



At the end of the Spring term we say goodbye to Mrs Hugo who is leaving to grow her family. We thank Mrs Hugo for her work teaching Merlins class this year.

We welcome back Miss Pickett who returns from maternity leave. She will be teaching Merlins class and will return to her leadership role at the school (Assistant Head Teacher (Juniors)).

### Girl's Football

A huge well done to our girl's football team who finished 2nd in two recent tournaments. Success began at the recent Forest High tournament, this was quickly followed by a second place in the GPJ indoor football competition. What a brilliant effort from an amazing squad!



### Forest School Site

Thank you to Miss Rickards who has been leading our Forest School site development, organising materials and getting some of her family to build new items for it from waste materials.

Miss Rickards and her husband have built a fantastic new mud kitchen and installed a mud pit which look incredible.



### Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone that donated to Comic Relief. We raised £580.88 which is just amazing!



### Spring Showcase

Thank you to everyone that attended our Spring Showcase to share your child's amazing work. The children are always so proud to share what they do in school with you.



### World Book Day

What an amazing World Book Day we had in school. The children really immersed themselves in the joy of books.

The day started in breakfast club where staff shared picture books. In the morning children from across the school wrote their own books and watched a live WBD lesson by the BBC.

In the afternoon classes have been paired up. The children shared the books that they wrote in the morning and other bedtime stories with each other. This was in front of a fire with a mug of hot chocolate and some biscuits!



### Author Visit—John Dougherty

The school was visited by author John Dougherty. John led a number of sessions with the children, sharing his stories, poems and songs.

John very kindly stayed after school to sign his books for any child that purchased one.

It was fabulous to see the children so excited about John's latest poetry book—Zooming at the Zoo and his beautiful picture book—The Hare-Shaped Hole.



### Y3/4 Football

What an excellent effort from our Y3/4 football team who recently played at the Forest High tournament. The boys finished second in their group and missed out on a third place finish by just one point.



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### Super Sewers

We were recently visited by Rob from the Severn Trent Super Sewers educational team. Year 5/6 children took part in workshops where they had to try and clean dirty water. At the end of the day Rob led a whole school assembly to talk to the children about what we should and shouldn't be putting in our drains.

Remember, only put the 3 P's down the toilet and don't pour any fats, oils or greases down the sink to help look after our environment.

### KS1 Church Visits

This week all of our KS1 classes have visited the church to learn about different events that take place. This week the children have been learning about baptism with our local vicar baptising a teddy bear to show the children what happens.



### County Cross Country

Well done to Poppy and Rienna from year 6 who took part in the recent county cross country finals, held at Newent school. Both placed in the top 70 runners in the county which is an amazing effort!



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### Falcons Violin Performance

Falcons class marked the end of their whole class violin tuition for this term by performing their new skills in front of their parents. They were amazing. Well done Falcons class!



### March Attendance

School attendance for March was: 93.2% (since September 94.5%)

Classes with the highest attendance were: Eagles (98.1%), Kites (96.8%), Squirrels (96.2%)

Classes with the lowest attendance were: Rabbits (88.6%), Merlins (89.9%), Hedgehogs (90.1%)

### It all adds up!

Attending school everyday gives your child the best chance of success.	100%
Attending 4.5 days every week = 4 weeks missed learning per year	90%
Attending 4 days a week = 8 weeks missed learning per year.	80%
Attending 3.5 days a week = 12 weeks missed learning per year.	70%

**80% attendance adds up to missing 2 full years of education over their school life!**

**Can they afford to keep missing out?**



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## Y5 PGL

Y5 children have returned from an amazing weekend at the Liddington PGL site in Swindon. The children took part in a range of activities which included archery, climbing, zip lining, giant swing, survivor, sensory trails, fencing, archery and aeroball. What an exhausting but exciting weekend!

A huge thank you to all of the staff who supported the children on this year's trip, you are all amazing and without you these trips simply would not be able to take place.



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## UKS2 Easter Experience

Year 5 and 6 visited St. Stephen's church for an Easter experience. The children moved around different exhibitions and mini performances to help them to learn about and understand the Easter story. The children also toured the church, exploring the different parts and what they are used for.



## Choir Performance

The school choir treated parents to a wonderful performance at the end of the showcase afternoon. They did so well performing the songs that they had learnt in choir club they were simply fantastic!



## Nature Quiz

Well done to our wildlife quiz team. The children did so well and answered some extremely tricky questions. We competed against Lydbrook and the scores remained level right through until the last round where Lydbrook just managed to score a couple more points than our team.



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### Parent Phonics Sessions

Thank you to everyone that came in to watch your child's teacher deliver a live phonics lesson to their class. The session allowed you to gain a deep insight into how phonics is taught in school. Remember, if you want any help or support with phonics at home or with your child's reading then please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher.

### Parent's Consultations

If you were not able to attend your child's parent consultation meeting this week then you can still make an appointment for after the Easter break. Please contact your child's class teacher or the school office to arrange this.

### 2023/24 Key Dates

8/4/24 - Start of Term 5  
 11/4/24 - 12/4/24 - ArtSpace Workshops  
 16/4/24 - Athletes in School  
 17/4/24 - UKS2 Cricket Coaching starts  
 8/5/24 - 9/5/24 - Y6 and EYFS height and weight checks  
 9/5/24 - Y3 Residential Begins  
 10/5/24 - Y3 Residential Ends  
 16/5/24 - Glos Wildlife Trust—Y1/2 Workshops  
 23/5/24 - Glos Wildlife Trust—Y1/2 Workshops  
 24/5/24 - Pied Piper Appeal, Pyjama Day  
 24/5/24 - Reports Out  
 24/5/24 - End of Term 5  
 3/6/24 - Start of Term 6  
 3/6/24 - 14/6/24 - Parents Consultations (to discuss reports)  
 6/6/24 - KS2 Skateboard Workshops  
 13/6/24 - Football Freestyle Workshops

28/6/24 - Well-being workshops and assembly  
 5/7/24 - K-Nex Challenge Final  
 17/7/24 - Y6 Leavers Afternoon  
 12/7/24 - Summer Showcase  
 19/7/24 - End of Term 6 (1.30pm)

### 2024/25 Academic Year

4/9/24 - Start of Term 1  
 17/10/24 - End of Term 1  
 4/11/24 - Start of Term 2  
 19/12/24 - End of Term 2 (1.30pm)  
 7/1/25 - Start of Term 3  
 14/2/25 - End of Term 3  
 24/2/25 - Start of Term 4  
 4/3/25 - End of Term 4 (1.30pm)  
 22/4/25 - Start of Term 5  
 23/5/25 - End of Term 5  
 2/6/25 - Start of Term 6  
 18/7/25 - End of Term 6 (1.30pm)



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