



Cleeve Prior Primary School Newsletter
22nd March 2024

Head of School's message...



What a short but action-packed term we have had! Thank you to all of the children who have managed to come to school every day, despite a sickly half-term. We need to keep up the hard work into next term as SATs, Multiplication checks and phonics screenings loom closer.

This is a bumper edition of our newsletter as we have packed so much into the last half term.

We finished our term today with yet another wonderful church service at St Andrews. Luckily, this was led by Mother Jo and the Worship Crew. What a lovely way to end the term.

A few reminders and key facts to note in the upcoming term:

To allow Willow Class more time to complete their writing tasks, we have taken the decision to not take them swimming this term. Oak Class will continue on a Wednesday as planned.

Next term, Oak Class will be going to Forest School every Thursday afternoon. Although the weather will be warmer, it is imperative that all of the children bring a suitable kit into school each week. Please see the letter sent out to you with the expected items.

Happy Easter everyone and we'll see you on Monday 8th April.

Best wishes

Mrs. Laughlin

Head of School

SIAMS



We are absolutely delighted to share our SIAMS (church) inspection report with you. SIAMS judged the school to be living up to its foundation of being a church school.

The whole process was very positive and the report really reflects the progress the school has made over the last year. Our children did us proud. Thank you to everyone involved.

A snippet from the report said:

"The clearly stated Christian vision drives this small inclusive, caring and nurturing school. The atmosphere and ethos created means that all value and benefit from being a part of this learning community. This ensures everyone flourishes and is supported to reach their unique God given potential."

Easter Service at St Andrews.



A huge thank you to Mother Jo and our fantastic Worship Crew for a wonderful Easter service this afternoon.



1 - The Worship crew in action.



2 - A powerful scene from the poem.

I am a clever writer.

I AM A CLEVER WRITER

teaching teachers to teach writing

We are now using I am a clever writer to help improve the quality (and quantity) of our writing. We will be using a range of different texts to form the basis of our writing. We will be doing a star write at the end of each text and look forward to sharing some of these with you.



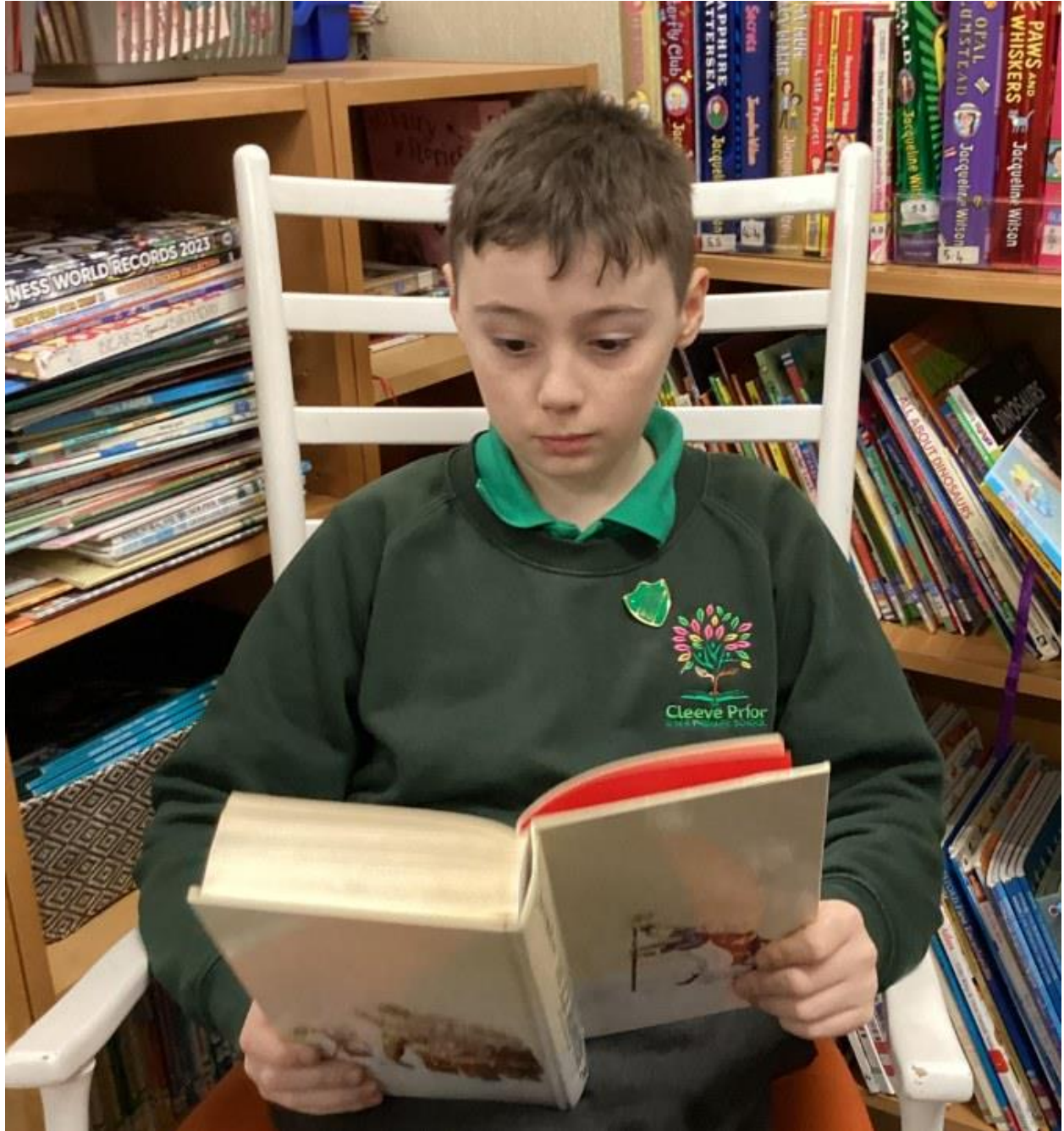


Lunches



Our lunches, provided by Myquill since the 19th February, are proving to be a success. The menu has been updated after Easter with some lovely sounding food. Just a reminder, if your child is in Willow Class we will order them any meals they want free of charge but please make sure they are foods they will eat as we are still wasting more food than I would like. If they are in Oak and are not entitled to Free School Meals, they will need to order and pay for meals by the Thursday before.

World Book Day and Readathon



For World Book Day this year we asked the children to come to school dressed as an adjective. We have some very challenging vocabulary - well done all.

WORLD BOOK DAY

During WBD we held a Readathon from 7:45 until 5pm. Thank you to everyone who collected sponsorship money. So far we have raised over £200 to use to buy new books for our redeveloped library.

A special well-done to Mina for raising so much money!

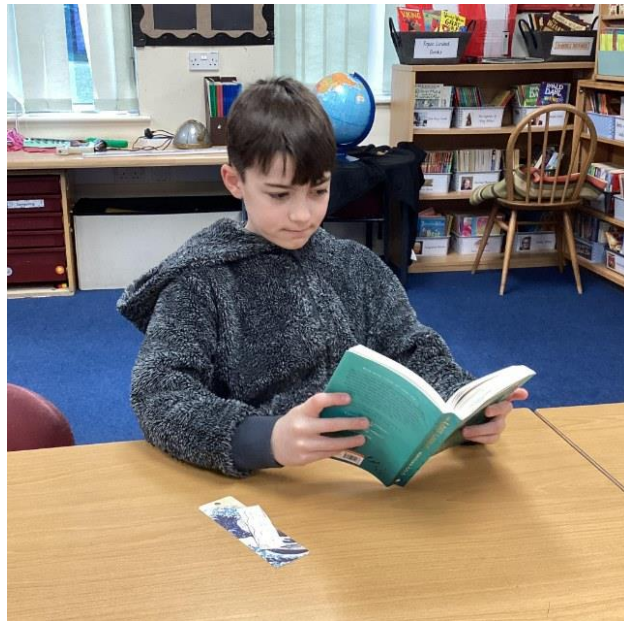
A big thank you to Mrs Millard for organising and managing a really successful day.

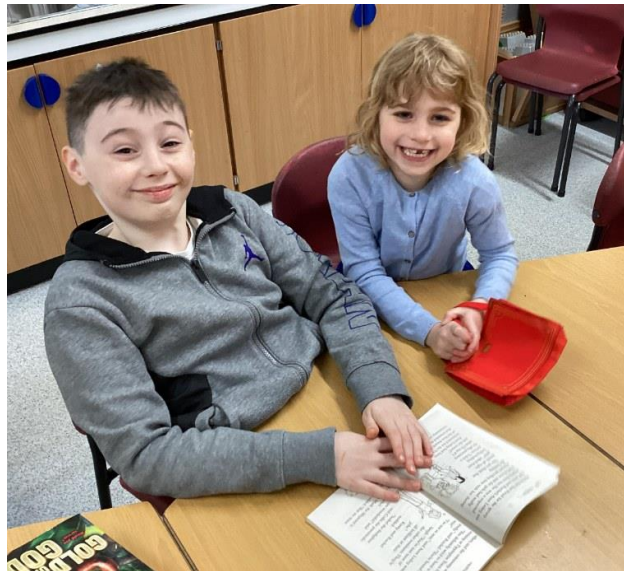














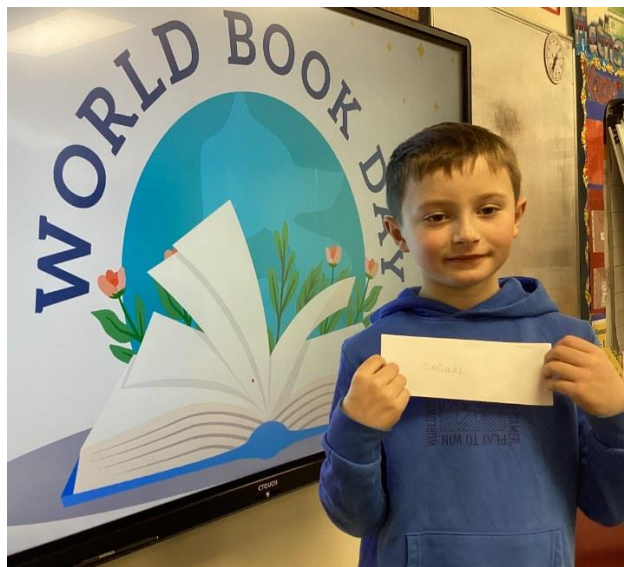


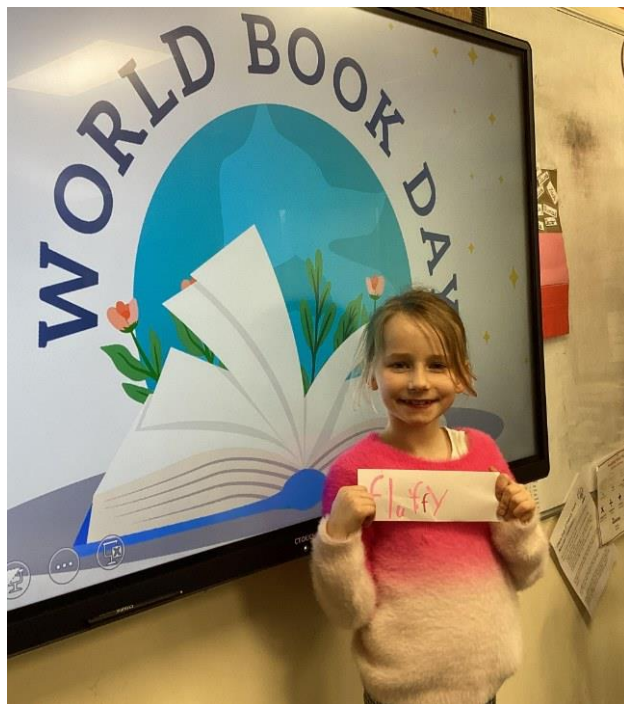


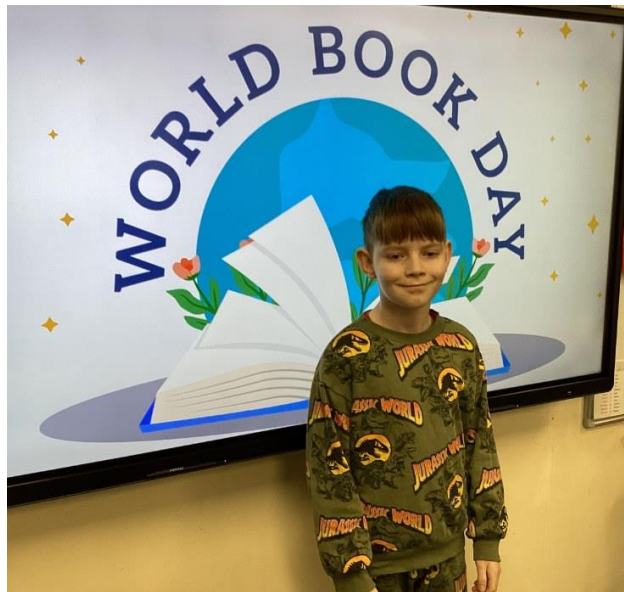


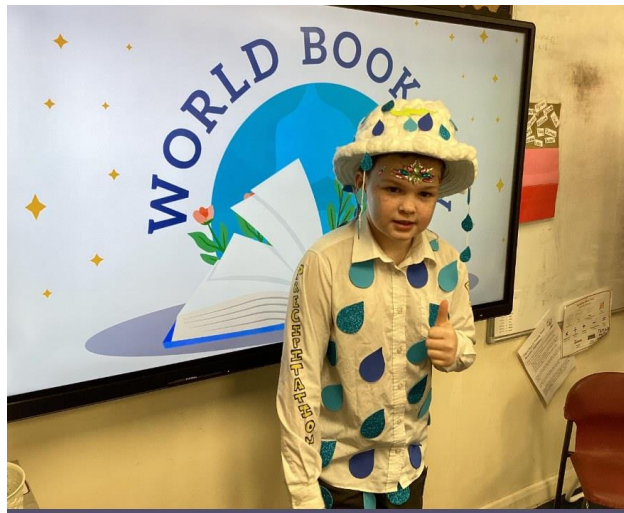


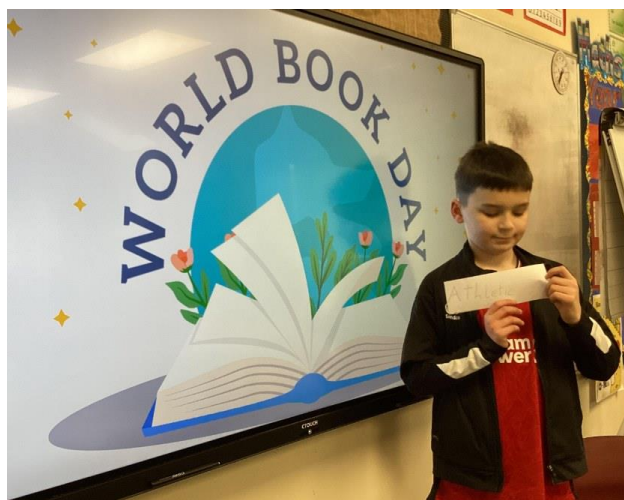
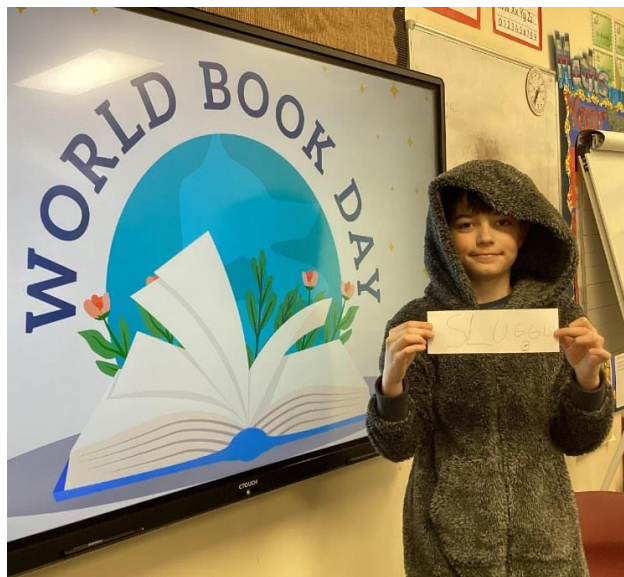












TTRS



Well done to all of TTRS winners. Keep playing and learning all! Numbots playing is a little down this week, please keep going to help your children continue to improve their number skills.





Oak Class tree planting



On the 20th February Oak Class spent a wonderful morning spent with Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust planting trees and snowdrops in Perry Pear Orchard. They also spent some time exploring the Sanctuary and sketching maps of the area. The children really enjoyed it and represented the school very well.











Comic relief

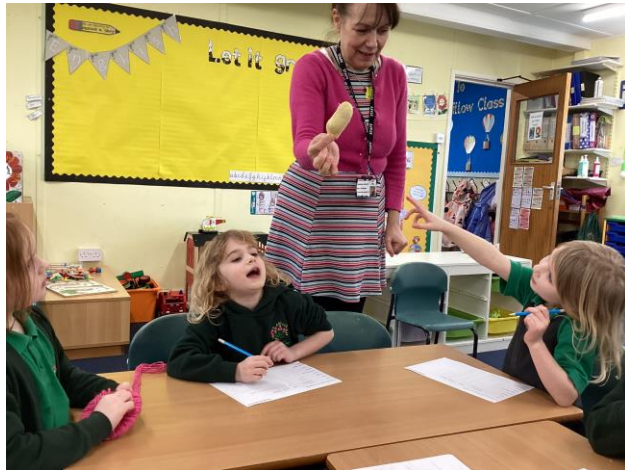


We managed to raise £87 in total for Comic Relief through our Smartie tube lantern challenge, non uniform day and cake sale on Friday 15th March. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



Healthy bodies in Willow Class





Police Visit



PC Alex Prentice came to visit us and brought her police car with her. All of the children were able to sit inside and some even had the chance to set off the blues and twos and the sirens. She later read a story to Willow Class all about a police officer. Thank you PC Prentice.





Henrician Dance Festival




Oak Class took part in the Evesham School's Dance Festival at the Henrician. We performed our Viking Longboat dance and everyone was fantastic. Just as important, all children were immaculately behaved throughout.







Online safety

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| <h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>  | <h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>  | <h1>A</h1> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>  | <h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>  | <h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>  |
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SMART tips based on resources from www.teachingonline.co.uk

Just a reminder that Mrs Laughlin is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school. She oversees the safeguarding in the school but all of our staff are here to keep children safe. Please talk to your children about what they have covered in Project Evolve.

PROJECT EVOLVE®

3 - We teach all children about online safety using Project Evolve.

The focus this time is on Tiktok.

Please read the poster attached and help to keep all of our children safe.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **TIKTOK** 13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young people acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

EXPLICIT SONGS
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TIKTOK FAME
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HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY
Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and replying to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but because of the abundance of user-generated content, there is a risk that children may come across inappropriate or harmful content. TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining but that also makes it hard to put down. As with the addictive nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING
There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that it uses to fund its free service. It's up to an eye-watering £88 bundle. TikTok is also connected with In-App, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT
Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they can and can't do. Encourage them to report any inappropriate or harmful content to the app's moderators. Explain that if they see anything that makes them uncomfortable, they should tell you or a trusted adult. Encourage them to think critically about what they see on TikTok and to be aware of the risks of sharing personal information.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS
The default setting for all under-18 accounts is 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest option to protect your child's privacy. Only allow your child to share their videos with friends (which will require them to verify their identity) and 'close' (where you build an exclusive user's content by excluding your own video alongside their original) features and allow only verified users to follow them. This might mean with your child's direction of social media platform, but it will help to protect your child's privacy.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING
With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, if you see something that is inappropriate, report it to the app's moderators. You can limit the app's exposure to inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything that is inappropriate. If you see something that is inappropriate, report it to the app's moderators. You can limit the app's exposure to inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything that is inappropriate.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING
Family Pairing lets parents and carers link their own account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings (including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a list of age-inappropriate content). TikTok's Family Pairing also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety conversations. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE
In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specifically content creators or videos that are 'unsafe') using Restricted Mode. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't fully foolproof – so it's a good idea to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME
As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their screen time. In the 'Digital Wellbeing' section, under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the app's permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 45 minutes to 1 hour). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can't get their required dose of TikTok without getting the green light.

Meet Our Expert
Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who promotes about improving digital literacy for parents and carers. She has extensive experience in the social media world and is the founder of Kaur & Co. a web resource that helps parents and carers stay safe in the digital world.

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#WakeUpWednesday

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Lambing visit



We were so lucky to be allowed to visit Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings on their farm during the very busy lambing time. Whilst we were there, we also go to see Jacob help a ewe to lamb. Awe inspiring. Thank you to the Rawlings family for allowing us to come.







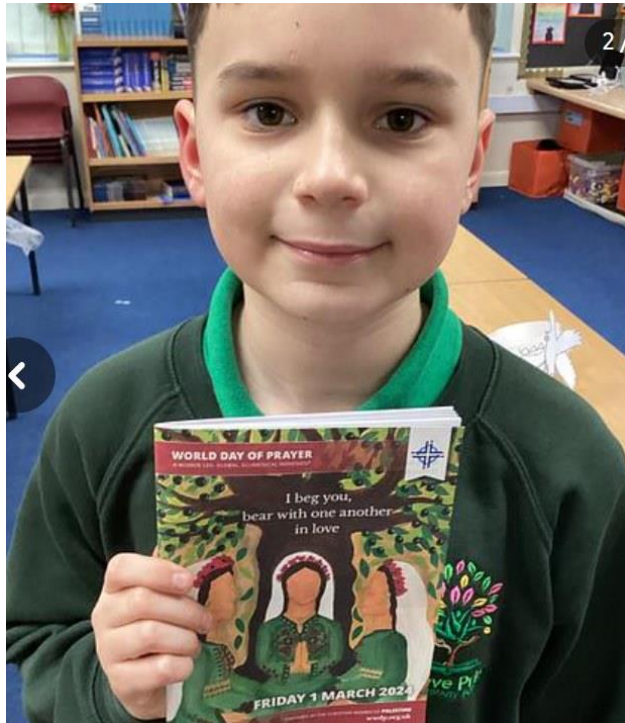
World Day of Prayer



On the 1st March, the whole school attended World Day of Prayer at St Andrews. They all behaved impeccably, despite the lengthy service. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



4 - Our Worship Crew in action



Mother Jo's surprise



Mother Jo joined us for Achievement assembly and explained how the word Alleluia is not used during lent. So she and Tilly have buried the word secretly in the school grounds and we will dig it up at Easter and sing the song to celebrate it.



Litter Picking with Little Warriors



We welcomed Karen from Little Warriors back to school to help us litter pick. We were amazed at the amount of rubbish we found! Well done to Jacob and James for finding the oldest pieces of rubbish (14 years old!)





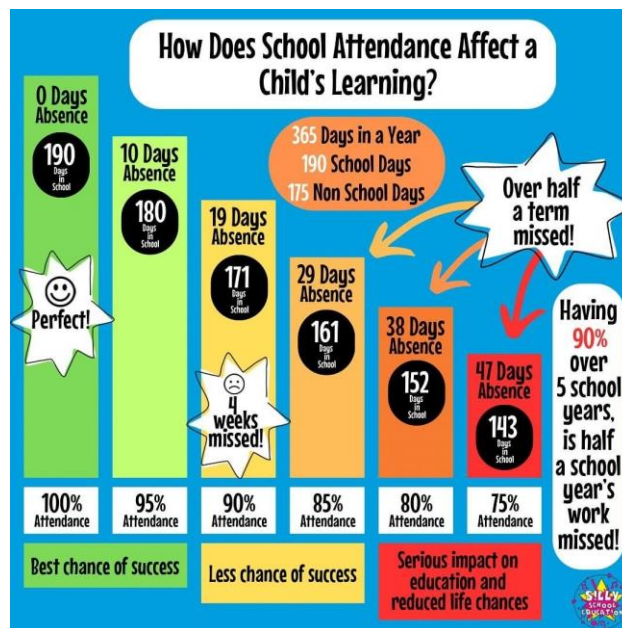








School Attendance



Current attendance up to 9th February is 91.13% Every day counts, keep pushing on and trying to come to school every day.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 8th April First day back

Thursday 11th April Forest school for Oak Class only / Willow Djembe drums

Thursday 18th April Swimming Gala (info to follow after Easter)

Wednesday 24th April Swimming for Oak Class only

Thursday 25th April Achievement assembly and tea and chat

Friday 26th April Y4/5 Football tournament (BMS)

Tuesday 30th April Oak Class Bell boating all day