

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 18th JULY 2025



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Learning and living as children of God

(Ephesians 5:1) (You are God's children whom he loves. Try to be like God)
OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS TRUTHFULNESS



Sun Shine Awards

Reception: Evelyn.

Class 1: Arlo.

Class 2: Darcie.

Class 3: Sonny.

Playtime trophy goes to Class 1, Class 3,

The school sports award goes to Oliver.

School Day

Just a reminder that the school day starts at **8.45am** this is the time children need to be in class, children can arrive at 8.40am.

Please make sure children have forest school clothes in school for the start of term. Thank you.

Cater Cater School Meals

We have been advised that the cost of the school meal will increase to **£2.55** from **September**. Please order any meals between 1st August and before the cut off date of 27th August.

Congratulations to all of the children who were especially selected to attend the Engineering Awards at Bristol university. All of their entries had a significant impact on the judges for their designs and ideas. Well done and we will be watching this space for future engineers!



After School Club T1

Monday

08/09/25-13/10/25: Camp Kindness Yr 1 3.15- 4pm **FULL**

08/09/25-13/10/25: Warhammer Club Yr 4 3.15- 4pm

15/09/25-20/10/25: All Stars Cricket Yr 1, 2 3.15-4pm

Tuesday

09/09/25-30/09/25: Boardgames Yr3&4 3.15-4pm

16/09/25-21/10/25: Dynamos Cricket Yr 3-6 3.15-4pm

09/09/25-14/10/25: Art Club Yr 4,5,6 3.15-4pm **FULL**

**** No Art club 16/09/25 due to residential****

Wednesday

03/09/25-15/10/25 Multi Sports Club Yr3-6 3.15-4pm **FULL**

Thursday

04/09/25-16/10/25 Scooter Club Yr 1&2 3.15-4pm **FULL**

04/09/25-16/10/25 CTFC Football Yr 1-6 3.15-4pm

Future Dates/Notifications

18/07/25: Final celebration assembly @ 2pm

18/07/25: End of Term 6

27/08/25: Deadline for school lunch ordering!

01/09/25: INSET DAY

02/09/25: Term 1 Starts @ 8.45am

25/09/25: Rags2Riches collection 9am

Well done to Arlo who took part in a mud run to raise money for cancer research & received a medal for doing well at football!



Head Boy & Head Girl Blog!



This is our final blog of the year. The KS2 play was very successful, Tewkesbury Abbey was amazing and we sang beautifully. We are looking forward to the Year 6 Leavers celebration at Apperley church and the tea party afterwards! This is Perdi and Sonny wishing you all the best as we leave our wonderful school!

Congratulations to the following -

Head Boy - Thomas
 Head girl - Poppy-Mae
 Exceptional Achievement award - Annabelle
 Most progress award - Ernie
 Music Award - Zahara
 Citizenship award - George
 Writers award - Ed
 Reader's award - Max & Juliette
 Expressive Arts award - Isla, Molly & Gretel
 Art award - Rose
 Sport Boy - Luke
 Sport Girl - Sophie, Ivy & Poppy-Mae
 Perseverance award - Sonny
 Club award - Rose, Ed, Perdi, Luke & Sonny
 Katherine Burrows award - Flynn
 Spirited Art Award - Luke

School Council for 2025/2026 are-

Year 1 - Delilah-Rose
 Year 2 - Wilfred
 Year 3 - William
 Year 4 - Ava-Marie
 Year 5 - Ella
 Year 6 Molly & Ivy

Avon House Captain - Sophie A & vice Zahara
 Swilgate House Captain - Gretel & vice Ivy
 Chelt House Captain Poppy-Mae & vice Molly S
 Severn House Captain- Thomas & vice Flynn

Harvey has been celebrating his dogs first birthday!



KS2 children had a wonderful time performing Oliver with a Twist to everyone at the village hall. The performance was incredible. A special thank you to Miss Rimmer who organized and directed it. Thank you to all the parents who gave up time to help with curtains and chairs. A particular thanks to Rufus' mum and Martha and Edith's mum who made some fantastic costumes for us. We will put their names down for next year!



Thank you to Sienna's mummy who has donated a key board to the school via her work. It is very appreciated.



The last Nature Club has taken place for this year. It has been a lovely opportunity for the pupils to engage with nature and also the competitive side of the Nature Quiz. Mrs Rayson and Mrs Mulligan are now stepping down as their children leave school. It would be lovely if anyone interested would like to take it over in the next academic year. Please let me know if you are able to.



Thank you to Mr Szewczyk who has donated numerous flower beds for use in school. They are amazing and will be perfect once we get our greenhouse set up!

Congratulations to the following for their Numbots:

Silver - Filip and Felicity
 Gold - William
 Glass- Sebastian

Congratulations to Gretel who has been awarded the prestigious, Spirit of the Theatre trophy for her outstanding theatrical performances. The Cheltenham Playhouse selected her from her team for her dedication and talent. Well done Gretel!



Class 3

Class 3 created one point perspective colour wheels. They worked incredibly hard and the finished pieces are fantastic!



A huge thank you to all the parents who came in and ran a fabulous careers morning. Mr and Mrs Paulson, Mr Sandall, Ms Cotter, PCSO Peacock and colleague, Mrs D'Esterre, Dr Poppy and Doctor Jess. The children had a fabulous morning and got a taste of dance, engineering, marketing, medicine, policing, dog grooming and dog therapy. It was fantastic and the children went away with little treats! It was a super morning and lots of enrichment for the children. Thank you for all the effort!



Congratulations to Molly and Gretel who were asked with a days notice to sign up to a singing concert which involved 6 intense rehearsal sessions and auditions. The girls were given the chance of a duet together and they were also part of the junior group singing songs and dancing on stage. The concert managed to raise £1101 to help the playhouse.



We have been awarded the School Games Mark - Gold this year. We are delighted! A huge thank you to Mr Clark from Progressive Sports, who contributes so much to our school and continuing professional development.



Little Deers and Reception visit from Rev. Kay



Little Deers had a super time talking with Rev. Kay about moving on and their next steps in their school journey. Thank you Rev. Kay for coming to speak to us. Class 3 found an ingenious way of keeping cool in the very hot weather. They emptied out their drawers, filled them with cold water and soaked their feet. Bliss!



We are pleased to announce we have received The Mental Health Champions Award once again.

'The Mental Health Champions Award has been created to acknowledge the high quality provision that some schools make to support the mental health and wellbeing of their school community'.

Well done to Mrs Perry who champions and leads PSHE in our school.

Congratulations to Poppy J who has been awarded participation rosette and badges from her pony camp. Well done Poppy who demonstrated she was very good at trotting and looking after her pony in the summer and winter.



Nancy Drew is the famous tortoise that walks the streets and shops in Tewkesbury, Albert went to meet him!



Huge congratulations to Hope, Martha, Edith and Rufus for two fantastic shows this weekend with the Roses Youth Company. All of them did brilliantly and a huge well done to Alegra for her commitment to the grueling rehearsal schedule.



Congratulations to the following Science challenge winners! Grace, Daisy, Ernie, Seb, Ed, Sienna, Ella, Ava, Theo, Oliver, Harvey, Leo, Ellie-kate & Molly P.

Year Four and Five

Year Four and Five worked very hard during their Move-Up afternoon to create super watercolour resist paintings about themselves. They are all really lovely and we cannot wait for you to see them when you come to the first parent meeting in September.



Little Deers

We have had such a fun time with our leavers and can't wait to see them in Reception next year, best of luck.



Class 3

Congratulations to Valentina who won the raffle prize to be able to take the register in class for a week, she did a great job. They all agreed she was every inch a teacher as she called their names!. Thank you Valentina.



Class3

Class 3 took part in an amazing science workshop led by Mrs Salisbury and some of her Year 11 students from Dene Magna school. They watched Mrs Salisbury dissect a sheep's lungs and then worked in small groups to watch the students dissect hearts. It was absolutely fascinating. Class 3 also got to measure the oxygen levels in their blood and take their blood pressure. Thank you very much Mrs Salisbury for a super morning.



Class 1, 2, R and preschool planted potatoes some weeks ago. They had a great time planting and looking after them. Then, a couple of weeks ago had a big dig session. All the children got to find a potato and take it home. We hope they were delicious and look forward to doing this again next year!



Spirited Arts

The Year Six children have all taken part in the Spirited Arts competition again this year. They were asked to creatively respond to one of six themes. The entries this year were amazing: posters, books, models and poems. Luke was chosen as the school winner but we will be entering all of the children's work into the national competition.



Katherine Burrows Nature Project

As you know, every year the Year Five children are invited to take part in the Katherine Burrows Nature Project. This project allows children to investigate an aspect of nature local to them and present it in their own chosen way. Every child has worked incredibly hard on their projects - they are all absolutely amazing. Mr Burrows had a very difficult job to choose a winner. Well done Flynn!



Year 2, 3 and 4 had an amazing cooking day. They all worked as teams to make focaccia and prep ingredients for the pasta sauce. Then, they had their own pasta flour and eggs to mix and make dough. We hope you all enjoyed your pasta, pasta sauce and focaccia for dinner!



Class One have been using artefacts to ask and answer questions about explorers from the past. The Wilson Art Gallery and Museum loaned us a box of interesting items to investigate, maybe a place to visit this summer on a rainy day!



Well done to Evelyn in Reception for taking her Pre-Primary Ballet exam!

It was wonderful to say a special goodbye to the year 6 pupils at Apperley Church yesterday. It was interesting to hear about their experiences over the years at Deerhurst. We will miss them all dreadfully but wish them luck as they move on. A huge thank you to Zahara who played the piano for the service. We look forward to hearing more of her talent in the next academic year. Thank you to our PCC governor, Mr Burrows for attending. Everyone enjoyed the little tea party afterwards.



I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for the thoughtful gifts and cards you have sent in. It is very generous of you. I cannot believe the last day of the academic year is here once again. My thoughts now turn to our wonderful year 6 children as I wish them good luck as they leave their primary school. We have spent many happy years with the children you entrusted to us, and they have grown not only in stature but in spirit and gentleness. They are all stars, and I wish them well as they continue to grow as individuals. Dear Parents of all our children thank you for being the people you are and for everything you bring to Deerhurst and Apperley that continues to enrich our school family. Have a happy and safe holiday. Mrs Neveu

SAFE GUARDING CORNER

Online safety: top tips

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started.

Chat to them about what they like to do online

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'.

- Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.
- They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.
- Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

Talk about who they are in contact with online

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online – messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

- Use settings to help limit who can contact your child.
- Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.
- Let your child know they can come to you or another trusted adult if any conversation makes them feel uncomfortable.

Help manage what they see and do online

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

- Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.
- App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.
- Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.

Remember it's ok to ask for help!

Remember you don't have to be an online safety expert – that's our job! We're here to help, with resources and advice to help support you and your child. If your child asks you a question you don't know the answer to, or speaks to you about a negative experience they had online, here are some of things you could do:

- Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: nspcc.org.uk/online-safety
- Call the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000 to speak to an advisor
- Ask another parent
- Speak to your child's teacher
- If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline: childline.org.uk

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