

News and Events

Friday 9th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we congratulated Grace (Shooting Stars) for the value of wisdom, Luca (Explorers) for koinonia, Sabelle (Discoverers) for wisdom and Flynn (Voyagers) for wisdom.

Congratulations to them all.



We also congratulated Evan and Luca who brought their Trowbridge RFC Minis trophies. They told us how they had been part of the team this year. It was a great example of our school community being part of the wider community.



We also congratulated Toby, James and Luca on their TT Rock Stars success and Brie, Louis, James and Luca on representing the school and setting personal bets at the Y3/4 athletics festival



Reminder

The library is open after school on Tuesday and Friday.



Important dates for your diary

12/13 June—Bikeability for Y6

14 June—Class photos

19 June—Doughnuts for Dads

22 June—KS1 Dance Festival (see ParentMail sent this week)

25 June—Trowbridge Youth Parliament Heroes and Villains 2km run and stall. Please come along and support our Parliamentarians. See poster on the notice board.

Attendance

Highest attendance:

Discoverers 97%

Lost learning: 150 hours



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Today, we looked back on attendance in Term 5. After an unsettling couple of years, there continues to be a strong focus on attendance from the Government and within Acorn Education Trust. We all know that the evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results, opening more doors for children to fulfil their potential. We understand that at primary stage, pupils' attendance is parent lead and therefore want to work with parents to encourage pupils to develop healthy attendance habits and want to come to school every day. We want all children to understand the value of good attendance and to strive to have this through developing or maintaining healthy attendance habits which, when learnt young, will stand them in good stead for the rest of their school career and working life, maximising achievement and gaining the greatest benefit from education. This is why we are celebrating. Certificates were awarded for 100% attendance and stickers for those over 98% but under 100%. Once again, it was wonderful to see how many children there were! Let's keep this up in our final term of the year.



Koinonia is our focus value this term. It is another Greek New Testament word. This one also has a rich variety of meanings: fellowship; community; union; and partnership, which we really like as at school we think of koinonia as being a part of many different communities. We recognise that everyone's different gifts and strengths are at the service of every community we belong to. In collective worship, we considered how we learn about communities through the curriculum as well as considering how many different communities we all belong to and how included that makes us feel. Koinonia also expresses the quality of relationships within the Christian community. Christians share the relationship that Jesus has with God. In John chapter 17, Jesus prays that all his followers may be 'perfectly one' as he and the Father are one. Through him, Christians become sons and daughters of God and therefore brothers and sisters of each other. They are all members of the same family, something that we feel strongly aligned to here at West Ashton.

News from the classes:

Shooting Stars: This week in Shooting Stars we have been learning about patterns and odd and even numbers. We have been writing news about our half-term holiday. We have also been learning the story of Noah's Ark.

Explorers: In Explorers we have been learning to tell the time. We are reading and learning about the book *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. We love the book and are looking forward to what the magic finger does to the Greg family. We have also been practising our dance for the dance festival. Fynn and Luca

Discoverers: In maths we have been learning about triangles and angles in Year 4. Year 3 have been learning about time. In English we have been reading *The Mermaid of Zennor*. We have also been on a safety walk on Monday when Wiltshire Road Safety came in to help us understand how to stay safe near roads. Brie and James

Voyagers: This week Voyagers have been problem solving. We have been learning about a theme park plan and deciding which carpet shop has the greater discount! Year 5 have been learning more about fractions and decimals and kilometres and kilograms. In English we have been writing a dialogue and persuasive text based on our class book: *The Kapok Tree*. We had to persuade a man who was trying to destroy the great tree not to cut it down. In reading we have been using retrieval skills with a non-fiction text, as well as with the poem *Throwing a Tree* by Thomas Hardy. We have been learning about the weather in French and in geography we have been looking at the different climates around the world. Thalía, Abigail & Isabel

Thank you to everyone who came to look at our Pentecost Experience Day exhibition. It was lovely to watch the children talk with you with such enthusiasm about their art work and what they had learnt.

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite



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SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

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We will be finding out about some brilliant Bible stories and exploring how we can look after our wonderful world!

🔄 1st - 4th August 2023

🔄 10.00_{am} - 12.30_{pm}

🔄 Service and BBQ on
6th August, from 10.45_{am}

All taking place at St James' Church,
Church Street, Trowbridge, BA14 8RU.

You can register your child
online and get more info at
stjamestrowbridge.co.uk/hc.



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**SUMMER
SCHOOL**

2023 !!



YEAR 5

21ST – 23RD AUGUST

YEAR 6

24TH – 25TH AUGUST

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TO BOOK



The John of Gaunt School
A Community Academy

Year 6 Week
7th – 11th August
Year 5 Week
14th – 18th August
9:30am – 2:30pm

Pre-book for one week only open to
YR6 attending from September
2023 and Y5 from 2024

**John of Gaunt
Summer School
2023**



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**Year 6
Week**



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**Year 5
Week**



Trowbridge Library Booksters!

**Book group run exclusively
for readers in years 5 & 6**



One Thursday a month 4:00 – 4:30pm

26 January
23 February
23 March
20 April
18 May
15 June
13 July
21 September
19 October
16 November
14 December

Drop-in session – Must book your FREE place
at Trowbridge Library or on 01225 716700

Voyagers—
Trowbridge library
book club

WILTSHIRE 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE



**RUN, WALK OR JOG
10KM OR HALF MARATHON
10AM, SATURDAY 17TH JUNE**

Sign up for an awesome challenge with your friends, family or colleagues,
and take big steps towards supporting vulnerable young people.

Oare, Pewsey Vale, Wiltshire

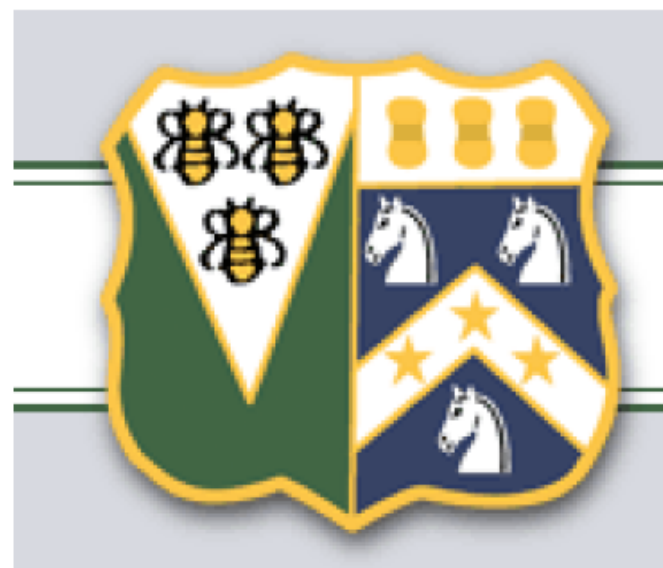
Individual Entry - £10 (10k) or £20 (Half Marathon)

Family Entry - £35 (10k) or £70 (Half Marathon)

Plus fundraising to support local young people

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit:

youthadventuretrust.org.uk/wiltshire-3-peaks-challenge



TROWBRIDGE UNDER 9S MIXED CRICKET

SOFTBALL CRICKET FOR SCHOOL YEARS 3 & 4

Fun cricket coaching to create a lifelong love of the game.

Beginners are encouraged to attend.

Dynamos Cricket format of the programme being delivered.

Pairs Cricket, lots of goes.

Off field refreshments available on the day.

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**SEEN CHANCE TO
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A GO - FREE
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**TUESDAY
EVENINGS - 6PM
TO 8PM -
STARTING 25th
APRIL - FOR
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