

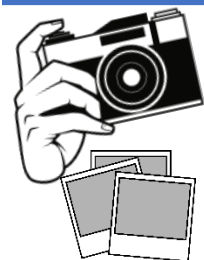
Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 18th September 2026

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LOVE, TRANSFORMATION, GROWTH. *'Growing deep roots. Producing good fruit'*



PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos are ready for you to look at and purchase with the code you were given from NextGen.

COMING UP...

21st September – Swimming starts for KS2
22nd September – Bikeability week Y4 & Y5
24th September – Reception Year Meeting
25th September – COLOUR RUN from 2pm



ATTENDANCE

The government is very clear in its messaging about the taking of leave during term time. May we ask that all holidays are taken in holiday time, of which there are 13 weeks a year, and not during term time. Every day counts for every child. Setting good attendance habits now will last into adulthood and into good working practice.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

COLOUR RUN – 25th September

Gates open at 2pm

We look forward to welcoming you.

PTA ADVANCE DATES

Friday 9th October after Harvest Festival – PTA AGM
Everyone welcome! Tea and biscuits included.

Please come and get involved 😊

Friday 16th October – DISCO (including leavers)

Year Group Meetings

Thank you to the parents who came along to the information meetings outlining expectations for your child's year group and thank you to our teachers for preparing material for the sessions. If you were not able to come to the meeting, please contact your child's teacher for information.

Our home/school partnership is important and so, if you have any questions about the material please speak to your child's class teacher.

24th Sept. 3.30 – 4pm Reception

Opportunities for Volunteer Reading

Thank you to those who have shown an interest in this opportunity. There is still space in our weekly timetable for some extra reader volunteers to hear children read. If you are interested in supporting our children in this way, please speak to Mrs Nicol or the school office and we will furnish you with everything you need to apply. This role is subject to a DBS check.



DISCO

Friday 16th October

Including Leavers

More details to follow...

Education Sunday - This Sunday at church, there will be a special service to celebrate Education Sunday – the theme is 'Living well together'. You are warmly invited to attend the service from 11am.



PARKING - Please make sure that if you have to drive to school that you are parking considerably and safely. Please refer to last week's letter from West Mercier safer neighbourhood policing team.



Malvern Newsletter...

This week in Art, Malvern have been developing their observational drawing skills, focusing on the textures and patterns they can find in nature. We also discussed why nature is important and the different ways it influences and shapes our lives.

The children put their keen observation skills to the test as they sketched a variety of natural objects and created rubbings to capture different textures and patterns. We then shared and discussed our work as a class, using our observations to inspire our next stage of learning.

This has led us to our artist study of Utagawa Hiroshige, who created beautiful, printed images of trees and nature using carved wooden blocks. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring his techniques and working towards creating our own nature-inspired prints.



Black Pepper - Don't forget to order your lunches for the upcoming week.



LUNCHBOX HEALTH and SAFETY

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHOP YOUR CHILD'S GRAPES AND TOMATOES IN HALF.





where stories grow

Join us for a celebration of children's books and reading
on Saturday 19th September at
All Saints Church, Market Place, Evesham WR11 4RW



11am-12pm
5-11 years
Former Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho
will be celebrating his new book *Rapunzel is a Lettuce*.



1pm-2pm
3+ years
Kate Wakeling will be delivering a playful
and interactive poetry and art session
celebrating her new illustrated poetry
collection *The Flying Machine of Dreams*.



10am-3pm
2-17 years
Do you love books and reading? Drop into our
venue to meet Sarah Tyson who will explain
how you can join *Reading2Smile's* panel of kids
book reviewers and select your first free book.

For more info about this programme of

FREE events visit ValeofTales.co.uk

or scan here



Thought of the Week ...

Tyler in year 5 adapted a prayer from Thomas Ken about how we live together well and offer a welcome to everyone:

O God, make the door of this school wide enough to
receive all who need love and friendship;
but narrow enough to shut out all unkindness.
Make its threshold smooth for everyone to be easily
welcomed
but strong enough to keep out the bad things of life.
God make the door of this school the gateway to the
Kingdom of God, where everyone is seen
and loved and knows they are precious.
Amen



Music of the Week...

This week, we have been listening to [Sir Karl Jenkins – Palladio, conducted by Andrzej Kucybała - YouTube](#)



DIARY DATES 2026



Swimming Starts KS2..... Mon.21st September
Bikeability Week Y4 Y5.....Tues. 22nd September
Reception Year Meeting....Thurs. 24th September
Harvest Festival Friday 9th October
Parents Evening .Tues & Thur Oct. 20th and 22nd
Forest Church.....Thursday 22nd October
TED.....Friday 23rd October
HALF TERM..... Mon 26th – Fri 30th October
KS1 Nativity..... 8th and 10th December
TERM ENDS..... Thursday 17th December
TEDFriday 18th December
TERM STARTS..... Monday 4th January
Young Voices.....Friday 15th January
TED.....Wed 27th January
HALF TERM..... Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb
TERM ENDS..... Thursday 25th March
TERM STARTS..... Monday 12th April
MAY DAY..... Monday 3rd May
TEDFriday 28th May
HALF TERM.....Monday 31st May – Fri 4th June
TED.....Monday 7th June
TERM ENDS Wed 21st July

Water Bottles - We only permit non-spill school
bottles on tables in classroom to avoid spillages on work.
Children will still have access to water throughout the day.
Please contact the office to purchase one.

Awards this week...

Birthdays



This week we celebrate the
birthdays of Harriet,
Kara & Leon

Father God, today we celebrate
the birthdays of Harriet, Kara
and Leon and we say thank
you that they are part of our
school family. We pray that
they may grow in wisdom and
grace; give dignity and respect
to others and that they may
know your hope and joy every
day. Strengthen and bless
them on their birthday and
every day throughout the next
year. Amen.

Stars of the Week

★ **Avon** – Orlah ★
★ **Malvern** – Molly M ★
★ **Cotswold** - Claudia ★
★ **Severn** – Bertie ★

Golden Apples

🍏 **Avon** – Daisy 🍏
🍏 **Malvern** – Elliott
🍏 **Cotswold** – Leia
🍏 **Severn** – Brody D

Attendance ✓

Avon – 98.6%
Malvern – 98.5%
Cotswold – 96.2%
Severn – 97.6%
Overall – 97.6%

Housepoints

1st - **Emeralds** - 77
2nd - **Rubies** - 58
3rd - **Sapphires** - 54



PTA DIARY DATES

Colour Run.....25th September
PTA AGM.....9th October
DISCO.....16th October



Cheer - Harriet
VIV - Oran

