



Offenham C E First School

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Newsletter - 7th February 2025



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New clubs start the week after half term:

Mondays - Sign Language / Multiskills

Tuesdays - Reading Club

Wednesdays - Maypole Dancing

Thursdays - Drama Club

KEY STAGE 2 TRIP TO CBSO

Monday 10th February

Please do not forget a lunch box and drinks.



Coming up...



Monday - KS2 Trip to CBSO (lunch box!)

Last Engineering Club Session

Tuesday - Safer Internet Day

Last Colouring Club session

Wednesday - Last Singing Club session

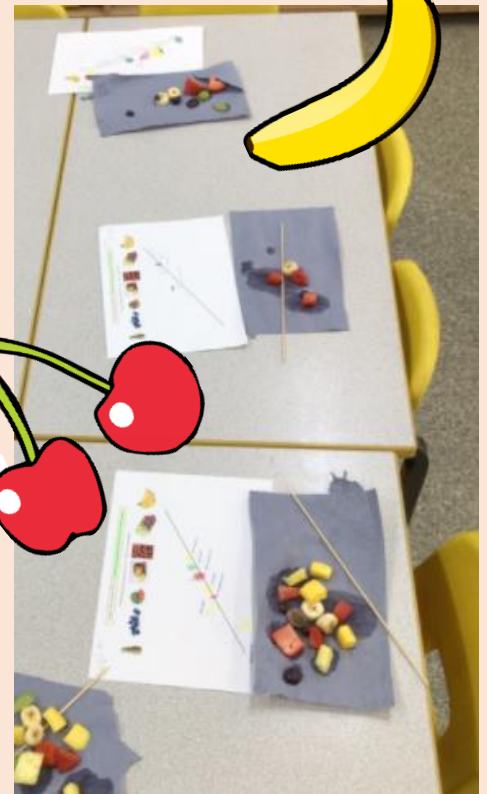
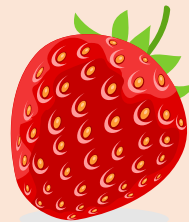
Thursday - Last Drama Club session

Half Term - 15th - 23rd February

Sunday 16th - Messy Church Badsey

This week in Avon Class...

This half term, the reception children had lots of fun learning about healthy eating. They designed their own fruit kebabs, picking out all kinds of colourful fruits to include. As they made their kebabs, they learned about the benefits of eating healthy foods and why it's important for their bodies. Once their creations were ready, the children couldn't wait to try them! They really enjoyed tasting all the different fruits and had a great time. The activity helped them understand more about healthy eating, and they're excited to keep making good food choices in the future.



This week in KS2...

This week, Cotswold and Severn Class had lots of fun in their RE lesson exploring Diwali celebrations, through a range of hands on activities.



The children had the opportunity to make Indian sweets, sculpt diya lamps from clay, design Rangoli patterns on the playground using pasta, rice and lentils and dress up in traditional Indian clothing.

They also studied Hindu artifacts, designed mehndi patterns and coloured Diwali cards.

They thoroughly enjoyed gaining first-hand experience of these traditions and Mrs Butcher, Mrs Hodge and Mrs Blackbrough were impressed with how well they worked together in their groups and their enthusiasm and engagement during each of the activities.



Drawing Competition run by Mason, Ben, Simon and Egons

To raise money for the Reptile rescue centre in Evesham the boys are running a drawing competition entitled - REPTILES.

It will cost £1 to enter and all proceeds will go to the rescue centre in Evesham. Follow this link to an article on the BBC news website - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c051j6qqz3o>

There will be a prize for each year group. You could win a gorgeous little Ty toy.

CLOSING date is 26th February and posters will be judged and prizes awarded on the 28th February



Stop smoking service for parents/carers living with a child under 19 (Smokefree Homes)

The Smokefree Homes Stop Smoking Service has expanded and is now offering support to adults living with a child under 19 years of age in Worcestershire. It's open to mums, dads, carers, in fact any adult who lives with a child. The service is available to help people quit smoking and will support for 12 weeks with:

- Setting a quit date
- Access to Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
- Access to Free Rechargeable vapes
- 1:1 or joint family support sessions with a trained advisor to help you quit and stay on track

Sign up to the service by emailing:

whcnhs.smokefreehomes@nhs.net



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

Here are the tips for this week -



- Think about three things you are looking forward to this year
- Find something you can do to contribute positively to your local community
- Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

Read Easy - Do you know someone who struggles to read? Read Easy provides free and confidential one-to-one coaching for adults. Go to readeasy.org.uk or contact Lynn, who is the Read Easy South Worcestershire coordinator on swcoordinator3@readeasy.org.uk



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 ☎ 01386 830367

School Lunches - price increase

There will be new menus after Easter. The cost of a school lunch will then go up by 15p. The new price will therefore be £2.60 per day.



Poster competition -


Thank you for all your dog poo posters!



Thought of the Week

This week we've been thinking about wisdom and guidance. Here's a verse from the Bible.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine"
 Proverbs 17:22

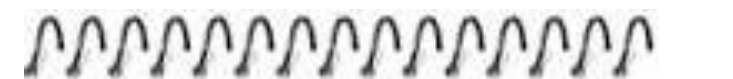


Free Training from SENDIASS

The SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) delivers a range of free training workshops for parent carers. These include Autism & Me; What Does a Good EHCP Look Like; How to Check a Draft EHCP; SEND – What You Need to Know; Understanding Dyslexia. Professionals' training workshops are also available including Autism & Me; What Does a Good EHCP Look Like; SEN Support and the Graduated Response. Find out more on the SENDIASS website.
<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendias>

★ WAKE UP WEDNESDAY ★


Please take a look at the Wake Up Wednesday article for this week which is about scams and fake news.



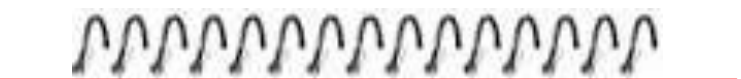
SCHOOL DIARY DATES

KS2 Trip to CBSO.....	Monday 10 th February
Safer Internet Day.....	Tuesday 11 th February
HALF TERM	15 th – 23 rd February
Messy Church – Badsey	Sunday 16 th February
World Book Day.....(pyjama day)	Thursday 6 th March
Y4 Houses of Parliament Trip.....	Monday 17 th March
KS1 trip to CBSO	Tuesday 18 th March
Music Showcase 2pm.....	Wednesday 2 nd April
Easter Holidays.....	14 th – 27 th April
May Day.....	Monday 6 th May
Y4 Y5 Residential.....	14 th – 16 th May
Spring Fayre.... 1-5pm.....	Saturday 17 th May
Last Swim.....	Monday 19 th May
Brass Concert...2pm.....	Wednesday 21 st May
Sports Day	Thursday 22 nd May
Reserve Sports Day.....	Thursday 5 th June
Photographs class leavers.....	Wednesday 18 th June
Y5 Leavers Trip.....	Friday 27 th June
Last Day of Term.....	Friday 18 th July

Music of the Week



This week, in our assemblies, we've been listening to Vlatava by Smetana -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6kqu2mk-Kw>



PTA DIARY DATES

Valentine's Chocolate.....	Friday 14 th February
'On Cloud 9' - wine tasting.....	Friday 7 th March
Non-Uniform (bring a bottle).....	Friday 14 th March
Movie Night.....	Friday 4 th April
Non-uniform (fill a jar).....	Friday 11 th April
Non-Uniform ('pamperbola' item)	Friday 9 th May
Spring Fayre.....	Saturday 17 th May
Disco.....	Friday 6 th June




Awards This Week:

Golden Apples

Avon – Ernie & Sebastian
Malvern – Mollie & Jack A
Cotswold – Myles & Ava
Severn – Leah & Isla G



Stars of the Week

Avon – Emily
Malvern – Neve
Cotswold – Bonnie
Severn – Luke

Viv – Henry Hu
Cheer Bear – Khloe
Sports Star - Ben



Attendance

Avon –99.7% **Malvern** –97.4%
Cotswold –98.5% **Severn** –98.3%
Overall–98.4% ✓

Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Noah S-T, Ariella, Martha, Mollie & Ivy

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Noah, Ariella, Martha, Mollie and Ivy 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.

Housepoints

1st – **Sapphires** – 73 housepoints
2nd - **Emeralds** – 72 housepoints
3rd - **Rubies** – 67 housepoints

Science stars of the month :

Reception – Myla
Year 1 – Leia **Year 2** – Brody
Year 3 – Jacob R
Year 4 – Billy **Year 5** - Simon

English stars of the month:

Avon – Jack J
Malvern – Jack E
Cotswold – Jasper - *star writer*
Severn – Phoebe - *star writer*

Maths stars of the month:

Avon - Noah
Malvern – Jessica
Cotswold – Myles
Severn – Luke

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.

Water bottles - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day.

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 (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 10 – 11.30am.