



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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SCHOOL DINNERS  
AFTER HALF TERM: DUE TO  
SWIMMING LESSONS, WE WILL  
HAVE CHICKEN DINNER ON  
TUESDAY AND FISH ON  
WEDNESDAY.

## Diary Dates

We have a very busy half term ahead, with lots of exciting trips and extra activities planned across the school. Please do keep an eye on key dates and check Teachers2Parents regularly for important updates and further information. Apologies that some dates have changed. Thank you for your continued support.

## KEY DATES:

**Half term: 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 4 Multiplication Check -  
1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Year 1 Phonics Screening - 8<sup>th</sup>  
June**

**Shropshire Sings Year 3-6  
10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Bettwys Triangle 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Leavers' Ceremony for Year 6  
Hereford Cathedral - 25<sup>th</sup>  
June 10-11am**

**Marble Run Challenge at  
Bishop's Castle Year 5&6  
June 17th**

**Millichope Countryside  
Learning Day Year 3-6  
26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Sports Day June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.30pm  
Year 6 transition days July 6<sup>th</sup>  
& 7th**

**Summer Parents' Afternoon  
July 13th**

**Trip to Aberdovey for the  
whole school July 14th**

**Break up July 17th**



We have had a super start to the summer term across the whole school, enjoying plenty of good weather. We have been very lucky to have sunshine for almost every PE lesson, and everyone has really enjoyed developing their cricket skills and improving their fitness levels, even if it has felt quite strenuous at times!

We are also doing a wonderful job rehearsing for Shropshire Sings. The children are performing beautifully, and we hope lots of family members will come to support us on 10th June, when our Year 1 to Year 6 pupils take part in the performance.

Last Friday, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a fantastic afternoon of activities. Pupils created an art display using recycled plastic to accompany their persuasive writing on plastic pollution, highlighting the importance of protecting our oceans.

In art, children have produced fantastic 3D birds as part of their work on flora and fauna. This involved lots of collaboration, with pupils supporting each other through a challenging task, and the results have been truly impressive. Year 3, 4 and 5 recently enjoyed a fantastic music workshop at St John's Church in Bishops Castle. The children had the exciting opportunity to meet talented musicians and learn about a range of instruments, including the piano, violin and guitar. They worked together to learn a short musical piece and performed it as a group with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see them collaborating so confidently alongside pupils from other federation schools - a really enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

## Message from Ms Mullock

We would like to make a special mention of our Year 6 pupils, who have truly done themselves proud this week. They have worked incredibly hard to complete their SATs and, without exception, each and every one of them gave their very best. Their focus, stamina and resilience have been admirable, and we could not have asked for more from them. They approached the week with determination and maturity, supporting one another and rising to the challenge with great positivity. We have also enjoyed sharing some well-deserved treats with them as a reward for their hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and all they have achieved this week.

Teacher Feature

## Oak Class

In Oak Class, we have been doing some fantastic writing this half term. We have recently completed our persuasive texts on plastic pollution, and everyone has done a wonderful job. Pupils included hard-hitting statistics, asked thoughtful rhetorical questions, clearly explained the problem and, most importantly, suggested practical solutions. I am really pleased with the progress everyone is making in their writing. In maths, Year 5 have continued their work on fractions and decimal equivalents, while Year 6 have been incredibly hardworking as they prepared for their SATs, giving everything they have to these important tests.

In geography, we have been exploring the human and physical features of the UK and considering the impact humans have on our environment. During PSHE lessons, we have focused on positive and safe relationships, particularly online. We have been thinking about the impact of excessive screen time too. Our science work has also been exciting, continuing our learning about living things, with pupils dissecting flowers to explore their reproductive parts. We were also very excited to spot a hedgehog which we think might be living in the school grounds.



## Acorn Class

Acorn Class have had a fantastic and busy few weeks of learning across the curriculum. In English, we have been thoroughly enjoying our book study on Tidy, and the children have produced some wonderful diary entries inspired by the story. I have been especially impressed with their enthusiasm, creativity, and the effort they have put into their writing. In Maths, Reception and Year 1 have begun exploring fractions, developing their understanding of halves and quarters, while Years 3 and 4 have been learning to tell the time with increasing confidence. In Science, Years 3 and 4 carried out an exciting investigation using eggs and glass jars to explore how fluids can help protect our major organs. Reception and Year 1 have been learning about the parts of plants, identifying different flowers, and creating imaginative junk-model flowers. In R.E., Years 3 and 4 have explored different Gods and Goddesses in Hinduism, creating fact files, while Reception and Year 1 have learned about the mezuzah in Judaism. In Topic, we have begun mapping Africa and will continue adding information throughout the term.