funds for  
Forest School  
and a  
**NEW Science Garden**



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# Attendance Reminder

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school. When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

**The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.**

• **Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).**

o **First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.**

o **Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.**

• **Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.**

• **Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.**

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.**