# **Midsomer Norton Primary School** News

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### Why is it Called Whitsun?

By Olivia (Earth Class)

May half term is also known as Whitsun, but do you know why it's called that? Read on to find out!

The name, Whitsun, is believed to have come from Pentecost, a day for baptisms, when people would dress in white.

'Whitsun' is also thought to come from the Anglo-Saxon word, 'wit', which means understanding. It is also to celebrate the disciples (Jesus' 12 main friends) being filled with the wisdom and knowledge of the holy spirit. This happened after Jesus went up to heaven after rising from the dead.

In many Christian countries, Whit Monday is a Bank Holiday as it is the second day of the Pentecost festival!



Whitsun Poem
By Olivia (Earth) and Inayah (Jupiter)

The sun comes out from behind the clouds

Not a single raindrop falls to the ground

Sunflowers rise up and sing

It's Whitsun everyone, it's the end of spring!



### My Day In Bath With David Walliams Collecting the book, Robodog

by Bertie McGlennon (Uranus Class)

First, I got dressed and then got into the car to drive to Bath so I could get into the queue early. After a little while, David Walliams arrived and said, "Let's get the show on the road!" He also took a selfie with the crowd.

I waited for about 10 minutes more, then it was my turn to meet him. David Walliams and the illustrator signed my book and gave me a bag containing two book marks, a bag of sweets and a page of stickers.

They were both very smiley and kind.



### Whitsun Acrostic by Hollie Smith (Mercury)

W eather is getting warmer

H appy children playing outside

I ce-cream vans ring out their tunes

T rees blowing in the breeze

S un shining brightly

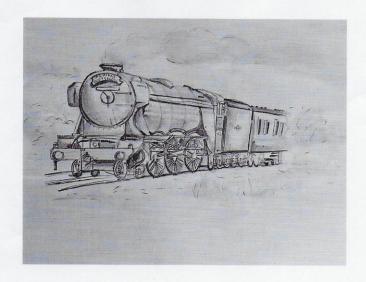
U umbrellas for the shade

N ever enough Mr Whippies and fish and chippies

### 100th anniversary of the Flying Scotsman

By Alfie [Uranus]

- The Flying Scotsman was built in Doncaster in 1923. The 24th February 2023 marked 100 years since the Flying Scotsman entered service.
- The Flying Scotsman is 70 ft in length and weighs a whopping 97 tonnes.
- The Flying Scotsman was designed by Sir Nigel Gresley and was the first locomotive to reach 100mph. It holds a world record for non-stop run in a steam locomotive set in 1989 with a 422 mile trip while on tour in Australia.
- The Flying Scotsman was originally painted Apple Green except during the second world war, where it was painted wartime black. In its latest form it is back to classic green officially known as no: 60103.
- The Flying Scotsman has featured in 102 Dalmations and Thomas the Tank Engine books as the brother of Gordan.
- Its image was included on the back of specially produced £5 coins for the 2012 London olympics.
- The Flying Scotsman's mileage is approximately 4,000,000 km. That distance is the equivalent of Yorkshire to the moon and back again 10 times!



### **ROYAL NAME GENERATOR**



### By Princess Theodora of Paulton (Uranus) (Also known as Phoebe)

Have fun turning your name into something that sounds like it is from the Royal Family.

#### **CHOOSE THE MONTH YOU WERE BORN**

JAN=KING/QUEEN

MAY=LORD/LADY

SEPT=COUNT/COUNTESS

FEB=HIS/HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

JUNE=EMPEROR/EMPRESS

**OCT=THE RIGHT HONOURABLE** 

MAR=DUKE/DUCHESS

JUL=BARON/BARONESS

NOV=SIR/MADAM

APR=VISCOUNT/VISCOUNTESS

AUG=PRINCE/PRINCESS

**DEC=KNIGHT/DAME** 

#### **USE THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR SURNAME**

A=Agatha/Arthur

J=Josephine/Jasper

S=Serena/Solomon

B=Beatrice/Bartholomew

K=Katherine/Kingsley

T=Theodora/Theodore

C=Charlotte/Cuthbert

L=Lucinda/Louie

U=Ursula/Ulysses

D=Diana/Douglas

M=Margot/Merlin

V=Victoria/Victor

E=Elizabeth/Edgar

N=Nancy/Nelson

W=Wilma/Wilbur

F=Florence/Ferdinand

O=Ottilie/Orlando

X=Xena/Xavier

G=Greta/George

P=Penelope/Percy

Y=Yolanda/Yanis

H=Hermione/Horatio

Q=Quinn/Quentin

Z=Zara/Zachary

I=Ingrid/Isaac

R=Rose/Rufus

#### AND THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR FIRST NAME

A of Arendalle

J of Jurassic Park

S of Somewhere over the Rainbow

**B** of Butlins

K of Kenya

T of Treasure Island

C of Coronation Street

L of LEGOLAND

U of the Universe

D of the Deep Dark Wood

M of Midsomer Norton

V of Vancouver

E of Emerald City

N of Narnia

W of the World

F of Far Far Away

O of Oz

X of X marks the spot

G of Godric's Hollow

P of Paulton

Y of You know the place....

H of Hogwarts

Q of Quantock Hills

Z of the Zoo

I of Infinity and Beyond

R of Radstock

### **CORONATION WORD JUMBLE**

By Phoebe (Uranus)

Can you work out the Coronation themed words?

- 1) RODSWNI STALEC
- 2) RANCHOM
- 3) SINSWETTERM BABYE
- 4) SHORES
- 5) HAMUCKBGIN LAPCAE
- 6) YARLO LIMYAF
- 7) TREEST RAPYT
- 8) GAFLS
- 9) NOWRC
- 10) PREETCS



### **EARTH DAY WORDSEARCH**

By Phoebe (Uranus)

PON SIBIL OUCGL OBALPH CETO RP RE Z DUCA T ONNPABO E D U C E EDGQZAC R IVNEGFF OCON S E E RWL DETREAZ BN UMBSL ORE STA REE ASZO E R KLHKZQP N NVESTVRQXZ GTFNI

CONSERVATION
DEFORESTATION
EDUCATION
ENVIRONMENT
GLOBAL
POLLINATORS
PROTECT
RECYCLE
REDUCE
RESPONSIBILITY
REUSE

### lan McKellen and John Bishop by Lucas Ball (Uranus)

On the 10th April 2023, Ian McKellen and John Bishop performed together as main roles of mum and dad in Mother Goose.

### The true story

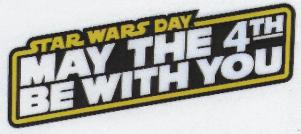
They performed for an amazing 2 and a half hours with a break in the middle. When it began, the mother and father were running an animal shelter but they don't have enough money then out of nowhere a magical goose comes and lays a golden egg. They sell it for lots of money so they can move to the Tower of London and then the goose gets imprisoned in goose land and they fly an airplane and save the goose.

### The review

I was lucky enough to see them perform and I rate the experience 10/10 because they gifted us free water. These are some pictures.



Mythical Pheoriex by Olivia (Earth)





### Will Vale

Star Wars Day is an informal remembrance day observed annually on May 4 to celebrate the Star Wars media franchise created by founder, former chairman and CEO of Lucasfilm, George Lucas. Observance of the day spread quickly through media and grassroots celebrations since the franchise began in 1977.

Fans (even the PM, such as Boris Johnson) have celebrated Star Wars in a variety of ways in social media and on television.

Major League Baseball, association football, and college sports teams have paid tribute to Star Wars in different ways. Minor League Baseball teams such as the Toledo Mud Hens and the Durham Bulls have worn special uniforms as part of Star Wars Day celebrations.

On Star Wars Day 2015, astronauts in the International Space Station watched Star Wars (so cool). Also in 2015, the carillon bells inside the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada played "The Imperial March" theme from Star Wars, among other space-related tunes.

# Kings coronation quiz

What day was king Charles born on?

What was king Charles mother name?

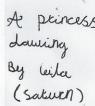
How many children does king Charles have?

What is king Charles wife name?

How many grandchildren does he have?

Where does king Charles live?







# Word and vocabulary games

By Miss Higgins

### Odd one out

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(Answers inside the back cover)

mug rug pink pug

apple banana peach tomato

happy frustrated cheerful content

bed ladle pan sink





### **Categories**

The categories word game starts with a person selecting a particular category of items. Each player must take turns naming items in that category until no one can think of any more items to add.

You could try:

- Things to bring to the beach
- Items found in the kitchen
- Names beginning with N







### All about alliteration

Can you think of some adjectives that can go with the images to create alliteration. For example: dangerous dinosaur, rusty rocket...













### Emoticonundrums

Can you guess these well-known phrases from the emojis? (Answers inside the back cover.)

- 1. 💮 🎮
- 2. 8 🏠
- 3. 😃 🚵
- 4. 4.
- 5. 🛂 🔝 🏊
- 6. 0 %
- 7. 🛭 🧐
- 8.
- 9. 🌧 🧸
- 10. 🛊 🖟 🎜 🖉 🌧
- 11. 🏂 🔯
- 12. 5
- 13. 🙎 🗑 💝 🐧
- 14. 🗢 🦈 🚺 🥭
- 15. 🛛 🗸 🦀 🏶
- 16. 6 🚾 🗙 🎖 🖼 🛕 🔵

- 17. 🔏 🕡
- 18. 🚳 😇 😡 😡 🐠 🍱
- 19. 🙎 😥 😭 🍅
- 20. 🕡 😭
- 21. 障壁
- 22.
- 23. 🔢 🛟 🖰 🌧 🕸
- 24. 樂 🕶 💍 🖤
- 25. ♥⊠ 🖺
- 26. 🕎 🖤
- 27.\* 💿 🗻 💼
- 28. 🙆 😭 💸 🛐
- 29. 🙆 😭 📢 🛕 🔾 🔷
- 30. 😈 🖃 😈 🖫
- 31. % 🗇 😈
- 32.

# All children have the right to:

- √ speak out and be heard
- √ be safe
- √ get help when they need it.





# Food Idioms And Phrases with Meanings

### Compiled by Mrs Josham

Apple of my eye
Full of beans
Bad egg
Be nuts about
Big cheese
Bread and butter
Bring home the bacon
Egg someone on
Butter someone up
Cheap as chips
Cook the books
Gravy train
Couch potato
Cream of the crop

Cut the mustard

An adored person
Be energetic
A troublesome person
Behave erratically or panicky
An important person
Necessities or main points
Earn the money
To urge or provoke someone
Be really nice to someone
Very inexpensive
Dishonest accounting
High pay for minimal work
Lazy person
The best
Meet expectations

# **Collective Nouns**

We all know about herds of cows and flocks of sheep, but how many other collective nouns do you know?

A murder of crows.

An ambush of tigers.

A cloud of bats.

A business of ferrets.

A stand of flamingos.

A siege of herons.

A parliament of owls.

A cackle of hyenas.

A bed of eels.

A cluster of coconuts.

A shoal of fish.

A colony of ants.

A horde of savages.

A quiver of arrows.

A hand of bananas.

A host of angels.

A company of parrots.

A congregation of alligators.

A convocation of eagles.

An army of frogs.

An array of hedgehogs.

A leap of leopards.

An ostentation of peacocks.

A clowder of cats.

A battery of guns.

A swarm of bees.

A fleet of ships.

A fieer of ships.

A pack of wolves.

A company of actors.

A range of mountains.

A regiment of soldiers.

A cloud of dust.

## **Contronyms**

We all know about synonyms and antonyms, but have you ever heard of contronyms? Here's a hint - these words can contradict themselves. If you don't think that this is possible, let us assure you that you likely use plenty of such words in your everyday speech already!

Fast quick, or stuck or made stable
The boy ran fast.
The boy was stuck fast in the quicksand.

**Left** remained, or departed The train was left at the station.

The train left the station.

**Weather** to withstand, or to wear away We weathered the storm inside the house. The rock was weathered by the wind and rain.

**Dust** to add fine particles, or to remove them The cake was dusted with icing sugar.

I cleaned and dusted the living room.

**Bolt** to secure, or to flee She bolted the gate to make it secure. She bolted from the hall to get onto the playground first.

**Apology** a statement of contrition for an action (saying sorry), or a defence of one The child gave an apology to their friend after being unkind.

The five-minute play outside was a poor apology of a break time!

**Bound** heading to a destination, or restrained from movement We are packed up and homeward bound after our holiday.

The Mummy was bound in bandages and could hardly move.

**Peer** a person of nobility, or an equal The House of Lords is full of peers and people with titles. I love being in school with all my peers.

**Sanction** to approve, or to boycott Extra Greenie Time was sanctioned by Ms Biss. The children wished they could put a sanction on SATs.





# Do **You** Recognise These Two People?



These two men Ryan Renolds (a famous actor starring in Deadpool etc) and Rob McElhenney (a famous writer and producer with his biggest film It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia) have recently bought a Welsh football club called Wrexham FC!

This club may not be well known to you as they are in one of the lower leagues. But Wrexham have recently been promoted to the National League. Furthermore, Wrexham are at the top of the National League hoping to be promoted soon. For Chelsea and Manchester fans, Wrexham will be challenging Man United on the 26th July at 2:30 and Chelsea for the Florida Cup final on the 9th July.

Wrexham FC have come from rags to riches, like a proper Hollywood Fairytale. Keep Watching!

Club		MP	W	D	L	Pts
1 👸	Wrexham	46	34	9	3	111
2	Notts County	46	32	11	3	107
3 🗑	Chesterfield	46	25	9	12	84
4	Woking	46	24	10	12	82
5	Barnet	46	21	11	14	74

# Explaining why the Earth is important.

By Leila (saturn)

The Earth is important because if our earth is in bad condition we will be unhealthy so will the earth.

If the earth isn't healthy the insects and animals won't be able to survive.

Polluting the waters is poisoning the fish and sea creatures and when we are eating them we are then eating all the harmful things we have polluted the waters with.

When the animals become extinct we will have no meat or fish, By littering and not disposing of our rubbish properly we are harming the animals e.g fishing nets and plastic rings round cans.

Trees give us oxygen and by cutting them down we are affecting nature and getting rid of natural habitats for many species of animals.

A joke about the earth Why do bears think berries are poisonous?? Because they are bearies

How to look after plants
By Leila (Saturn)
Put the seed in soil.
Water the plant.
Give it sun and shade.
Give it love.

Nature Quiz By Leila (Saturn)

How many type of plants are there? What are trees called that don't shed their leaves? What are trees called that do shed their leaves? How can you tell how old a tree is?



### **Best Cruise Company and Newest Ship**



### By Will Vale

Cruise Companies are one of the most popular ways to travel in the 21st centu with exotic activities aboard like water slides, even as far as go kart tracks. So

he Top 5 newest cruise ships!!!

**Royal Caribbean** 

Icon of The Seas, coming in 2024 a family cruise packed with iconic treasures, week long Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries, and each will visit Royal

bean's private island CocoCay. What is this?

.ey Cruises

Disney Treasure, coming in 2024, a family cruise sailing round the Bahar much more also visiting their private island Lighthouse Point.

Norwegian Cruise Line

Norwegian Viva, coming in 2023, a family cruise set to

sail through the Mediterranean region of Europe including Spain, Italy, France, Greece, Majorca, Portugal, Turkey, and Croatia.

**MSC Cruises** 

MSC Poesia, coming in 2024/25, a family cruise on January 5th 2024 for incredible 121-day journey, discovering many of the most beautiful and fascinating places on the planet. Experience 52 amazing destinations in 31 different countries in a single, unforgettable voyage.

Virgin Voyages

Resilient Lady, coming in 2024/25, an adult cruise specialising in pure paradise touring around the Caribbean and Europe.









S S D U

By Sam McGroarty (Uranus) Wadnesday 8th March This give Wednesday morning, I note up at 6:25 am, I was eastate when my mum took told me to look outsin When I did my eyes nathered with astonishment became this magical white slaves come down, Below my eyes was a greek cook of snow was down there ready for us to explore. Then, I went to my room where me and my sister sleep; share, I bold my sister to look out the window, she only then notee up. Next, we went outside to play and went for a walk in snow which had by then turned all dushy on the way back I sliped by the river and it gave my This but absent I got to hear children having gun. Now, we arrived bade home my mum and sister work inside but I stayed out because I enjoyed it so much. All in all a good day.

### The BEST



### Of All Time

Music videos are the best way to represent your song, from people dancing to people transforming into zombies here are the Top 5 music videos of all time!!!

1: Thriller by Michael Jackson

2: Take On Me by A-ha

3: Wild Boys by Duran Duran

4: Sledgehammer by Peter Gabriel

5: Vogue by Madonna

By Will Vale (Jupiter)





### Emoticonundrums

- 1. Baby Shower
- 2. Rock Star
- 3. Happy Camper
- 4. Music To My Ears
- 5. Head Over Heels
- 6. Don't Cut Corners
- 7. Clip Art
- 8. In One Ear And Out The Other
- 9. Rain Dance
- 10. Singing In The rain
- 11. Party Time
- 12. Hammer Time
- 13. Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk
- 14. Storm In A Teacup
- 15. It's Not Rocket Science
- 16. Money Doesn't Grow On Trees

- 17. Dancing Queen
- 18. Emotional Rollercoaster
- 19. Don't Worry, Be Happy
- 20. Queen Bee
- 21. Take Two
- 22. Ghost Writer
- 23. Under The Weather
- 24. Cold Hands, Warm Heart
- 25. Love Letter
- 26. Heavy Heart
- 27. Monkey Business
- 28. Every Dog Has Its Day
- 29. Barking Up The Wrong Tree
- 30. Piggy In The Middle
- 31. Cat Got Your Tongue
- 32. Fish Out Of Water

# Word and vocabulary games

By Miss Higgins

# Mug rug pink pug apple banana peach tomato happy frustrated cheerful content bed ladle pan sink

### **CORONATION WORD JUMBLE ANSWERS**

- 1) WINDSOR CASTLE
- 6) ROYAL FAMILY

2) MONARCH

- 7) STREET PARTY
- 3) WESTMINSTER ABBEY
- 8) FLAGS

4) HORSES

- 9) CROWN
- 5) BUCKINGHAM PALACE
- 10) SCEPTRE

We hope you enjoyed reading this issue of MNPS News as much as we have enjoyed producing it.

# SATs in Primary School are over and we can all look forward to the Summer!



### What do you want to see in future issues of MNPS News?

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Please don't forget**, you can place any jokes, riddles, ideas, short stories, reviews, features, pictures, recipes, craft ideas...anything really into the box in the library.

THIS IS YOUR MAGAZINE!



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