

# News and Events

Friday 28th April

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Izzy (Voyagers) for the value of friendship, Brie (Discoverers) for the value of wisdom, and all of Explorers and Shooting Stars for living our school Christian values on their trip to the farm yesterday.

Congratulations to them all.



Congratulations to Charlie who is now an Unsigned Act, Ollie who is a Gigger and Luca who is a Breakthrough Artist.



We also said thank you, congratulations and good luck to Mrs Menzies who leaves us today for her new role closer to home.

Thank you Mrs Menzies for all you have done for us.

We also congratulated on receiving Man of the Match in football and a medal for his contribution to a rugby tournament



## Important dates for your diary

- 1 May—Bank Holiday
- 5 May—Explorers and Discoverers Kings and Queens Coronation Parade in Trowbridge
- 5 May—Jubilee Picnic on the field after school
- 8 May—Bank Holiday
- 9-12 May KS2 SATs
- 22 May—Y3/4 Acorn Athletics Festival
- 24 May—Pentecost Day Experience
- 26 May—End of Term 5

## Attendance

Highest attendance:

Voyagers 95.71%

Lost learning: 140 hours

## Reminder

The library is open after school on Tuesday and Friday.



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Today, we looked back on attendance in Term 4. 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 Term 5.



Year 6 looked great in their leavers hoodies. Thank you FOWAS for once again buying these for our leavers. They were a perfectly timed delivery as they were about to leave for their residential and then worn a lot!



## How can I help a rough sleeper?

If you see a homeless person in Bath or your local area and you're wondering what to do, there are several ways you can help.

**You can report the details via Streetlink.**

**0300 500 0914**

**[www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)**

**Via the Streetlink app**

This will alert Julian House and other local homeless charities and they will send an outreach worker to engage with them.

Other things you could do to help include:

Donating to or volunteer for your local homeless charity

Talk to a local homeless charity about items or support you could provide



**[www.julianhouse.org.uk](http://www.julianhouse.org.uk)**

On Wednesday, we had a visitor named Gavin. He works for Julian House and was explaining what they do to help the homeless. If you didn't know, Julian House is a charity that provides free food and shelter. They are in Bath but help people all over the South West. In the last Trowbridge Youth Parliament meeting, we decided to have Julian House as our recipient for the fundraising for the event Superheroes vs Villains Fun Run. At the fun run, we are running a stall to help raise money. It's on Sunday 25th June from 10am—1pm. Please come along and have a go at our game. More information about the day is in this newsletter.

Elsie and Thalia





This week Shooting Stars and Explorers went to Warleigh Lodge Farm for the day. At the farm we got to explore nature, looking for signs of wildlife. We found a badgers set, owl pellets and much more. We climbed inside the trunk of an old oak tree, rolled down hills, had a ride on the tractor and enjoyed running from one field to another. The highlight of our tip was feeding the goats, sheep and chickens. We had an amazing day and all the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school.





Last week, Voyagers Class visited Grittleton House for our residential. We did many activities including a sensory adventure, bush craft, archery and zorbing. We all had so much fun.

On the last night, the adventure team hosted a disco where we were awarded certificates! These were presented to us in our celebration collective worship today.

The class' favourite activity was body zorbing.

Isabel, Abigail and Thalia.





We were once again lucky enough to have Aled from Wiltshire Cricket spend the day with us on Wednesday. He showed the children what cricket is, what it looks like and gave them a chance to have a go for themselves.





Our first Play Pod club this week was a great hit and imaginations were running wild despite the damp!

It's not too late to join in the fun. Sign your child up via [this link](#).





## News from the classes:

**Shooting Stars:** We have been making crowns for the Church for the King's coronation. Mrs Meehan went to Bert's Magic Shop for Teachers. She bought us a box of magic pens, rubbers and writing books. Bert came back to school with her to check we are doing lots of writing. We have been writing about castles. We have also been to the farm. We saw pigs and we fed the lambs. Rhiannon

**Explorers:** This week we went to the farm; we had lots of fun. When we were there we went inside a living tree, we fed lambs, we rolled down hills, we went in the goat pen and fed them and fed some chickens. We also found an owl pellet that had a bones inside; we will put it in water to see what sort of animals it eats. On Wednesday we played quick cricket. We loved it. In English we wrote about the farm trip and when it is finished we are going to send it to Rose and Julian (the farmers). It has been a very good week. Fynn and Luca

**Discoverers:** In maths, Y4 have been showing what they have learnt about decimals and Year 3 have been doing a fractions assessment. In English, we have created and written a missing poster for Varjak Paw. We have been learning what a listed building is and making a poster about why a building should be preserved.

**Voyagers:** This week in maths, year 6 have been leaning about angles in triangles. Year 5 were learning about angles and perimeter. In English, we planned a glossary for a non-fiction book. In reading we have a new book, The Incredible Ecosystems of Planet Earth. We have learnt about the tea room (la café) and the food and drink they sell in French. We are learning about Islam and the celebration of Eid at the end of Ramadan. We have started a new topic in history, learning about the ancient Maya civilisation.



As we rapidly head towards the final term of the year, I wanted to remind you that Sports Day is planned for Tuesday 11th July and share some key new dates. On Thursday 13th July, we are planning on taking the whole school to Bristol Wild Place Project and on Friday 14th July there is going to be a Leavers Disco. Everyone is invited as a celebration of Y6s time with us. The FOWAS Summer Fair is on Friday 30th June.

Finally, you will notice our front doors are rather different to normal. Discover Trowbridge have asked that to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III they want support to dress our town and light up our windows and buildings in celebration! There are a number of homes and businesses who are decorating windows as part of Trowbridge's Royal Window Wanderland 2023. You can find a map of locations [here](#) and the windows are on display from 1 –8 May.

I hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

## WIZZ

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

#### CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

#### EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to snap' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

#### INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

#### NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

#### SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Critics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

### BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

### KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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## National Online Safety Update

# ***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

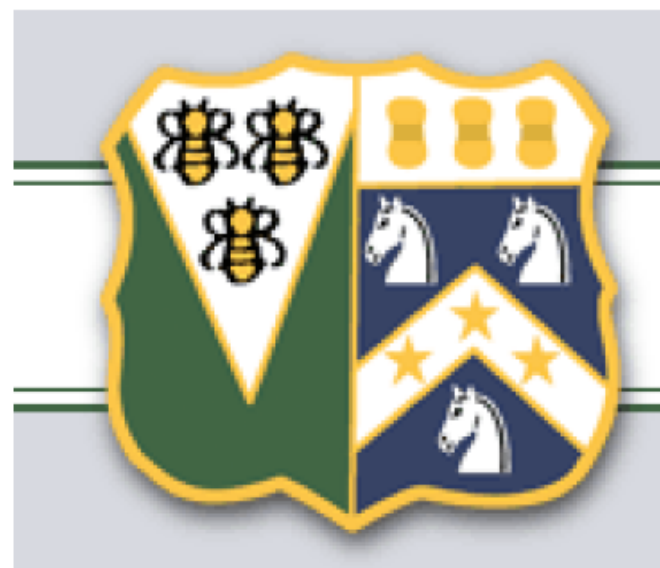
Individual Entry - £10 (10k) or £20 (Half Marathon)

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.

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

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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)



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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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**5K RUN**

**MONDAY 8TH MAY 2023**

**TROWBRIDGE PARK**

**9AM - 1:30PM**

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**TICKETS:** Adults £18, U16 & OAP £16, Group Bookings (10+) £15



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