



A FAMILY, A FOUNDATION, A FUTURE

Whitminster C of E Primary School Newsletter October 2

Stem day at Wycliffe School

Class 4 visited Wycliffe School to take part in a stem day! First we had an amazing presentation about rockets and explosives! "It was great watching him show off how to make a rocket" (*Emily*) and finished it all off with an enormous explosion from a balloon filled with hydrogen. We had to cover our ears! He also lay on a bed of nails and had a teacher hammer a concrete block on his chest which was also covered by a block of nails! Somehow he survived. Then we went off in our separate groups for several activities. One group became doctors; we learnt about how people were vaccinated against small pox by using cow pox, when Edward Jenner discovered how to do it. Another group had a challenge to solve a crime of the missing marmalade sandwich using DNA techniques from the crime scene, including different blood types and fingerprints. There was also a chance to make slime in the chemistry lab while learning about different polymers! Another activity was seeing how vets look after animals; in this case it was weighing measuring and looking after a nene goose! In a DT session, we had the chance to make pen holders and then had a race using rubber band powered cars made from cardboard and cds. Finally, there was the competition to design a protective device for an egg when it was dropped to the floor...sadly there were several egg-based casualties. We had a fantastic day!

Author Visit

A very kind family arranged for us to have Caroline Young in school to talk to the children about being an author. She spent time reading her book. She then worked with each class on a different activity. In EYFS and KS1 they planted a seed and in KS2 they wrote poetry. It was a lovely day for the children. So a HUGE "Thank you" to the very kind family, we really appreciate it. Here are some quotes from the children:

"I really enjoyed writing the poetry with a real author!" Kensa

"I loved her creative book, with the foxes and wildlife," Mila

"I liked that her book was about her own experiences in her life" – Finn. "and where she chose to write her book" Phoebe.

"I loved how we learnt about the rhyming in her book and had a go ourselves," Adam

If you would like to see the book and purchase the book, please follow the link: <https://grandads-garden.com/products/grandads-garden>

Messy Church- 22nd October

This will be happening from 3:15-4:15pm in the school hall. Please support if you can.

EYFS

We are so pleased with how well the reception children have settled, therefore after half term we would like them to enter the school with the rest of the children through the lobby door. They will still meet parents at the flag pole at home time.

COATS

Please can you make sure that with the weather getting colder your child has a suitable coat in school and it is named. We will be outside as much as we can at playtime and lunchtime. Thank you.



Harvest Festival at School

Harvest

A reminder that our Harvest Festival will take place in the school hall on Thursday 22nd October at 2:30pm. After school clubs will run as normal.

As usual we will be making a collection to support the Food Bank. Please bring in any donations on Monday morning

Tinned Ham & Corned Beef

Fruit Squash

Coffee

Shampoo & Conditioner

Laundry Liquid

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

Out of date, damaged or opened items

Food that needs to be refrigerated or frozen

Book Fair 3rd November – Friday 7th November

The book fair is back! Please see the attached poster for more information. If you are able to buy a book or two, we will benefit at school. It will be open from 8:35 every morning and then from 3:15 Monday to Thursday. Please ensure you have your phone as payment will be through a QR code. Thank you.

Children in Need – 13th November

Get ready for some bear-y good fun! Come to school dressed as a bear, wear a bear-themed T-shirt, pop on some bear ears, or go the full hog and arrive in a full bear costume. We are asking for a **£1 donation** to support our chosen cause. The **School Council** will also be running a **Bear Hunt** around the school, with a small prize for successful bear spotters. We can't wait to see everyone's pawsome outfits! 🐾

Term Dates for 2027-2028

Please find attached the term dates for 2027-2028.

Groupcall – PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP

<https://groupcall.com/school-app/>

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal – A reminder

The Salvation Army helps families in need at Christmas by providing a toy for a child and some nice treats for the families. We as a school would like to support this. If possible we are asking for donations from you, which we will give to the Salvation Army to help make someone have a brighter Christmas.

The Salvation Army are looking for gifts for children from 0 to 18 including soft toys, games, board games, general toys, stationary, and toiletries. We are also looking for boxes of chocolates and biscuits. (Please don't send anything that is second hand or out of date.)

If you feel you could send something to support this, please send your donation into school between Monday 2nd November and Friday 6th November.

D and J Blake Christmas Trees

Please see below a flyer about Christmas Trees that will be available from the end of November.

Mini Golf

Please see below a poster about Mini Golf and a tournament your child could take part in. Thank you.

The children who have **SHONE** and were recognised in our celebration worship are:

Thomas, Miriam, Rowan, Bellarose, Caleb, Thea, Bonnie, Ethan, Bobby, Billy, Teddy, Alfie C, Jacob P, Thea, Mabel, Benji, Nathan, Billy, Adalaide, Leo R, Noah, Grace, Isobelle, William, Olivia, Eileen, Oliver, Phoebe, Shalini, Henrietta, Mason, Bella, Layla, Ellie-Mae, Ada-Rose, Megan, Kensa, Adam, Noah P, Alfie, Ava, Nancy, Emily, Jack, Mila, Lewis, Adele and Harper.



British Values



Our children who have demonstrated one or more of these values are:
Rosie, Harrison, Jack, Fern, Finn, Caleb, Aliyah and Alana

Dates:

Thursday 22nd October

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Friday 23rd October

Monday 2nd November

Monday 2nd November

Monday 16th November

Monday 23rd November

Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January

Harvest

Messy Church

End of Term

INSET

Start of Term

Book Fair (all week)

Individual Photos

Clubs finish this week

End of Term

Start of Term



**Dad & J
Blake**
Christmas
tree
growers

Open
weekends
Only from
the 28th
November

**Pick
your
own,
freshly
cut**

Over Old
Road
Hartpury
GL19 3DH




MINI MASTERS



**Tuesday 27
October, 3pm-5pm**
Aces Minigolf Gloucester



IT'S FREE TO TAKE PART, FOR JUNIORS FROM AGES 9-15
Brought to you by the British Minigolf Association, sign up for our introduction
to the sport of Minigolf held at Aces Minigolf Gloucester
Players will take part in a short dedicated coaching session and a fun one
round tournament with prizes for all!!
All participants must be accompanied by a responsible adult