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### Music Ensemble Request

Our newly formed music ensemble is doing really well and we are hoping that all our pianists will be able to have access to an electronic keyboard. If you have an unwanted/unused keyboard with a working adaptor we would be happy to have it in school. Please let the office know if you have one you'd like to donate.



### Coming up...



**Monday – Swimming / Engineering Club**

**Tuesday – Colouring Club**

**Wednesday – Singing Club**

**Thursday – Drama Club**

**BOOKSALE** - Thank you to Khloe and Ellie for organising the booksale this week. With your help, they raised £87.10 Thank you for bringing your old books and buying some new ones! All money raised will go towards supplementing our AR library.



**Medicine** – Just a reminder that all prescribed medicines should be signed in at the school office – please do not send them into school with your child.

Non-prescribed medicines or creams should not be brought into school unless agreed by a member of staff. These will always be kept in the school office or in a safe place within the classroom so that other children do not have access to them.

Lip balm is permitted as long as it is not shared between children and is only used at playtime.



### Jude and Isla's weekly top three well-being tips:

Each week Jude and Isla will be sharing three tips with us to help our well-being. Here are the tips for this week -



- Go to bed in good time and allow yourself time to recharge

- Learn something new and share it with others

- Get back in contact with an old friend



### Tea & Talk

Thank you to those who were able to join with me this morning to share your ideas. Thank you too to our parents who sent their suggestions via email. I will discuss these with the rest of the staff team and report our actions back to you. I very much appreciate your time and support.



**Hair** - Please make sure that your child's hair is tied up tightly each morning.

We are noticing that some of our children have hair falling into their eyes which means they are struggling to see and focus on their work.



# This Week in Cotswold Class...

This term, Cotswold Class have been exploring the textured art of Kathy Jeffers. Kathy is known for pressing vintage doilies into clay and creating beautiful patterns inspired by flowers. The children have been practicing this technique by pressing doilies into clay to make impressions and add texture to their artwork. They have also been inspired by flowers, experimenting with different shapes and patterns.



The children have shown great creativity and attention to detail, understanding how texture can enhance their clay pieces. By using doilies, they've learned how to add intricate patterns that make their work unique and interesting.



Next week, the children will take their learning further by creating pinch pots shaped like flowers. This will allow them to apply the techniques they've been practicing while creating something new and exciting. They will continue to explore texture, shape, and form, using their imagination to bring their flower pots to life.

We look forward to seeing their finished pinch pots and how they continue to grow as young artists!



## ECO and Charities visit to our Governor Meeting

On Tuesday, Ffion and Ellie visited our Local Academy Board meeting to share the work they'd been doing in school and their plans for the future. They brought so much joy to the first part of our meeting and set the tone for the rest of the meeting. Thank you to both girls for giving up their time and to Ffion for baking chocolate and espresso doughnuts for us.



## Safeguarding your child on-line

Apple, Google and Microsoft all offer free parental control apps or settings to help you keep your children safer online. Have a look at this link below to find out more:



<https://uk.pcmag.com/parental-control/134470/apple-vs-google-vs-microsoft-who-has-the-best-free-parental-controls?p=1>

You should have received a letter today with news of our NEW facebook page!



Thanks to Mr. Blenkinsop for organising this for us.

# Thought of the Week...

“There's no such thing as bad weather - only unsuitable clothing.”

— Alfred Wainwright, Author of the Coast to Coast Walks

The thought for the week was inspired by our featured scientist in Monday's WOW assembly. You can follow the link below to find out more about Charles Mackintosh's invention.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fcCo0G3Z\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fcCo0G3Z_w)



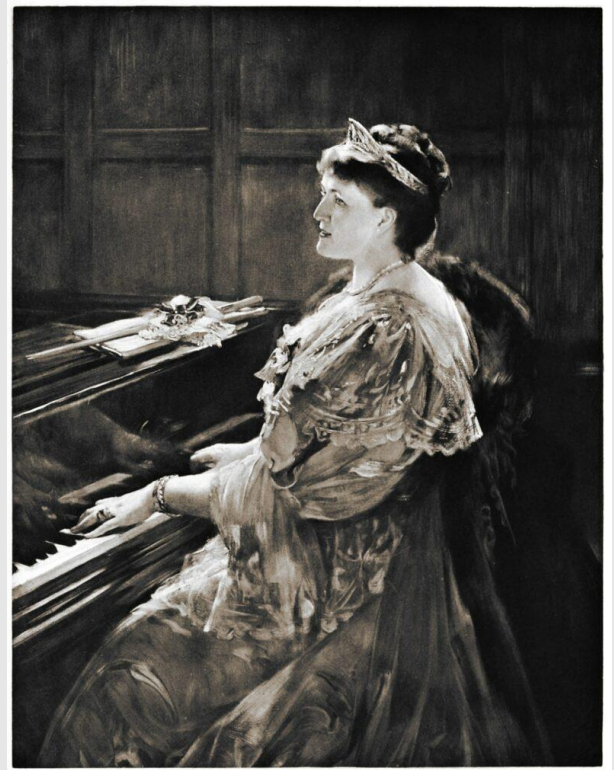
**Benefice**  
**Messy Church**  
**16 February**  
4.00pm to 6.00pm  
St. James Church  
Badsey  
Free Fun for Families  
Crafts Activities Fun Games  
Free Tea  
Contact [pennyanne68@gmail.com](mailto:pennyanne68@gmail.com) ☎ 01386 830367

## Music of the Week

This week, in our assemblies, we've been listening to Hubert Parry's – Lady Radnor suite



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W83Y3du\\_kD8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W83Y3du_kD8)



Lady Radnor was unique in many ways and insisted on doing things that were not normally viewed as acceptable practice for a Victorian lady - one of these was commissioning works for orchestra which she then conducted herself!

### WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Please take a look at the Wake Up Wednesday article for this week which is about what parents need to know about health and fitness apps.

### SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- KS2 Trip to CBSO.....Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- HALF TERM .....15<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Messy Church - Badsey .....Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Easter Holidays.....14<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April
- May Day.....Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Y4 Y5 Residential.....14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Spring Fayre.... 1-5pm.....Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Last Swim.....Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May
- Photographs class leavers.....Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Y5 Leavers Trip.....Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Last Day of Term.....Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

# Awards This Week:

Golden Apples



**Avon** – Esme & Ayda

**Malvern** – Henry & Brody

**Cotswold** – Imogen & Isla

**Severn** – Billy & Egons








Stars of the Week

**Avon** – Rory & Poppy *(from last week)*

**Malvern** – Archie S

**Cotswold** – Jasper

**Severn** – Amelie




**Viv** – Isla G

**Cheer Bear** – Freddie

**Sports Star** - Edey



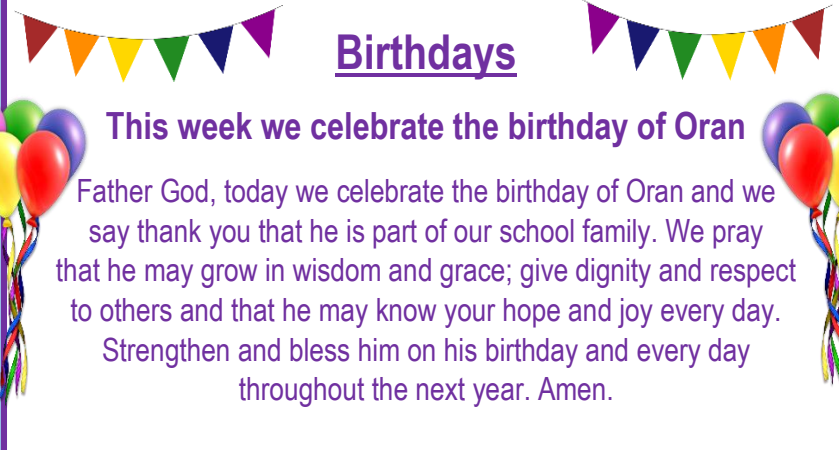
Attendance

<b>Avon</b> –95.6%	<b>Malvern</b> –92.6%
<b>Cotswold</b> –93.5%	<b>Severn</b> –96.5%
<b>Overall</b> –94.5% 	

Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthday of Oran

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Oran and we say thank you that he is part of our school family. We pray that he may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that he may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless him on his birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.

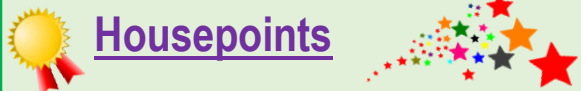


Housepoints

1<sup>st</sup> - **Emeralds** –194 housepoints

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Sapphires**–193 housepoints

3<sup>rd</sup> - **Rubies** –188 housepoints




# REMINDERS




**RECYCLING** - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area for pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



**HATS & COATS in SCHOOL** - Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day regardless of the weather in the morning.




**Safeguarding** - Please could we ask that if your child has hurt themselves at home and has a scratch, bruise or bump that you email the office alerting us to this.




**REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS**

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before.


**ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**



**Water bottles** - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day. If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle. **ONLY WATER IN CLASS.**




**Reader Helpers** - If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read, please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.



**Health and Safety**

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden across the playground. Please make sure to dismount and push them across the playground so that everyone remains safe.



Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NGT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 10 – 11.30am.