

TG's Summer 1 Newsletter



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Summer Holidays

Message from Mrs Yorke

With just four weeks in this half term, Summer 1 has flown by – but what a rich and rewarding few weeks they've been. It's a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on the many memorable experiences that have shaped our school community.

Our amazing Year 6 pupils made us incredibly proud as they approached their SATs with calm determination and a brilliant attitude. They truly gave their best and showed great resilience throughout the week. In a lovely gesture of appreciation, they invited the whole school to their SATs celebration party, which was a joyful moment for all and a chance to thank the wider community for their support. Another highlight of the week was seeing Year 5 pupils paired with Reception children for their learning, which included visiting Forest School – showing real care, encouragement and setting a fantastic example ahead of their roles as Year 6 buddies.

We also marked VE Day linking with a national live assembly, with many of our children dressed in red, white and blue to mark the occasion. The day was filled with meaningful lessons that helped bring this important moment in history to life.

Collective Worship;

Our Collective Worship theme this half term has been Thankfulness. Through stories, discussion and reflection, pupils have explored what it means to be truly thankful – recognising the big and small blessings in our lives, showing appreciation for others, and understanding how gratitude can positively shape our attitudes, relationships and the way we face challenges.

Highlights have included:

- The story of Nehemiah; rebuilding with thankfulness.
- Appreciating the strengths and talents of others.
- Earth Day and thankfulness for the natural world
- The parable of the Lost Coin – giving thanks for what was lost and is now found
- A special session with Allan, our Lay Reader, on saying 'Grace' and everyday gratitude

We also marked Mental Health Awareness Week. This included time for classes to begin thinking about Mental Health Advocates – pupils who will work with Mr Boothroyd to champion wellbeing across the school. We are especially proud of a group of Year 5 children who have launched a wonderful lunchtime Calm Club to support others and promote positive mental health. It has been incredibly well attended and is already making a real difference.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support and partnership.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Class One

Class 2 - Iris F

Class 3 - Bobby

Class 4 - Oliver

Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 96.9%, our target for all pupils is 97% Keep up the great work!

Class 1 & 2



This term, our Reception class are going to be exploring the exciting themes of *Adventure* and *Making a Splash*! We will begin our journey by learning about different modes of transport and choosing how we would travel on our own adventures. We will then step back in time to explore magical tales of kings, queens, knights, and princesses. Our adventures will continue under the sea as we dive into the world of treasure islands, pirates, and sea creatures, before ending the term with sunny seaside adventures.

In *Understanding the World*, we are going to be investigating materials, exploring floating and sinking, and learning how to care for our oceans and our planet through recycling. We will also be comparing life in the UK with other countries and discovering more about sea creatures and their habitats.



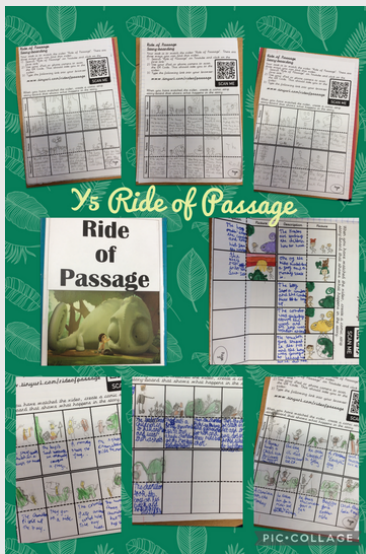
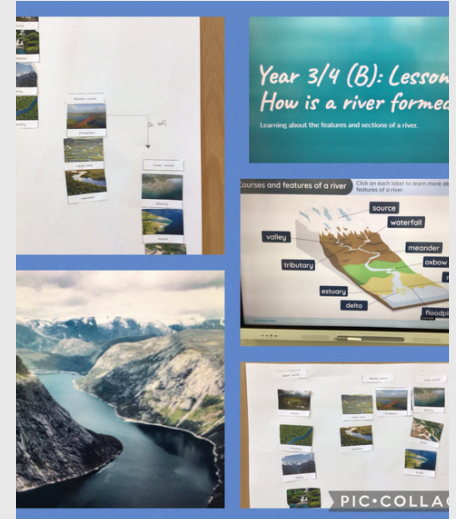
What a fantastic and fun-filled term it's been in Class 2! In Design and Technology, we've been exploring levers and linkages, getting hands-on with creating moving parts and understanding how simple machines work. Forest School brought this learning to life outdoors, where we built and tested our own creations in nature! Meanwhile, our budding calligraphers have been diving into Cantonese writing, practicing our names using brushes and paint – with impressive results! The children showed great focus and creativity as they learned the delicate strokes of Chinese characters. On the fitness front, we've been clocking up laps in preparation for cross country, with everyone showing determination and enthusiasm as they challenged themselves around the field. It's been wonderful to see the teamwork, resilience, and curiosity growing each day. We're so proud of all their achievements and can't wait for more exciting adventures next term!



Class 3 & 4



Class 3 have had a busy, brilliant half-term filled with inspiring learning and collaboration. In English, we explored *The River* by Valerie Bloom. In math's, we focused on fractions: learning about numerators, denominators, and comparing values. Our art and science topics linked beautifully as the functions of flowering plants and also used different textures to make pictures of flowers. In French, we practiced naming vegetables and expressing likes and dislikes. In geography, we learned about rivers and the water cycle. PE lessons helped us develop our throwing, catching, batting, and fielding skills to use whilst playing cricket. We used 2Logo in computing to create shapes and letters. RE focused on reconciliation and peaceful living. Finally, PSHE supported our understanding of relationships, showing respect and care for one another.



This short half term, while Year 6 have been focusing on their SATs preparation, Year 5 have been immersed in a variety of engaging and enriching learning activities. In English, they explored figurative language through the captivating short animation *Ride of Passage*, and used it as inspiration to craft their own imaginative stories filled with vivid, descriptive language. In Maths, the focus has been on geometry and the properties of shapes. The children learned to identify 3-D shapes from 2-D representations, estimate and compare different types of angles—including acute, obtuse, and reflex—and draw and measure angles accurately in degrees. They also explored angle relationships, including full turns (360°), half turns (180°), and other key angle facts, and used the properties of rectangles to find missing lengths and angles. Furthermore, they developed their reasoning skills to distinguish between regular and irregular polygons based on the equality of sides and angles. In Geography, the children used journey sticks and developed their map-reading skills, particularly with Ordnance Survey maps. In Science, they investigated how light travels in straight lines, helping them understand how we see objects and how shadows are formed. Our RE lessons explored the thought-provoking question, "What is truth and where might it be found?", prompting deep discussions and reflection. In Design and Technology, the children showcased their creativity and practical skills by designing and making waistcoats. This involved selecting suitable fabrics, using templates, pinning, decorating, and stitching to produce finished garments they were proud of.

Sporting Updates from Mrs Campbell.

Disney Shooting Stars: Girls Football Class 1/2.

Six girls from class 1 and 2 signed up to take part in the Disney Shooting Stars FA programme to develop story telling whilst learning football skills. They have been on an adventure with the incredibles and last week were trying to score penalties to save the day! incredibles 12 - Mrs Campbell (the Villain) 0. Yesterday the children received their Disney Shooting Stars reading book for completing the 3 weeks of girls football. The Incredibles are:; Hatty, Iris, Iris, Ava D, Christina, Maple.



Athletics Club:

Mrs Campbell has been so impressed with the year 4-6 athletics club. A great turn out on a Wednesday after school. The pupils have been developing their throwing technique, with the vortex howler (which mimics the javelin), they have had a go at the hurdles at different heights to challenge themselves, they have learnt sprint starts and sprinting techniques and enjoyed racing each other especially in the relays! Well done to everyone that's has taken part in the club.



Year 4 Orienteering event

PE Value Awards

This terms PE Value Awards have been give to;

Class 1 - Hatty

Class 2 - Maple

Class 3 - Jasmine

Class 4 - Abel

Sport Commitment Award - Finn -

On Wednesday, some class 3 children had a fantastic time at an orienteering event. In teams of four, they rotating through three engaging stations: orienteering word scramble, a variety of fun mini challenges, and a nature scavenger hunt.

The children who remained at school took part in an orienteering morning on the school field with Mrs Campbell and Mrs Houghton. The children worked in teams of four taking part in a fun orienteering challenge to create different faces and worked in pairs for the marker challenge, making sure the patterns were put in the correct order. Well doe to all the children for developing their team skills.



TCS mini marathon class 2-4.

The children were set the challenge of completing 2.6 miles this half term in their PE lessons. The effort the classes have put in to achieve this has been superb. Nate and Tom E completed the 2.6 miles in one PE lesson, closely followed by Harriette and Lexi. Class 2 completed the challenge working in small groups, recording each others laps. There are going to be some great runners in the future from class 2. Mrs Campbell and Miss Lovegrove had fun completing some laps with the children. The school will hopefully receive a trophy for taking part in this event with over 80% of the children completing the challenge. Well done to everyone involved.



Girls Football : Year 6 Let Girls Play

On Monday 9 year 6 girls took part in a Let Girls Play football festival at Alcester Town FC. 4 teams took park. The aim of the festival is to let the girls turn up and play with the emphasis being on enjoyment. The girls did extremely well playing on a pitch twice the size of our school field. 4 teams took part. The girls won 2 matches and lost 2 matches. Their confidence grew throughout the festival and they demonstrated some great passing and dribbling with the ball. A special mention to Sienna for playing in goal for the first time and for making some super saves. Well done to Emily, Jess, Charlotte, Lola, Siena-Rose, Esme. Emilia, Leyla and Robyn. Thanks also for the support from our wonderful parents.



SCHOOL CLUB SCHEDULE - SUMMER 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30-4.30pm		Onside Football with Richard Year 3-6 (Starting 3 rd June)	Year 4 - 6 Rounders/Crick et with Mrs Campbell Starting 4 th June - 9 th July	Year 1 & 2 Athletics with Mrs Campbell Starting 12 th June -10 th July	
3.40 - 4.40pm	B'Arty with Olivia - 5 Weeks Class 3 (starting 09.06.25)				
3.30 - 5pm		S J Academy Drama - In Village Hall (Starting 03.06.25)	S J Cheerleading in Village Hall (Starting 04.06.25)		
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

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B'Arty - richards8sn@btinternet.com

Onside Football - ireland.r@onsidecoaching.co.uk

Music Lessons with Simon -
smjkemp@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

SUMMER TWO



JUNE/JULY 2025

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LAST DAY OF TERM

Year 6 Dates *2025*

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

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10am at St Andrew's Church

END OF TERM

PTA NEWS



☀️ PTA News – Fresh Faces, Exciting Plans! ☀️

We had our PTA AGM last night and, as ever, it was a great opportunity to look back at all we've achieved and look ahead to what's to come. Thank you to everyone who joined us – your support makes a huge difference!

We're delighted to announce this year's dream team:

🌸 Chair – Claire Drake

🌸 Vice Chair – Kerry Spencer

🌸 Treasurer – Carrie-Anne Walker

🌸 Secretary – Denni Sullivan

With this fantastic crew at the helm, the PTA is in sturdy hands – and we're full steam ahead for a brilliant year!

📅 Upcoming Events:

🌐 6th June – School Disco: get your dancing shoes ready!

🏃♂️ 4th July – Sports Day: cheers, chats, and chilled refreshments

🎓 Leavers' Service – Helping give our Year 6s a proper send-off

🌱 Making a Difference

We're thrilled to be supporting the creation of a science garden (hello, future botanists!) and a shiny new greenhouse. We've also said yes to smaller but smile-inducing items like hula hoops, and we continue to fund the Forest School and the school's Accelerated Reader license – all things that enrich our children's learning and play.

Thank you for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you!

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term 🌈

– Your PTA 🍀



Class 1 & 2 Trip to Warwick Castle



Support Outdoor Learning.

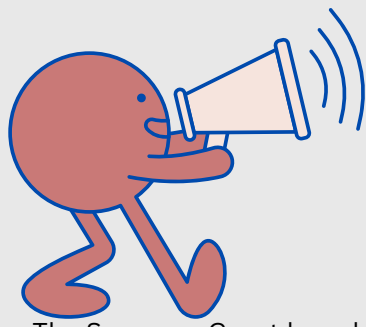
Help the PTA to raise funds for
Forest School
and a
NEW Science Garden



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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.