

TG's Spring 1 Newsletter



Dates:

24.02.25 - Back to school.

March

05.03.25 - Year 3/4 Football fixture Vs Claverdon (Away)

06.03.25 - World Book Day

12.03.25 - Sports Champion Sponsored Morning - 'Winston Powell'

13.03.25 - Rag2Riches Collection

Year 1 & Year 5 Fire Safety Talk.

14.03.25 - Talents Assembly

24.03.25 - KAPLA whole school workshop

April

08.04.25 - SATs Parent Information Evening

09.04.25 - Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament @ Studley St Mary's 4-6pm

10.04.25 - Easter Egg Hunt

11.04.25 - Easter Service @ St Andrews.

Last Day of Term

Message from Mrs Yorke

As we reach the end of this first half term of 2025, it is a joy to reflect on the rich learning and experiences that have shaped our school community.

Last week, we embraced Children's Mental Health Week, exploring this year's theme: Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. The children reflected on self-awareness and personal growth, thinking about how understanding themselves helps them build resilience. A particular highlight was welcoming back iSing POP, who led a Joy Seekers workshop, filling our school with uplifting music, actions, and inspirational prayers.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. These meetings are invaluable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, celebrating children's achievements, and setting goals for the term ahead.

On Tuesday, we took part in Safer Internet Day, discussing this year's theme: Too Good to Be True? The children explored how to spot online scams and misinformation, reinforcing the importance of staying safe and thinking critically about what they see online. We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home.

Collective Worship;

This half term, our Collective Worship focus has been Trust. Through stories and discussions, we explored what it means to be trustworthy and how we can build trust in our relationships. Some of the stories we reflected on included:

- The Boy Who Cried Wolf
- Betty Bunny Didn't Do It
- A Knight's Story
- The Indian Fable of the Three Fishes

We also marked National Storytelling Week, celebrated Chinese New Year, and welcomed Open the Book, who shared the story of The Wise Men's Visit.

Our Number Day celebrations showcased a fantastic range of math's learning across the school. The children enjoyed problem-solving in Forest School, using our orienteering course, and tackling practical challenges that made math's come to life.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Arthur

Class 2 - Maple

Class 3 - Ayesha

Class 4 - Heidi

Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 97.2%, our target for all pupils is 97% Keep up the great work!

Class 1 & 2



Class 1 celebrated Chinese New Year, welcoming the Year of the Snake. We created lanterns and snakes, and had the opportunity to taste a variety of Chinese food. We all enjoyed listening to the story of *The Great Race* and discovered which Chinese zodiac sign represents each of us.

Recently, we became explorers like Ernest Shackleton and took an imaginary journey to the South Pole. We learned all about the Polar Regions and their unique environments. In Science, we investigated how blubber helps animals stay warm in freezing temperatures.



Class 2 have had a brilliant time getting creative over the past few weeks! We've been busy mixing primary colours to discover how to make secondary colours—lots of messy fun and fantastic artwork! In English, we put on our thinking caps and wrote persuasive leaflets all about a wintry theme park. The children's imaginations ran wild with polar animals, exciting rides, and persuasive language galore! What a creative and colourful few weeks it's been!

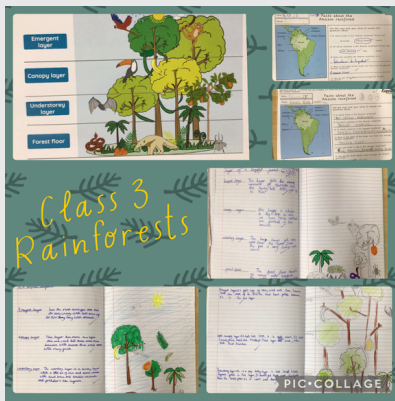


Class 3 & 4

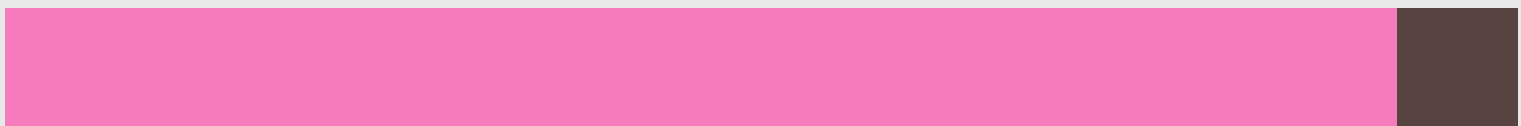


In English, we wrote diary entries from the perspective of Winter's Child and have now begun exploring Varjak Paw. Our maths lessons have focused on multiplication and division, strengthening our problem-solving skills.

In geography, we've delved into the wonders of the rainforest, learning about its four layers, indigenous communities, and the impact of deforestation. Our Forest School sessions provided a hands-on opportunity to explore woodland use and reflect on well-being for Mental Health Week. Science lessons sparked curiosity as we investigated electrical circuits, identifying appliances, light bulbs, switches, and different materials as conductors or insulators. Through RE, we explored how religion is expressed through art and symbols, looking at Coventry Cathedral, a synagogue, and Islamic art. Music filled our classroom as we used body percussion to recreate rainforest sounds and repeated melodies to mimic birds. In French, we have been building confidence in classroom vocabulary, learning how to say what we do and don't have in our school bags. It has been a fantastic half-term of learning, and we are excited to see what the next brings!



This half term, Class 4 have explored the significance of our oceans in Geography, focusing on how they have changed over time, particularly examining the Great Barrier Reef and the impacts of climate change and pollution. In Science, we have investigated electrical circuits, comparing the functions of different components and understanding how variations affect circuit performance, using standard symbols to represent simple circuits. This knowledge was applied in DT, where we delved deeper into series circuits and motors to create our own "Doodlers." In English, we engaged with Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, an adventure story set in another culture, developing our comprehension and storytelling skills. We even created our own Kensuke's Kingdom endings.



Sporting Updates from Mrs Campbell.



This half term has been a busy one with inter house competitions, cross-country, sports hall athletics and girls football!

Cross Country

This half term there have been 2 cross country events the first took place on Saturday 18th January at Stratford High School. 8 pupils across Key Stage 2 took part. The pupils were brilliant on the day and ran very well in their races. A big shout out to Hudson, Charlie T and Nate who all finished in the top 10 of the Year 4 boys race. Tom E, Cobie and Peter also did amazing in very cold conditions! A special mention to Lexi who represented the girls and ran a fantastic race improving on her finishing place from last years event! Well done to Abel who represented class 4 running in his first cross country and finishing a very respectable 15th in the year 5 boys race.

The second and final event of the year took place on Saturday 7th February at the Croft School. This course was slightly more challenging with the runners experiencing running through the woods for part of the course. A few of the year 4s were unable to make this event so our numbers taking part were slightly lower! Elijah took part in his first ever cross country race and did amazing finishing 22nd in a very competitive year 3 race! Cobie represented year 4 and took part in his third consecutive race finishing 8th overall. Cobie has made so much progress from his first cross country race back in November finishing 22nd to the third one finishing in the top 10. Well done to all the cross country runners who took part this season. We are proud of you all!

Finally we would like to say a massive well done to Hudson who finished in the top 6 in the first two events and has been selected to represent South Warwickshire in the Regional Finals on Saturday 15th March. We would like to wish Hudson the best of luck for this event!

Girls Football -KS2

On Thursday 30th January the Year 5/6 girls football team took part in a friendly fixture against St Mary's Cof E Academy in Studley! The girls played 9 a side and were amazing. They have developed so much since they started playing together last year! It was a well balanced match, with both teams making some good runs, passes and saves! Our defence was solid at the back, not letting much through. Half time the score was 0-0. The second half we developed in confidence and made some great passes, with Lola eventually getting the breakthrough, scoring her first ever goal for Team TG on her debut. We had most of the possession going forward and we came close to scoring a few more goals. With 5 minutes to go Studley scored a great goal, with the match finishing 1-1. Well done to the team, every player played their part and it's great to see your confidence grow each match. A special mention to Primrose, Iris, Esme and Lola for making their Team TG Debut!

Team: Lola, Emily H, Charlotte, Esme, Emilia, Jess, Primrose, Iris, Leyla, Siena - Rose.



Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Friday 7th February 20 pupils from year 4-6 represented team TG at the South Warwickshire Sportshall Athletics Competition at Alcester Grammar School. Eight schools competed on the day! The children took part in both track and field events! We had some great individual results in the field events with some of our pupils finishing in the top 3. The track was very competitive with pupils taking part in various events including sprinting, longer distance and obstacle relays. The whole team were brilliant and demonstrated great teamwork. They were very supportive of each other! A big well done to everyone that took part you were all superstars!

Intra House Competitions:

Class 2 Boccia Results

This half term in PE Class 2 have been taking part in Boccia and last week took part in an intra house Boccia Competition with the house captains and vice captains leading the event.

Results:

1st Sycamore 145 points

2nd: Beech 117 points

3rd Chestnut 106 points.

A big shout out to Zac, Ava P and Ava D who all scored a maximum 30 points.

Well done to all the teams for displaying the PE values throughout the event.

PE Value Awards

This terms PE Value Awards have been given to;

Class 1 - Thomas

Class 2 - Brooke

Class 3 - Lexi

Class 4 - Oliver

Sport Commitment Award - Cobie



Class 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics

This half term class 3 and 4 have been taking part in sports hall athletics as part of their PE lessons experiencing both track and field events. This week the children have been taking part in an intra house competition. Well done to all the pupils for displaying the PE Values and for supporting each other. Thank you also to the House and Vice Captains for leading the activities

Class 3 Results:

1st Chestnut - 54 Points

2nd Beech - 49 Points

3rd Sycamore - 47 Points

Class 4 Results:

1st Chestnut - 74Points

2nd Beech - 72 Points

3rd Sycamore - 64 Points

Class 1 Dinosaur Dance

Class 1 finished off this half term creating a dinosaur dance in PE, stomping like the stegosaurus, stretching like the diplodocus, flying like the pterodactyl and roaring like the T Rex. The children had great fun performing in their dinosaur masks on Thursday!

SCHOOL CLUB SCHEDULE - SPRING 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30-4.30pm	Multisport Club - Class 2 with Mrs Campbell (5 Weeks Starting 03.03.25)	Onside Football with Richard Year 3-6 (6 Weeks, starting 25.02.25)		Black Box Tuition - Drama in School Hall (Starting 27.02.25) Girls Football Years 3-6 with Mrs Campbell (6 weeks starting 06.03.25) NO CLUB 13.03.2025	
3.30 - 4.45pm	B'Arty with Olivia Class 3 (6 weeks starting 24.02.25)				
3.30 - 5pm		S J Academy Drama - In Village Hall (Starting 25.02.25)	S J Cheerleading in Village Hall (Starting 26.02.25)		
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

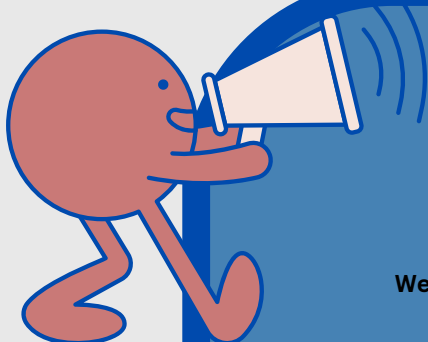
Onside Football - ireland.r@onsidecoaching.co.uk

Blackbox Drama - rose@blackboxtuition.co.uk

Music Lessons with Simon -
smjkemp@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

SPRING TWO



FEB/MARCH/APRIL 2025

Monday 24th February - Back to School

Thursday 27th February PTA Meeting 8pm Golden Cross

Wednesday 5th March - Year 3/4 Boys Fixture Vs Claverdon Away,
3.45-5pm

Thursday 6th - World Book Day

Tuesday 11th - C4U Archery Competition @ St Nicholas C of E Alcester

Wednesday 12th - Sports Champion Sponsored Morning - Winston
Powell, International Gymnast

Thursday 13th - Rags 2 Riches Collection

Year 1 and Year 5 Fire Safety Talk

Girls Football Fixture @ Studley @3.30pm

Times Tables Information Afternoon - Year 4

Friday 14th - Talents Assembly

Monday 24th - Whole School Kapla experience day

Thursday 2nd April - All Stars & Dynamos Cricket Enrichment Day

Tuesday 8th - SATs Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 9th - Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament @ Studley St
Mary's 4-6pm

Thursday 10th - Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 11th - Easter Service at St Andrews Church

Last day of Term

Back to School on 28th April 2025



PTA NEWS



PTA News & Updates – Join Us for Our Next Meeting!

Hello everyone!

We're kicking off this half term with exciting plans, and we'd love for you to be part of them. Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, 27th February at 8pm at The Golden Cross. 🍷 Come along, enjoy a drink, and share your ideas! We always welcome fresh perspectives and feedback on our events, and we'll also be updating you on the fantastic school projects we're supporting with the money we raise.

Summer Fayre – Can We Make It Happen?

One big decision we need to make is whether we'll run a Summer Fayre this year. As always, this will depend on having enough volunteers to help bring it to life. If you'd love to see this event go ahead, please consider stepping forward—we can't do it without you!

Wellbeing Afternoon – A Huge Success!

A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Wellbeing Afternoon in January. From Pilates to mindfulness, it was a fantastic event, and we raised an amazing £300 for the school!

Rags to Riches Collection – 13th March

Time for a wardrobe clear-out! Our Rags to Riches collection is coming up on Wednesday, 13th March. This is a great opportunity to donate unwanted clothes and shoes while raising funds for the school. Drop-off details will be announced soon.

End of Half-Term Treats & Thanks

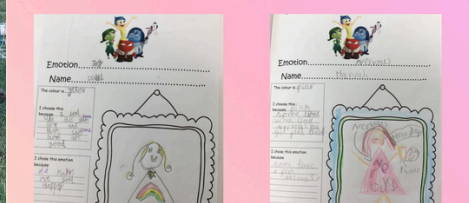
We hope you enjoyed the sweet treats on Friday—we certainly loved celebrating the start of half term with you! Wishing you all a fantastic break, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Your PTA ❤️





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ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION

Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name their new county fleet cycles. Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training delivered by our cycle training providers. By providing fleet cycles they are aiming to remove barriers to children gaining the skills they need to become the safe cyclists of the future. By naming the cycles they hope to make them engaging for the users, and make it easy for children and their team to identify the different cycles.

- The competition is open to everyone.
- The closing date for entries is 31st March 2025.
- You can suggest a name for one of our cycles per entry.
- All names will be considered by the Road Safety Officers and cycle instructors.

They will share the new names for the 20 cycles once they have been chosen and let the winners know that they are using their name. They will provide a small, age appropriate prize for the winning names. Winners who are under 18 will be contacted via their school or college. Winners over 18 will be contacted via email.

This is the link to the entry form - <https://forms.office.com/e/PHUzdvsqPi>

Competition
TO NAME OUR FLEET CYCLES

For information click the QR code

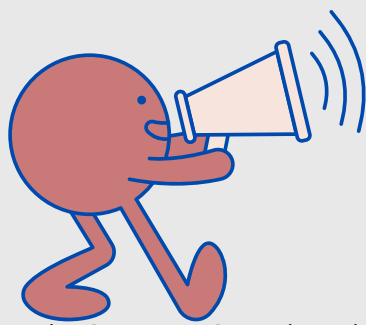
WARWICKSHIRE
SAFE & ACTIVE
TRAVEL

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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.