

NEWSLETTER - WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 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 Friendship



Sun Shine Awards

Reception: Freddie.

Class 1: James.

Class 2: Sebastian.

Class 3: Grace.

Playtime trophy goes to Class 1 & 2.

The school sports award goes Freddie AB.

Congratulations to Arlo who worked so hard on his maths that he ended up with super extra maths work on number bonds. Well done!



Congratulations to Nancy who has achieved her Level 7 Learn to Swim Award and Nancy who has achieved her Level 6 Learn to Swim Award. Well Done!



All children will need PE kits in school for 7th, 14th and 21st November for cricket enrichment.

After School Club T2

Monday

03/11/25-01/12/25: Camp Kindness Yr 2 3.15- 4pm **FULL**

03/11/25-24/11/25: Warhammer Club Yr 4 3.15- 4pm

Tuesday

11/11/25-09/12/25: Art Club Yr 3&4 3.15-4pm **FULL**

****No session 18th Nov ****

Wednesday

05/11/25-10/12/25 Multi Sports Club Yr3-6 3.15-4pm **FULL**

Thursday

06/11/25-11/12/25 Scooter Club Yr 1&2 3.15-4pm **FULL**

06/11/25-04/12/25 CTFC Football Yr 1-6 3.15-4pm

06/11/25-27/11/2025 Lego Club Yr2 3.15-4pm **FULL**

Future Dates/Notifications

22/10/25: Celebration Assembly at 2.50pm

22/10/25: End Of Term

23/10/25: INSET DAY

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25/10/25: Little Deers Scarecrow Trail 1-4pm Apperley Village Hall

03/11/25: Term 2 starts

13/11/25: Children in Need Day

14/11/25: Book Look 3.15pm-4pm

18/11/25: Parent Evening 3.30pm-5pm

19/11/25: Parent Evening 3.30pm-5pm

21/11/25: Deadline for Christmas Lunch ordering

26/11/25: Cyber Talk in school @ 5pm

28/11/25: Christmas Enterprise 3.15-4.30pm

02/12/25: Nativity Performance am

03/12/25: Nativity Performance @ 2pm

12/12/25: Christmas Lunch

12/12/25: PTFA Wreath bags and evening - Apperley Village Hall

18/12/25: Carol Service @ Apperley Church 2.30pm

19/12/25: Celebration Assembly @ 2.50pm

19/12/25: End of Term 2

05/01/26: Term 3 Starts

The closing date for secondary school applications is approaching - 31 October 2025

Head Boy & Head Girl Blog!



The whole school have had fun practicing for the Harvest festival this week. We have enjoyed doing our integrated tasks this week in Class 3 and we have made mountains out of cardboard as part of those tasks. It is very sad that we have had a lot of money stolen over the holidays after Eco committee worked so hard with everyone to raise money for our green house. The police came to take fingerprints! We enjoyed listening to a piano recital on Friday and now we are looking forward to our Happy Holidays!

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Apprentice Scribe -

- Ellie-Kate
- Otis
- Ernie
- Filip

A huge well done to Poppy-Mae who was so inspired in guided reading learning about Charles Darwin she went home and did her own research. She wrote a complete research piece on Charles Darwin, the Beagle and his finches. Well done Poppy-Mae!



Juliette has made some fabulous poo bag holders to go outside school to help keep our local community tidy! She went out with a couple of friends and Alvin to put them out. Feel free to use them to help keep our village clean.



Honours List

Each week, awards for children's achievement will be presented in Celebration Assembly. We will also recognise children who have demonstrated our value for each term in the everyday life of our school - our value for Term 1 is Friendship.



Award winners for w/c 13th - 22nd October 2025

Achievement:

Reception - All of reception for amazing writing this week.

Class 1 - James & Charlotte for super story writing.

Class 2 - Rufus for his incredible hard work this term.

Class 3 - Ella & Grace for their super topographical map.

Values:

Reception - Sidney.

Class 1 - Juliette & Wilfred.

Class 2 - Ayda & Ernie.

Class 3 - Zahara & Olivia.

Eco Committee had a great cake sale last week raising some more money for their greenhouse and materials for inside. Thank you to everyone who made some purchases and donated cakes.



A Magical Musical Visit! This week, we were treated to a beautiful live performance by our visiting musician Mr Panchal, who played Debussy's Arabesque and Clair de Lune for the whole school. The children were captivated by the gentle, dreamy sounds and explored how music can express different emotions. Little Deers and Class 1 created their own "soundscapes," using instruments, movement, and adjectives to capture the moods and feelings of the music. A big thank you to our visitor Mr Panchal for sharing such an inspiring and creative musical experience with us!



Animal Days



Putting fun into caring for pets
www.gawa.org.uk/animal-days



Cheltenham Animal Shelter

This is a fantastic organization that provides opportunities for your children to work with animals. They provide opportunities during school holidays for your children to work with pets and animal related activities. Please contact them if you are interested 01242 548772.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Salman from the Islamic Society of Gloucester to our school for a special session on Islam. The children learned so much about the Muslim faith, focusing on the core values of peace, kindness, and community. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to develop their understanding and respect for different cultures and beliefs. We thank Salman for dedicating his time to inspire curiosity in our classrooms!



Congratulations to all the children who entered and won the science question competition. Fabulous work! Lola, Martha, Bridie, Estee, Ayda, Felicity, Daisy, Poppy-Mae & Thomas



A big well done to Ellis who went to do some pet care at Cheltenham Animal Centre. He had a fabulous time and now wants to adopt a rabbit!



This term, class 2 have been looking at lots of different things to do with plants. They have carried out a few different investigations throughout the unit and one of them was looking at what happens to cress seeds depending on how much water they have. They have all found it interesting seeing the difference!



Class 2 have been doing some wonderful painting this term using acrylic paints. They have been inspired by a few artists and have all created a wonderful final landscape piece of a sky line.



Poppies will be on sale in school from the 3rd November.



Class 2 have been writing some fantastic voyage and return stories this week for their writing journals. Rufus had a wonderful time sharing his story with Alvin.



School said goodbye to our much loved school governor, Mr Jim Burrows after forty one years of commitment through the PCC and The Nature Project. All children in school created a wonderful painting for him, each child, including pre school, contributed to the painting and they made him a wonderful card.



Congratulations to Evelyn R who has been awarded a certificate for her Classical Ballet achievement. This was awarded with distinction! Well done Evelyn!



Talk and Toast

To start the mornings at Little Deers they have had crumpets and toast to help develop their communication skills as well as their understanding of healthy eating. A super way to start the day



PIC-COLLAGE

Calling All Musicians! Following our wonderful musical visit this week, we'd love to invite any parents or carers who play an instrument to share their talents with the children. Live music is such an inspiring experience for our pupils, and we'd be delighted to welcome you into school. If you're interested, please get in contact with Miss Robinson to find out more.

Scarecrow building

Little Deers have been busy preparing for the scarecrow trail and have been enthusiastically making some very Royal Scarecrows with Reception! They are excited for the trail on Saturday 25th October, please see the poster for more details.



Flourishing Feather Award

Congratulations to Wilfred and Evelyn C who immersed themselves in the piano recital and used outstanding vocabulary to describe their feelings. They used floaty scarves to move to the music. Well done to both of you!



Camp Kindness made some beautiful Blessing Bags for their friends in Class one and Reception Class. Everyone enjoys Camp Kindness with Mrs Witney and they celebrate and spread good news to everyone in school.



Congratulations to Poppy J who has won second place in her pony club quiz. Well done to the Chestnut team!



Little Deers and Reception visit from Rev. Kay - the children had a wonderful afternoon with Rev. Kay exploring Harvest and the importance of sharing food. They then showed her some of their harvest songs! Thank you Rev. Kay for coming in.

PTFA 100 Club

Sign up and be in a chance to win!!

<https://forms.gle/tE1EqUnXbuwbBSnv7>



Numbots

Congratulations to the following who have achieved the following -

Charlotte - Copper

Archie - Rust

Evelyn - Tin

Congratulations to Eliza who has been awarded her Level 1 Learn to Swim Award! Fantastic news!



Class 3

Class 3 have been learning how to develop characters in their writing through the 'show not tell' technique. They have written some great stories based on the picture book Tuesday by David Weisner which you can read on the Class 3 page of our website.



Class 3

Class 3 have been exploring ancient civilisations by creating their own Mayan houses out of clay. After carefully shaping, building and painting their models they have brought history to life through their creativity and hands-on learning.



Class 3

Class 3 have really enjoyed finding out about mountains this term as part of our Integrated Tasks. We have learned about the seven summits, investigated how different types of mountains are formed and made some great topographical maps of Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis from looking at their contour lines on a map. We are looking forward to sharing this with you at Book Look.



Congratulations to Estee who has been awarded a rosette for her contribution to her pony hunt quiz. Well done for achieving first prize!



Thank you to all of you who attended the Harvest Festival. The children were amazing and good messages of appreciation of our food growers was spread. Food donations were very generous and Tewkesbury Foodbank have already thanked us for the 93.8 kilos of food!



Class One have thoroughly enjoyed their history unit of work thinking about how school was different in the past.

This week, they were able to interview Jenny Jenkins about her school days in Bristol. They also investigated a box of artefacts from the Georgian era and had the opportunity to write on a slate!

Thank you for working so hard this term Class One, have a wonderful break.



SAFE GUARDING CORNER

Talk openly: Regularly discuss what your child does online, who they talk to, and any concerns they may have.

Teach safe behaviour: Instruct your child never to share personal information, meet people they only know online, or respond to things that make them feel uncomfortable.

Discuss privacy: Teach children how to use privacy settings on social media and other platforms to protect their information.

Explain the risks: Educate them about the dangers of clicking on unknown links or downloading from untrustworthy sources.

I would like to send my appreciation to everyone who has made this term such a lovely one again. The hardworking staff and the super pupils who grasp all opportunities. Have a lovely half term break!

J Neveu

