



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to those children who were enrolled onto the Sacramental Programme last Sunday, we continue to remember them in our prayers.

This week I had the privilege of joining Years Three and Four on their residential at Tattenhall. The children had a wonderful time, with an opportunity to engage in a number of activities that they had not tried before. The zip line and tree climbing were a huge success. Apart from all the enjoyment, they developed skills of resilience and team work as well as gaining a sense of independence. Next week, our year two pupils will be spending the night at Delamere, I know they have lots to look forward to.

You will remember as we broke up for Easter we sent home sponsor forms designed by our Junior Leaders. Their idea was to have a sponsored litter pick to raise money to purchase a buddy bench for Key Stage One. Their idea of a litter pick will also benefit the local community. Sadly, to date the weather hasn't been the best. We are hoping that next week, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning we will finally be able to complete this sponsored event.

Thursday afternoon

1-30 – 2pm Cypress Class Eddisbury Square

2.00 – 2.30 pm – Yew Tree Library/Medical Centre

Friday Morning

10.-10.30 am – Elm Class Castle Park

10 – 10.30 am Cherry Class in school grounds

Thank you for your continued support in relation to parking around school, in particular on The Willows. When we receive calls from residents we will always send a reminder to parents, however, we do appreciate that not all the issues with parking are caused by parents.

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Lion Cubs

The Lion Cubs enjoyed playing and exploring this week! Come and join us again next week.

Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church on Saturday 27th April during 6pm mass.

Dates for your diary

Monday 29th April– Tuesday 30th April — Elm Class residential

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **96.7%**.

Across the school, **0 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance Class 1 Class 3 Class 4	96-100% Attendance Reception Class 2 Class 5 Class 6
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Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Cherry Class

We have had another busy week investigating measure and capacity in maths and working hard to write our own story in English.

In English we have created our own characters, setting and mischief for our main characters to get up to. We have edited our own work to see how we can improve it.

We have had another fun practical maths week exploring capacity using water trays and different containers to see which were full, empty and how many cups could fit into different jugs.

In Science we have been finding out about diets of different animals. We found out about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores and which animals fit into which groups.

In Personal Development we have been talking about how to be a good friend and talking about our families and things we like doing together.

We finished our history topic this week and talked about whether we would prefer to play with toys from 100 years ago or toys now and why. We think that toys now are more fun with music, sounds and moving parts.



Elm Class

Year 2 have had an exciting week and are feeling very excited for our residential next week!

In English, Elm class used role-play to learn more about new characters from 'The Last Wolf', they acted out the three friends 'The last Wolf, The last Lynx and The last Bear' and if they are good friends to each other.

In Maths, we have started a new unit of Mass, Capacity and Temperature and are excited to see what this new topic brings!

In History, Elm class were comparing how people travelled in the past and present, and how people learn new things. Can we learn new things without seeing it in person?

It was another successful week of arts and crafts club, we used toilet roll and other recycled materials to make animals!



Yew Class

This week many members of Yew Tree Class enjoyed our residential to Tattenhall. We had a busy, yet exciting couple of days and enjoyed many different activities.

On Monday, we enjoyed our first art workshop. We were introduced to our artist for Summer term, Taro Chiezo. We discussed some of his sculptures and then drew our own food/animal hybrids inspired by his work. We then used wire and tissue paper to create sculptures of flowers and leaves for a collaborative art piece.

In the evening, we enjoyed relaxing in our social area playing board games, colouring and watching a movie with hot chocolate before having a bed time story.

On Tuesday, we had our second art workshop, we added the finishing touches to our Chiezo-inspired drawings before making butterfly sculptures using cardboard and tissue paper. We then learned some origami skills as we created butterfly sculptures using paper and wire.

We had a wonderful afternoon playing outside in the dry weather and settled down for a campfire in the evening. We enjoyed toasting (and eating!) our marshmallows around the fire.

On our final day, we developed our collaboration and teamwork skills on the zipline, tree climbing and low ropes course. We all worked together to ensure the safety of each member of the group.



Cypress Class

We have had another wonderful week in Cypress Tree Class. We have all really enjoyed writing our hot tasks this week. After hearing Greta Thunberg's speech to the EU leaders and researching all about plastic pollution, we wrote our own persuasive speeches to try to make world leaders understand the importance of this issue and stress the urgency needed to rescue our planet before it is too late. Paragraphs, relative clauses, cohesion and carefully chosen vocabulary were used to create lots of exceptional pieces of writing and the speeches certainly got the message across!

On Wednesday, our Personal Development lesson focused on how different lifestyle choices impact on health. We had a class discussion and a debate and then looked at some interesting facts about the impact that smoking and alcohol has on organs within the body. After looking at two case studies that shared details of two different people's lives, we made suggestions about what they could do to improve their lifestyle and their health.

In this week's art lesson, we were using Fiona Rae's beautiful artwork as inspiration for our own designs. With a focus on using the different skills we have been developing, we started with adding washes of colour before layering and using different marks to create a final piece. There are lots of very talented artists in our class.



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards

