

# News and Events

## Friday 12th May

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Lola (Voyagers) for the value of wisdom, Archie (Discoverers) for the value of wisdom, Lacey (Explorers) for the value of koinonia and Marcey (Shooting Stars) for the value of friendship.

Congratulations to them all.

Aspire, Believe, Celebrate



We also congratulated Ellie on receiving her Stage 2 swimming award and heard about all the different elements she had to complete.



**Final call for anyone wanting to join the Y3/4 athletics festival.** It is at Wansdyke on Tuesday 23 May and is a celebration of athletics. Children will move around different events and learn new skills and practise existing ones. Let us know by Tuesday.

### Reminder

The library is open after school on Tuesday and Friday.



### Important dates for your diary

23 May—Y3/4 Acorn Athletics

Festival @ Wansdyke School

24 May—Pentecost Day

Experience

26 May—End of Term 5

5 June—Y1/3/6 road safety visitors in school

12/13 June—Y6 Bikeability

### Attendance

Highest attendance:

Discoverers 100%

Lost learning: 27.5 hours



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### News from the classes:

Shooting Stars: This week in Shooting Stars we have been matching numerals to quantities to 10. We have been busy in the garden building castles with the Poddely. We have also been writing simple sentences about ourselves for Mrs. Little to get to know us better.

Explorers: In Explorers we have been practising our handwriting and learning fractions. We have also had the laptops out and learnt to code so the rabbit could eat the carrots. We have also learnt about where the food that we eat comes from and what life is like for a farmer. Daisy

Discoverers: In Discoverers we have been learning about money in our maths lessons, including finding change. We created a poem in English using collective nouns that we made up ourselves, linked to the story of Varjak Paw. In music we are developing our singing technique. We are singing a Viking song and we have to try and sing all together. Brie and Lawson

Voyagers: A huge well done to Year 6 for getting through SATS week – everyone has worked hard towards these and come into school everyday focused and ready to do their best. Hopefully, you can now treat yourself to a well deserved break this weekend: you've earned it!

Year 5 have also continued to work hard in class, adding and subtracting decimals in Maths. We have also all continued to learn about the Maya in History and life cycles in Science. Additionally, we have begun our new Music topic on musical theatre and are looking forward to writing and performing our own musical scenes this term.

It has been a privilege to invigilate KS2 SATs this week and see the pride and energy of our Year 6 children as they have sat their national tests. Breakfast was a hit every day and there has been lots of laughter and chat in the morning. Their passion to show how much they have learnt at primary school has been amazing to witness and their clear love for learning will see them well throughout life. Lollies and cake seemed a good way to end after packing up the final paper this morning! The following poem was shared a few years ago and I still love it—teachers see a very different magic in every child they teach and I always like to share this as a reminder:

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.  
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.  
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.  
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.  
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite

# Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

## BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. These are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

## AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favourite holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and giving them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

## NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

## LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

## CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary then became the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Ireland and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



CCTV IN OPERATION

## DOUBLE LOCK YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

## DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

## TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password reuse. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

## GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the "three random words" technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("Fourbluehoes", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

## STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

**NOS** National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

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National Online Safety Update





ACORN EDUCATION  
TRUST PRESENTS:

# TOUR D'ACORN 2023

## SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

129KM IN DISTANCE  
VISITING ALL 17 SCHOOLS



8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023, GRAND DEPART FROM  
CLARENDON SCHOOL

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY SPONSORING THE TEAM.  
ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO PROJECTS  
BENEFITING OUR STUDENTS.

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OR SCAN  
Q.R. CODE



# ***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

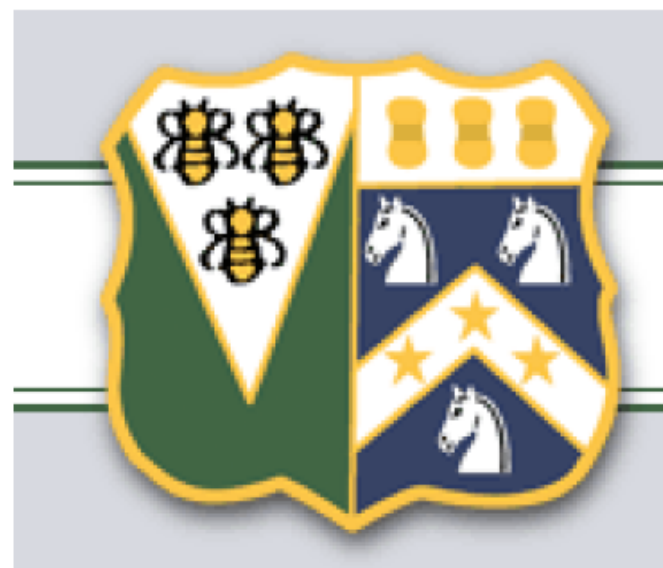
Individual Entry - £10 (10k) or £20 (Half Marathon)

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](https://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.

TROWBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB, LOWER COURT,  
TIMBRELL STREET, TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE, BA14 8QD

**NEW TO  
CRICKET?**

**SEEN CHANCE TO  
SHINE IN YOUR  
SCHOOL**

**COME AND HAVE  
A GO - FREE  
TRIAL SESSIONS**

**TROWBRIDGE CC**

**TUESDAY  
EVENINGS - 6PM  
TO 8PM -  
STARTING 25<sup>th</sup>  
APRIL - FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION  
CONTACT**

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Wiltshire Cricket Limited

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Trowbridge Youth Parliament presents...

# HEROES AND VILLAINS 2K FUN RUN

Trowbridge  
Park



Fancy  
Dress

Whether you run, jog or walk, join us in Trowbridge Park for a family-friendly 2K Fun Run, raising money for local charity Julian House.

Even if you're not signing up for the Fun Run, come along and explore a wide range of activities including...

Inflatables | Stalls | Refreshments | Games

10am-1pm  
(9.45am warm up)



25th June



To take part you **MUST** register!  
Scan here to sign up for **FREE**.

Tickets are free but donations to Julian House are welcome.  
For more information visit: [www.julianhouse.org.uk](http://www.julianhouse.org.uk)



Julian House is a registered charity (No. 1183793) and a company limited by guarantee in England & Wales (No. 01781802). Registered provider of social housing (No. 64348). Registered address: 11 Kears Road, Upper Bristol Road, BA1 7LJ, BA1 3JL.

West Ashton and our Trowbridge Youth parliament representatives will be running a stall at this event. Please note the date and come along and enjoy the games and the run.





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# ACTIVE KIDS CAMP

[WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK](http://WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK)

**WEEK DAYS 30TH MAY - 2ND JUNE 2023- JOHN OF GAUNT**  
**STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £19.80 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £24.60**  
**CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS**



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**GIRLS FOOTBALL  
JUNE 2023**

**2ND JUNE 2023  
JOHN OF GAUNT**

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STANDARD DAY  
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**5 - 14 YEARS**

**KIT: TRAINERS,  
SHINPADS, PACKED  
LUNCH, WATER  
BOTTLE**

**CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
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## MAY/JUNE HALF TERM

30TH MAY - 1ST  
JUNE  
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM STANDARD  
DAY £19.80  
9AM - 4PM  
EXTENDED DAY £24.60



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LUNCH, WATER  
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