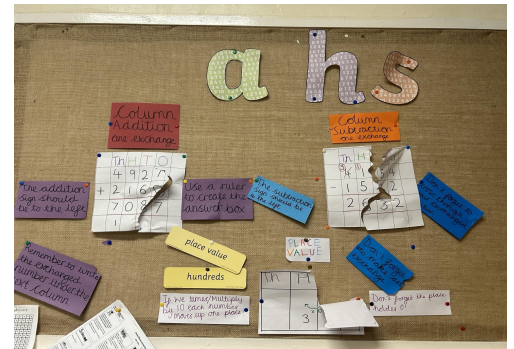
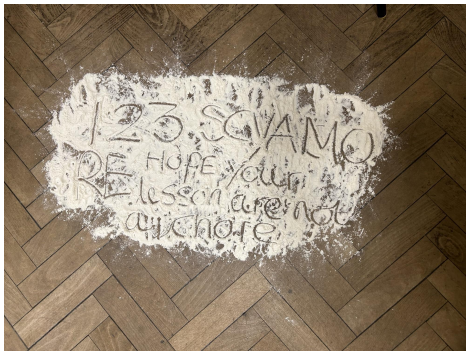




Something was afoot in Sycamore Class on Wednesday. The children arrived to find a strange message written in flour on the floor, displays had been tampered with, chairs upended, pencils and rulers all over the place. Who or what could have done such a thing? There seemed to be lots of similarities to the Spiderwick Chronicles, the class reader this term. Who would solve the mystery? Children took great delight in interviewing people about the occurrence, including myself. Many concluded that the culprit was Mr Rideout - he must have a guilty looking face!! I can't wait to read the resulting newspaper reports.



On Wednesday, Hera and Juno's dad, Simon, came to talk to us about his job as Head of Waste and Environment at Torfaen Council. He talked about the importance of recycling, landfills and about the people who collect our rubbish and recycling each week. Zach dressed up as a refuse and recycling collector and Simon talked through why it was important to wear the clothes that they do. Such a fun and informative assembly. Thank you Simon!

If you would like to come into school and talk to the children about your job then please let us know.





### CHINESE NEW YEAR

Cherry Class has been celebrating Chinese New Year. The children made lanterns and paper dragons and learnt the story of the animals of the zodiac. On Tuesday we had our own dragon parade around the astro accompanied by drums and shakers.



### STORY TELLING

The Year 6 buddies kindly visited Cherry Class last Friday to hear the Cherries tell the story of the Gingerbread Bread Man using story boxes which the Cherries had made. The Year 6s patiently listened to the stories and were very encouraging!



Hopefully, you all received an email earlier in the week about completing the parent questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to fill in the on-line form, the more people that complete it, the more rounded picture of the school we receive. Here is the link again [Parent Survey 2023](#)

Finally, as many of you will already know Mrs Morris has broken her arm after slipping on the ice last weekend. Luckily, we still have our wonderful student Miss Kent for another week and Mrs Stephens will be stepping in to teach whenever she can on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We all wish her a very speedy recovery.

***Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull***





## Certificates of the week



### Head Teacher's Award

Congratulations to Emilija, Jess, Damon, Pippa, Otilie and Lewis for receiving the Head Teacher's award this week.

### Doodle Maths

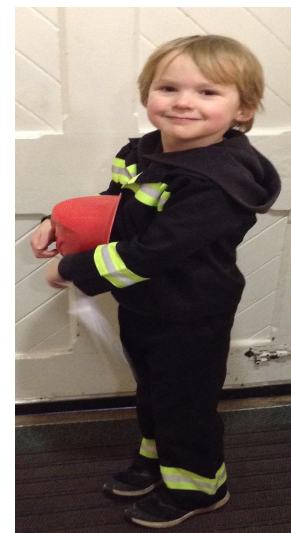
Receiving the most stars in Doodle Maths this week are Connie, Lola, Jess, Johannes, Abel and Albie. The top for Doodle Tables are Connie, Livie, Aria, Autumn and Charlie.



Well done to Lottie for being the **Reader of the Week** and Spencer for receiving the **Playground Tidy Up** award. Fantastic role models.

### Other Awards

Lots of children showing their swimming certificates this week. Well done to Kady, Hera, Darcy, Martha, Molly, Juno, Jack, Adalyn, Zander, Aria, Otilie and Finley. Evie also brought in her gymnastics certificate.





### **Notices**

- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day. Please note that if you book a meal and then your child brings in a packed lunch on that day you will still be charged for the booked meal if you pay for school lunches, unless your child is ill.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.
- **School Shoes** - Reminder that if trainers are worn they must be all black. White trim/markings and large logos are not acceptable.

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 1st February  
Thursday 2nd February  
Wednesday 8th February  
Friday 10th February  
Monday 20th February  
Tuesday 21st February  
Wednesday 8th March  
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Thursday 9th March  
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Saturday 11th March  
Monday 20th March  
22nd- 24th March  
27th - 31st March  
Friday 31st March

**POSTPONED** - Sycamore Learning exhibition  
Year 6 Camp drop in session after school  
Rowan Class Learning exhibition - 2.30pm  
Last day of term  
Term 4 begins  
Pancake races  
Willow Class trip to SS Great Britain  
Parents Evening 3.30-7pm **NEW DATE**  
Y5/6 gym competition @ Writhlington 1-3pm  
Parents Evening 3.30 - 5pm **NEW DATE**  
Clutton bulb show  
Dance Umbrella @ Bath Forum  
Year 4 Residential @ Mendip Outdoor Centre  
Year 6 Residential @ Little Canada  
End of Term 4





## Family Holiday Activities

# Colour & Light

Brighten up the February holiday with these family activities – all designed to bring colour and light to the dullest of winter days.

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**Wednesday 15 February:**

### **Stained 'Glass'**

Learn how to create a stained glass effect using simple materials – the results will be just as beautiful.

**Thursday 16 February:**

### **Candle Holders**

Create a candle holder to help you bring light, warmth, and colour to the dark winter evenings.

**Friday 17 February:**

### **Illuminated Letters**

Try your hand at illuminated lettering – like monks of the middle ages – and make your writing really shine.

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To secure places, please book via  
**[wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk](https://wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk)**



£2 per child / £1 per child if eligible for free school meals  
Accompanying adults free – Children must be accompanied by an adult  
(N.B. dogs are not allowed in the Education Room)

Please note: the main Cathedral building may be closed to the public during this time.  
If so, we will email instructions for gaining access to the Education Room.