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On Tuesday we welcomed Bishop Hugh, the new Bishop of Worcester to our school. We enjoyed a joyful time of worship together and we loved learning more about him through a Q&A session led by our Pupil Parliament ministers and their deputies. Our SMSC pupil leaders, Leah and Emily, prayed for and laid hands on Bishop Hugh, asking God to bless him in his calling to Bishop of Worcester.

This is what Bishop Hugh said about his visit to our school.

*"The worship at Offenham School was particularly special, filled with reverence, beauty and joy".*

You can find a link to the full article about his visit on the Diocese of Worcester website and on Facebook below:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-hugh-enjoys-tour-of-pershore-and-evesham-deanery.php>

<https://www.facebook.com/cofeworcester>.

## COMING UP...

Sunday - Bell Church Service 9.30am

Monday - Music Showcase 2pm / Football Club

Reading Club / Outdoor Games

Tuesday - Rockstars Choir

Wednesday - Music Ensemble /

Cornet Concert 2.45pm / NO Maypole Dancing

Thursday - Sports Afternoon & Picnic 11.45am

/ Drama Club

Friday -

TED - NO SCHOOL



**Sports Afternoon** - Sports afternoon will take place on the 21st May. We have a family picnic beforehand. Gates will open at 11.45am for you to set up your picnic space. The children will join you from 12pm and sports afternoon will start at 1.30pm. We look forward to you joining us. Please come wearing your child's house team colour - your child should be able to tell you which house they are in. If you're unsure speak to your child's teacher. There will be a Mum's, Dad's and toddler race.



**MUSIC SHOWCASE - 2pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
All musicians in ensemble, winners of Offenham's Got Talent & Mrs. Wilde's students.



**CORNET CONCERT**  
2.45pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

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## Spring Fayre

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A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Fayre – whether by donating, selling raffle tickets, helping on the day, or coming along to spend and enjoy the event.

Your enthusiasm and generosity made all the difference.

A special thank you goes to our incredible PTA. Their dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to our school are what make events like this possible.

Together, we raised over £5,000!

This fantastic total will go towards creating a brand-new MUGA area for our school, a space that will benefit our children for many years to come.

All being well, we hope that the MUGA will be installed by the end of this academic year!

### This week in Malvern Class

The children have had lots of fun teaching Miss Gillmore how to make a jam sandwich. They worked hard on writing clear instructions using 'bossy' - imperative - verbs and time connectives to help each step make sense. The class quickly discovered that if instructions are not clear enough, things can go very wrong and become very funny! Everyone enjoyed spotting mistakes, improving their ideas and learning how important it is to give instructions in the correct order so that others can follow them easily.



**Health and Safety** - May we remind you that children should not be permitted to run up and down the mound or run on the benches in the well-being shelter at the end of the school day. May we also request that children do not ride their bikes and scooters across the playground.



### Bell Sunday

You are all invited to attend a special Bell Sunday service at Church on Sunday at 9.30am. Handbell ringers to meet at 9.15am. You can wear whatever you want. You do not need to wear uniform.



### Maypole Rehearsals

THERE IS NO MAYPOLE PRACTICE  
NEXT WEDNESDAY (20<sup>th</sup> MAY)

Maypole rehearsals from the 3<sup>rd</sup> June until Wake Day will take place at the Maypole in the village.

There will be no change to pick-up time which will be 4pm at the village maypole.



## Music of the week:

This week we've been listening to Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, "Morning Mood" / Thomas Dausgaard & Seattle Symphony



## Wake Day Arrangements

We would like children who are maypole dancing at the Wake to meet at church at 1.15pm for the Flower service. They will process into church in front of the Wake Queen and her attendants and then behind the Wake Queen and her attendants down to the maypole for the official opening of Wake Day celebrations.

Please could children bring a posy of flowers to Church to be presented to the Wake Queen. These will be distributed at Cedar Lodge later in the day.

Maypole Dancing will take place straight after the Wake Opening at approximately 2.15pm.

## Advance Notice - Ceilidh

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July we will be holding our annual Ceilidh on our school playground.

Bring a blanket, chair, picnic and your favourite tippie and enjoy an evening of dance, fun and friendship with us.

We have a live band who will take us through our steps!



## Thought of the Week

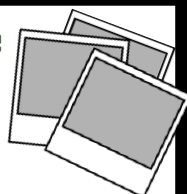
One of the children asked Bishop Hugh about his favourite bible story and he told us that he really loved the story of Simeon, an old man who had been waiting to see the Messiah. Simeon was praying in the Temple when Jesus was brought in by His parents. Simeon recognised Jesus as God's promise and was overjoyed to hold him in his arms and to look on His face. He said these words, *"With my own eyes I've seen your salvation; it's now out in the open for everyone to see... a God-revealing light to the nations"*



## DIARY DATES 2026

Music Showcase.....2pm 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Y5 Cornet Concert ..2.45pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Sports afternoon & Picnic.....Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
**STAFF TRAINING DAY..... Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**HALF TERM.....25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y5 Leavers' Trip.....Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Grandparents Day..... Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Y5 Bellboating.....Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
SEND Tea and Talk.....Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Leavers & class photos.....Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
KS2 Play .....1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Ceilidh & Picnic.....3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Church service /Leavers assembly.....17<sup>th</sup> July  
**TERM ENDS.....Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
**STAFF TRAINING DAY..... Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Please take a look on our website to see all the fabulous photos of our year 4s and 5s having an amazing time at the Pioneer centre.



## Attendance

Avon – 93.5% Malvern – 95.5%  
Cotswold – 97.1% Severn – 99.2%  
Overall – 96.6%

