



Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Headteacher's Message

It is hard to believe that we are two-thirds of the way through our current academic year, and that we only have two more terms before the Summer break. Whilst we are now officially in Spring, the weather certainly hasn't helped us feel like it! It is encouraging, however, to see the daffodils and other Spring flowers providing vibrant splashes of colour against the grey rainy days and trust that hopefully it won't be long before we see a little bit more of the sun!

Term 4 has been a busy one for the children, with most year groups undertaking their NFER tests in Maths, English and Reading - well done, everyone. Year 2 and Year 6 are working hard to prepare for their SATs next term and I have no doubt their hard work will be reflected in good results.

Many of you have been into school to attend Parent Workshops and Class Assemblies - I know the children always look forward to their parents and carers being in their classroom and I thank you for making the effort to be here although I know that is not always possible. These will continue through Terms 5 and 6.

We do have to say a farewell this term - Mrs Jackson is sadly leaving the Trinity team to start a new role at Norton Hill Secondary School. She will be liaising with local companies and organisations with a view to developing the provision of work experience for children. Mrs Jackson does so much for us here, and although we wish her well in her new school, we will be very sorry to see her go.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 18th April, refreshed and ready to continue their learning journey.

Mrs Parsons



House Points Winners



Congratulations to **Sapphire** House for being our final winners of Term 4 and who enjoyed an extra non-uniform day today!

Attendance Winners



Well done to **Cedar** Class for achieving best attendance last week and to **Conker** Class for this week.

Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

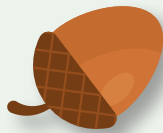
Courage:	All the Dance Umbrella children for a fantastic performance last week!
Friendship:	Elsie-Rose Y4
Trust:	Mrs Jackson and Mr Pollock Y4

EARLY YEARS EASTER RAFFLE!

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle winners and thank you for all your support with buying tickets!

Winners have been notified and prizes given out.

Acorn Class



Class News:

The children have enjoyed a new story book: *"The Train Ride"* and we have been doing lots of activities in support of the story. The children especially liked the song that goes with it because it creates the rhythm of being on a train. We lined up the chairs in Nursery to create our very own train - then the children issued and stamped each other's tickets. In our Music session, we created our own instruments and played along, singing *"What shall I see, what shall I see?"* as we went on our journey.

Continuing with the train ride theme, in Science, we did a 'friction train' experiment. This involved the children choosing different types of materials to create a ramp which they would release the train down. The children had to discuss in the group which materials they thought would cause the train to go faster or slower as they let it run down the ramp. The slowest ramp was made from a thick, soft material which stopped the train, whilst the fastest ramp was made from a shiny, hard-backed book which the train sped down as it was released.

In Cookery, the children prepared fresh fruit and vegetables and used the shapes to create their own train shapes, describing the different parts of the train as they did it.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter - have a relaxing break and we will see you all raring to go for Term 5!

Mrs Ware



Office News:



INSET Day

A reminder that school is not open to children on the first day of Term 5 - we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 18th April.

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Office Hours

The office is staffed between 8.15am-4.15pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.15am-3.45pm on a Friday. There is nobody in the office outside these times to hear the intercoms or open the vehicle gates, so all access is via the pedestrian gate only.

Headteacher's Award

Conkers:

Evelyn, Yasmin

Chestnut:

Otto, Delilah

Cedar:

Delilah, Blake

Willow:

Annabelle, Norman

Cherry:

Freddie, Georgia

Maple:

Isabella, Scarlett

Redwood:

Eva-Mai, Ajay



Conker Class



Class News:

We have finished this term off using a non-fiction book all about sharks. We already knew so much, such as: a cookie cutter shark takes small bites out of other sharks. However, we have now learned so many new things, such as: the smallest shark is the size of a chocolate bar! We have painted sharks, labelled sharks and written a sentence that got better and better as we helped one another to expand:

The shark has teeth.

The shark has big teeth.

The shark has sharp big teeth.

The shark has 3 rows of sharp big teeth.

The shark has 3 rows of sharp big shiny teeth.

And then our final one:

The shark has 3 rows of sharp big shiny teeth and if one falls out they grow another!

We have had a special visitor (Mrs Clements in disguise) who talked to us all about diving and the special equipment that we need.

In Maths, we have been thinking about solid shapes

and using the correct vocabulary to describe them. We can use the words *flat face* and *curved surface* with great understanding. We have looked at which solid shapes are the best for building with and why this is. I wonder if you can go on a shape-spotting walk over the holidays and use these words?

Next term we will be thinking about plants and growing. Over the holidays see if you can spot any signs of Spring growth. The buds are coming out and there is some lovely blossom starting to show on the trees.

Have a great Easter.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

Last week, we finished innovating our own stories based on: *"Lost and Found"*. We created our own characters and settings. We used wonderful storytelling words, exciting vocabulary adjectives, past tense verbs and onomatopoeia. This week, we have been making clay penguins and writing instructions using time connectives.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value to fifty, counting in tens, counting forwards and backwards on a number line. We have been using *dienes* to support our understanding.

We have also been exploring through role play how we can help to look after ourselves when we are unwell. This week, we have been thinking about road safety. We created posters to show our understanding of road awareness.

We celebrated the end of term by making Easter baskets and biscuits. We have also made some beautiful Easter gardens with Mrs Meredith!

Well done to everyone for singing so beautifully at the Easter service. You have all made such amazing progress this term and I am so proud of you!

I hope you all enjoy your Easter break.

Mrs O'Brien

Cedar Class



Class News:

This week, we finished our learning on the story "*Little Red Reading Hood*".

We are looking forward to innovating our own stories next term which will be based on Fairytales with a twist! We will be creating our own characters and settings using exciting vocabulary, similes and onomatopoeia.

We ended our Science learning this term with a combined History and Science week! We have learned all about the wonderful work of Florence Nightingale. We discovered that the NHS Nightingale Hospital London was the first of the NHS Nightingale Hospitals, temporary hospitals set up by NHS England for the COVID-19 pandemic. This demonstrates how fundamental her work was and still is today. During this learning, we were able to think back to our previous work on Mary Seacole, another hugely influential nurse at that time. We ended our week by making our own lamps to celebrate Florence, *The Lady With The Lamp*.

This week we also enjoyed our Parent Workshop. We made Easter Gardens and cards to celebrate our learning. We were able to show our parents the QR codes in our RE books which demonstrated all our practical activities we have completed in RE. The videos showed us taking part in The Last Supper where we shared bread and drinks and where we retold the Easter story with costumes and props.

What a wonderful way to end our term!

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

Throughout the last two weeks in Maths, Willow Class has been introduced to a new topic on *length* and *perimeter*. So far, the children have been introduced to millimetres, centimetres and metres and have been converting millimetres into centimetres. We will continue to focus on this topic after Easter.

In English, we have come to the end of "*The Incredible Book Eating Boy*". The children have enjoyed rewriting sentences on this humorous story and have produced detailed and interesting independent writing pieces based upon the book.

In Science, we have continued our topic on *plants*. Last week, the children learned about the plant life cycle and this week they enjoyed a parent workshop focusing on dissecting and labelling the different parts of a plant. They worked incredibly hard and were able to explain the role of each part of a plant.

In History, we are continuing to learn about the Bronze Age. The children spent last week investigating Stonehenge and why it was mysteriously built. This week, Willow Class were introduced to the Bronze Age '*around the world*'. They had the task of investigating different parts of the world during the Bronze Age and how they were similar/different to Britain.

I cannot believe we are already at the end of Term 4! Willow Class has worked incredibly hard this term and the children should all be proud of themselves. I hope you all have a well-deserved break.

Miss Jones



Cherry Class



Class News:

Last Friday, Cherry Class made a brilliant start on our wildflower meadow. We planted five common alder trees, started to clear some of the moss and scattered wildflower seed.

The children have blown me away with their fraction work over the last couple of weeks. We have explored mixed numbers, improper fractions and fraction families.

Our writing has focused on the digestive system. We have planned and written an explanation text.

In Science this week, the children enjoyed acting out the digestive system. Earlier in the week we also looked at food chains and linked this to our *rabbit, carrots, foxes* game.

Last week, the children loved acting out the Viking raid on Lindisfarne. They also enjoyed learning the gruesome details.

Well done for working so hard Cherry Class. Have a fantastic break!

Mr Pollock



Maple Class



Class News:

In Geography, we have started a new topic all about *Fairtrade*. We watched a video to explain all about trading and Fairtrade, before discussing the products we believed were imported and exported to and from the UK.

In English, we have now reached the end of our topic based on the book "*Zoo*" by Anthony Browne. During this unit, we have explored the pros and cons of zoos (during our experience days), as well as creating our own version of the original story.

In Maths, we have just reached the end of our unit on *decimals* and *percentages*. During this topic, we have rounded numbers to the nearest whole and tenth, as well as converting fractions into decimals and percentages.

In Outdoor Learning, we created self-portraits using materials from the wooded area. The children loved collecting different objects to use for their portraits.

A huge well done to Maple Class for another great term! We hope you have a well deserved rest over the Easter break.

Miss Walker

Class News:

Redwood Class



We've had a busy last fortnight leading up to the end of the Spring Terms, with lots of different visitors and activities going on!

Last week, we were visited by some scientists from Bath University who led a workshop for the children, exploring light and colour. The children were able to participate in a range of different activities, which included using light metres and microscopes!

Everyone in Redwood Class performed brilliantly in the church as part of our Easter Service, with a wholehearted rendition of *The Chocolate Song*! To add to our Easter celebrations, the children have also made some stained glass window artwork.

This week, we were visited by PCSO Jon Hardy who spoke to the children about the importance of making good choices and the age of criminal responsibilities. Jon is hoping to come and visit us again in the Summer Term.

I hope everyone has a good Easter break and gets lots of rest, ready for a busy Term 5!

Mr Hancock



Dates for your Calendar 2022-2023 - Term 4 & 5

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 17th April	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 18th April	TERM 5 - BACK TO SCHOOL	Whole School
Thursday 20th April	MSN Games Association Cross Country (details to follow)	Year 6
Monday 24th April	Netball Match v Oakfield Park Junior School (at Trinity)	Details to follow
Tuesday 25th April	Cherry Class Parent Workshop	Year 4 parents/carers
Thursday 4th May	PTA School Disco: 5.00-6.30pm	YR-Y6
Friday 5th May	Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Competition	
Friday 5th May	King's Coronation Celebration Lunch	Whole school and parents
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May	SATs week	Year 6
Thursday 25th May	Non-uniform Day for PTA Summer Fair donations	YR-Y6
Friday 26th May	END OF TERM 5	Whole School
Monday 29th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
Friday 16th June	PTA Summer Fair - details to follow	Whole School
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Thought of the week



This week in our collective worship, we have been thinking about our Christian Value of *Compassion* but thinking about what is happening for children in the world at the current time. We have also linked this to our British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

Our Big Question

Schools in parts of Turkey and Syria have been reopening in the weeks since devastating earthquakes hit, many in the form of makeshift tents. Teachers in the affected areas are making certain children's education continue, despite the difficult circumstances. Many school buildings were affected in the earthquakes at the start of February, leading to all educational institutions nationwide being closed for over two weeks. Although many learning centres have since reopened, lessons have had to also continue in tent schools, set up by volunteers and authorities in the worst affected areas.

Through Jesus, God teaches us love, forgiveness, kindness, compassion, strength, and to challenge injustice. Within our communities, we can work together and support one another, through the tough times and the good. God loves everyone and wants everyone to feel like they belong. Being part of a community can give us a sense of belonging.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your knowledge and understanding of last month's earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- Talk about how difficult it may have been for the affected communities there.
- Thinking about your own community, how do you work together – especially when things are hard?



The highest result of education is tolerance.

Helen Keller



KS2 Dance Umbrella

30 children from Years 3-6 attended the annual Dance Umbrella at the Bath Forum last Tuesday evening. They performed their dance dressed up as the 80's rock band Kiss and were fantastic on the stage in front of nearly 1000 people in the audience. A massive well done to them after 10 weeks rehearsing. A big thank you to all that came and watched and those teaching staff who helped behind the scenes.

