



Coronation Day

We have a busy week planned next week ending in a day of celebration on Friday 5th May!

On Friday 5th May we are planning to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The children are invited to dress in red white and blue clothes for the day. We will also be learning a special song which we hope to be able record this and send a link to parents as well as learning facts about King Charles and the Coronation. Mrs Montandon has ordered two trees one to celebrate our Jubilee and one to celebrate the Coronation, these will be planted on Friday.

On Friday the children (who have ordered a school lunch) will be having fish and chips in a traditional newspaper cone and a union jack muffin.

To make the dinning room extra special, the children will each be making a crown to wear. We are also planning to decorate the hall with red white and blue bunting. If you would like to be creative over the Bank Holiday weekend and help your child make a bunting pendant to be included in the display please do so. Please do your design on an A4 piece of paper. You may chose to create a union jack, the Kings head or any other design that links with the Coronation Celebrations. Feel free to use any medium you like to decorate your bunting but make them predominantly red white and blue. We will then put the pendants

together and hang them in the hall. Hopefully it will be something the children will remember!





Celebration Time

Mrs Montandon will now be inviting a child from each class to have tea and cake with her each half-term. This is to celebrate good behaviour and good manners in class.

Our first group joined Mrs Montandon at the end of March and really enjoyed their experience as we think you will see from the picture below.

Claire and her team made special cake which was enjoyed by all and the children were given a goody bag and a 'Good as Gold' badge which they can wear all year.





Year Four visit Malvern

"Our Year 4 pupils had an incredible time when they attended the Malvern Boundless Outdoors residential last week. After saying goodbye to families, the children were a little apprehensive, but were soon brimming with excitement as they boarded the coach and made their way up into the Malvern Hills. On arrival at the centre, children were welcomed and introduced to their instructors for their stay and set the first task of unpacking and making their beds.

We were soon off on our first activities for the afternoon, climbing trees to tackle rope bridges, whizzing down zip lines, reaching the top of the climbing wall and hitting 'bulls eye' during the archery sessions. The evenings were spent either watching the sun set over Worcestershire during our Malvern Hills evening walk, or tackling challenging rope activities in the wood.

The children were incredible, facing new challenges and encouraging one another to try. The instructors were very impressed with the children's positive attitude to everything during the visit and by how polite and respectful they were.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to take your children to Malvern. We all had a wonderful time and were so proud of our Year 4s."





Sports Day

We have had some enquiries about the timings for our Sports Day. The event will be held at St John's Middle School on Thursday 22nd June. The event will begin at 9.15am with our Reception children and will finish at approximately 12.00pm with the Year 4 children we envisage that each year group will take between 40 and 50 minutes.

This is of course a weather permitting event.



Book Recommendation

Our Newsletter will feature a book recommendation each month. Thank you to Oak Class for this months recommendation.

Title: Isadora Moon go to school

Genre: Adventure

What the story is about: Isadora goes to different schools to see which one she wants to go to.

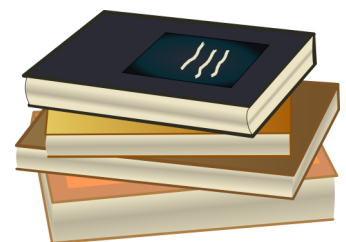
Main characters: Isadora and Pink rabbit.

What I like about the book: It is exciting an adventurous.

Why I would recommend this book: because it's exciting and you learn things from it.

Age I would recommend it for: 5 to 12 years.

Recommended by: Bromley.



Forest School News



Pre-school enjoy an afternoon in our forest.

The children had such fun exploring the area. They particularly liked making coloured water potions and mud pies. We carefully toasted marshmallows to make s'mores.





Library Books

We still have several books missing from the library. Please do have a look to see if you can locate any at home. Thanks to those of you who have returned theirs or replaced it.



Juniper Club

This is a polite reminder that there is a strict 7 day cut-off for all breakfast and after school club bookings. Bookings must be made via the School Gateway app by going in to the Clubs section, please contact us if you need help setting this up. If you try to book within 7 days, the app will not allow you to. We are only able to accept later bookings if there is an urgent emergency and this request must be made via telephone to the office. Otherwise please ensure you have booked in advance, as we have to organise staffing.

Please do not send your child to club unless you have a confirmed booking. Parents of children who are not on the register will be contacted and asked to come and collect their child.

We must also remind parents that when there is a holiday the 7 day cut off for bookings still applies.

If you wish to cancel a booking and receive a refund, you can do this on the app with 7 days' notice. Beyond this date we are unable to issue refunds. Please refer to the Information and Terms and Conditions Booklet on the PA Connect app for further information. You can also request a copy from the office.



School Gateway

We are aware that some people have experienced difficulty when trying to book clubs and events via our school gateway app. Hopefully the majority of these have been sorted with the aid of our user guides etc.

The system will allow parents to make a payment i.e to top up their balance. However, it will also allow you to pay for an event or club without making a booking. This means that parents have paid for a slot at a club but have not booked their child into the club and they do not appear on our register.

When this happens you do see a very clear message informing that you need to make a booking. Unfortunately, some parents are ignoring this message which means our clubs can be oversubscribed.

When a club or event is announced via Parent Apps please make sure that firstly you book your slot and then proceed through the system to make the payment.

If this procedure isn't followed we will have to remove people from the club who have paid but not booked a place and refund their payment.

You can log into School Comms at anytime to look at what you have booked etc.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the office.



Pick up Arrangements

If there any changes to who will be collecting your child after school and it is after 2pm please call this information through to the office so that we can ensure this is passed on promptly to the teacher.



Free School Meals

We would encourage anybody who thinks they may be eligible, to apply for Free School Meals, even if your child receives the Universal Free School Meals (Reception—Year 2). Children eligible for Free School Meals also get additional support - e.g. help towards paying for school trips and uniform, and as long as the Government is still doing it, food vouchers for certain school holidays. It also helps the school as we receive extra money so that we can put in more support if your child needs it.

We just want to make sure that all our families get everything that they are entitled to.

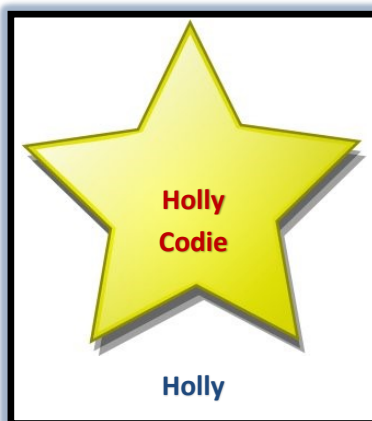
It doesn't take long to apply, and you can do so here:

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/
applying_for_free_school_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)



Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard during April 2023



Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 21st April 2023

Holly: Bella R for n improved attitude to behaviours and class tasks. Keep it up Bella we are so proud of you.

Maple: Harlow for always trying hard, asking for help when he needs it and being a great friend to his classmates.

Beech: Liam D for his improvement in contributing in lessons. It's great to see that you're answering questions! Keep this up!

Forest School: All of Willow Class for following the Forest School rules and having a brilliant time exploring the site.

Hazel & Oak: Well done to all our our Year 4 children. You've all worked brilliantly as a team, you've shown respect to all of the adults who've helped you and you've shone in everything you've achieved, both at school and in Malvern. We are very proud of **you**.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 21st April 2023

Rowan: Jenson for an excellent attitude in exciting writing where you completed a recount independently. Well done Jenson, keep this up!

Cedar: Aidan B for a great attitude to his work this week. You've persevered at each task and this helped you produce a wonderful piece of writing too!

Cherry: Koda for working hard this week, being sensible and respectful towards others. Well done!

Acorns N: Rupert for showing perseverance and resilience to achieve his sentence writing challenge. Superstar Rupert!!

Acorns C: Ella R. She is always so helpful and kind to others in her class.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 28th April 2023

Holly: Madison C for beginning to work more independently. Madison is trying really hard and is starting to show us what she is capable of.

Maple: The whole class for their fantastic assembly on Wednesday. They made us very proud. Well done Maple Class.

Beech: Darcie-Rae for always being an incredibly kind friend and setting a wonderful example to others! Thank you Darcie.

Forest School: Lizzie in Hazel for sensible and safe behaviour while learning to use matches.

Oak: Daisy P for having the most wonderful, infectious laugh and for encouraging us all to be bright and positive.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 28th April 2023

Rowan: Minnie for always having an excellent attitude to learning. You consistently follow the school rules and are a role model to the class. Well done Minnie!

Cedar: Dilyn B for great work and perseverance particularly with his reading. You have been working very hard to develop your skills and tackle every challenge. Well done for never giving up!

Cherry: Jack for showing independence in his learning this week, well done.

Acorns N: Bo for having such a positive attitude to his work and for having the independence to carry on practising his learning at home. Well done Bo!!

Acorns C: Ivy for always being helpful and kind when someone has hurt themselves or need a friend.



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Term Dates 2023 / 2024

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 6th November 2023	Friday 22nd December 2023
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024	
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 9th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 22nd March 2024
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 8th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 4th June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024

School will also be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday: Monday 1st April 2024
May Day: Monday 6th May 2024
Whitsun: Monday 27th May 2024



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2023

Date	Event	Year Group
<i>Monday 1st May May-Day bank Holiday - school closed</i>		
Wednesday 3 rd May	Oak Class Assembly for Parents 9.00am	Oak Class
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Celebrations (special lunch chosen by children- order in usual way) Seaside Fish and Chips and Union Jack Cup Cakes.	All
<i>Monday 8th May Coronation Bank Holiday - school closed</i>		
Wednesday 10 th May	Hazel Class Assembly for Parents 9.00am	Hazel Class
Wednesday 10 th May	Willow Class—Trip to Butterfly Farm.	Willow Class
Thursday 11 th May	Acorns N and Acorns C Trip to Butterfly Farm	Acorns
Wednesday 17 th May	Cedar Class Assembly for Parents 9.00am	Cedar Class
Tuesday 23 rd May	Bikeability	Hazel Class
Wednesday 24 th May	Bikeability	Oak Class
Wednesday 24 th May	Holly Class Assembly for Parents 9.00am	Holly Class
<i>Friday 26th May 2023</i>		



Dates for your Diary Continued..

Monday 5 th June TED - school closed		
Tuesday 6 th June	School re-opens	All
Tuesday 13 th June	Lakeside Trip	Year 3
Wednesday 14 th June	Black Country Living Museum Trip	Year 4
Thursday 15 th June	Acorns N Assembly for Parents	Acorns N
Friday 16 th June	Father's Day Breakfast (slots to book starting at 8am- first slot, last slot 10am) Further details nearer the time	All
Wednesday 21 st June	Cherry Class assembly for Parents 9am	Cherry Class
Thursday 22 nd June	Provisional Sports Day (TBC)	(Years R-4)
Week of 26 th - 30 th June	Forest school open after-noons	Monday - Holly Tuesday- Acorns N Wednesday-Acorns C Thursday-Oak Friday-Cedar
Wednesday 28 th June	Acorns C assembly for Parents 9am	Acorns C
Wednesday 5 th July	Beech class assembly for Parents 9am	Beech Class
Thursday 6 th July	Millfields Golden Jubilee Celebration (street party meal booked in usual way)	All
Week of 10 th - 14 th July	Forest School open mornings	Monday-Hazel Tuesday-Maple Wednesday-Beech Thursday-Cherry Friday-Rowan
Wednesday 12 th July	Rowan class assembly for Parents 9am	All
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' assembly for parents 2pm	Year 4
Friday 21 st July	Special lunch chosen by leavers (book in usual way)	All
Tuesday 25 th July End of Term		