



Coronation Celebrations



Once again our kitchen team did an amazing job. The children loved the cones of fish and chips and the union jack cupcakes!

They also enjoyed dressing in red white and blue and learning about King Charles III and the Coronation.





Acorns children also enjoyed cooking Crown Biscuits with Mrs Crane.



Juniper Club Before and After School

Important information

We are in the process of making sure everyone who pays for their before and after school club using Child Care Vouchers or the HMRC gateway accounts are up to date with payments. Please can parents log in and take a look at their balances. If they are not what you were expecting to see please can you check to see that all the payments you have made have been added. If you would like us to check for you, please email all your proof of payments back to September 2022 we will happily do this for you.

Going forward when you make a payment if you can email the details to Juniper Club straight away we would appreciate it. We need the child's name the date the reference number either from the Government Gateway or your child care provider and the amount. If you do not tell us the money will go to Worcestershire C C but it will just sit in their account and not be sent across to us!

The aim is that everyone's before and after school care amounts should be a zero by the end of the Summer term ready to start again in September.



Celebration Time - Mrs Montandon's Tea Party

Mrs Montandon invites a child from each class to have a drink and cake with her each half-term. This is to celebrate consistently good behaviour and good manners in class.

The children joined Mrs Montandon today 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.





Tree Planting

We have planted two trees in our forest school area. One to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and the other to celebrate our Golden Jubilee which we are celebrating in school during the Summer term. The trees will be fan trained and eventually hide the rather ugly wall at Forest School.



Congratulations

We would like to send our congratulations to Miss Emily Smith who is getting married at half-term. She will return after the holiday as Mrs Cartwright.



Forest School news for May 2023

This is what we have been up to at forest school during May!

Reception are beginning to learn forest school skills such as pegging and hammering.

Year 1 have been getting arty making natural faces in clay and on the ground.

Year 2 are progressing their skills moving onto real hammers and nails.

Year 2 have also been growing plants and keeping diaries of their suc-



Summer Weather and Forest School Uniform

Please send children in LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRTS and TROUSERS for their forest school sessions, because this:

- Protects them from getting mud in cuts and grazes which can lead to infection
- Protection from sunburn
- Protection from stinging nettle stings
- Protection from thorn injuries

Children still need to bring WATERPROOFS to sessions.



Year 3s had a go at building a Mayan temple and created detailed nature drawings using magnifying glasses.

Year 4 have created their own treasure islands, and drawing maps of them. They have also honed their whittling skills.



LOST WATERPROOFS

Do you recognise any of these waterproof jackets or trousers?

Please let us know if they are yours & we can return them.





Charity Fund Raising

To celebrate the wonderful work that the Primrose Hospice does they hold an annual 'Yellow Week'. This year we are inviting children to support this event by wearing something Yellow on Friday 16th June for a minimum donation of £1.00.

We have decided to split the funds raised with another very worthwhile charity called 'Young at Heart'. Some of you may know that Claire's Granddaughter was very ill when she was a baby and received excellent care from Birmingham Children's Hospital and support from 'Young at Heart'. Jamie, Claire's son is doing a sky dive on Sunday 25th June to raise funds for this charity.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Book Recommendation

Our Newsletter will feature a book recommendation each month. This month's review is from Hazel Class.

Hazel Class Book Review.

In Hazel class we are reading 'The Highland Falcon thief' by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman. We're really enjoying it and though we should tell everyone about it so they can try it for themselves.

Title: The Highland Falcon Thief

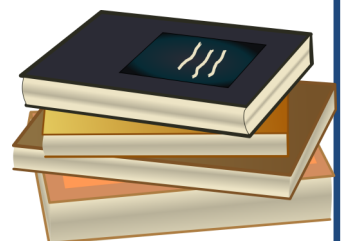
Genre: Mystery, action & adventure

What is the story about? It is about a young boy called Hal who has to leave his family for a few days and go on holiday with his Uncle Nat. Uncle Nat loves steam trains and takes Hal on a once in a lifetime journey, the final journey of the Highland Falcon. Strange things begin to happen on board. When Lydia Pickle and Lady Lansbury have their diamond jewellery stolen Hal and his new friend Lenny have to crack the case!



What we like about the book: It is so exciting, we never know what's around the corner. There are lots of characters to get to know and trying to figure out the mystery as we read is good fun.

Who would we recommend it to? We would recommend this book to anyone between the ages of 8 & 11. It is fun to read, and to listen to.





Early Years visit the Butterfly Farm



As you can see Pre-School had a great time albeit a little tiring!



Uniform

Please can we remind everyone that school uniform should be worn at all times. Please can children with long hair have it tied back for school as this helps prevent headlice.



Holidays in term time

As you may be aware the Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time. The Governors of our school support this appeal. Pupils will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances, all other absences (including holidays) will be unauthorised.

As a school we are asked to inform you that, in line with Worcestershire County Council policy, unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable per parent, per child, increasing to £120 each if not paid within 21 days.

Our key priority is to ensure that your child is as successful as possible and able to achieve their full potential. We hope that you are able to support this decision in line with the Local Authority and Government policy a leave is restricted to the 13 weeks school holidays except in exceptional circumstances.

Hot Weather

Please can we remind parents to send their children in with a Sunhat and apply sun cream now that the weather is improving.

Thank you.





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. **Please remember this applies to holidays as well.** We are only able to accept late 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



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.



Meals

Please make sure book your child's meal even if they are entitled to universal free meals. We have several parents that repeatedly don't pre-book but expect their child to be fed.

This is becoming increasingly difficult for the kitchen. If you do not pre-book we cannot guarantee that your child will be fed and if we are able to feed them it probably won't be their first choice. We are asking parents to help us by booking!



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.

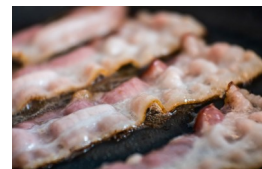
It doesn't take long to apply, and you can do so here:

[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)

Fathers Day Breakfast



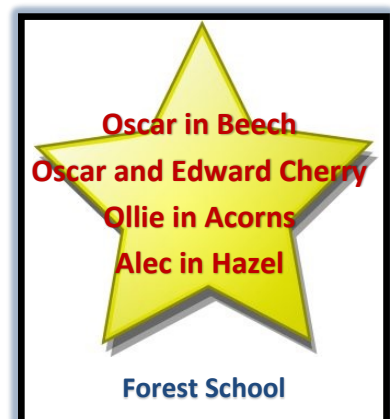
We are holding our Fathers Day Breakfast on Friday 16th June. This can be booked and paid for via the School App.





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 May 2023



Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 5th May 2023

Holly: Elsie I and Jessica T. Both girls are always ready to learn, show respect. They are great role models to their peers in every way!

Maple: Ruby for having a fantastic attitude to learning and always being ready to take on responsibilities in class.

Beech: Scarlett B for always being an incredibly kind friend and a fantastic role model in the classroom. Thank you Scarlett

Forest School: George in Maple for his concentration during fire circle discussions and his participation in the map activity. Keep it up!

Hazel: Lena for always thinking of others, taking on responsibility in class and for always being ready to help. Well done Lena, you're star!

Oak: Jamie Lynch for always being considerate, helpful and willing to lead others. Thank you Jamie.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 5th May 2023

Rowan: Renee for an excellent attitude to learning and showing our school value especially kindness and respect. Thank you!

Cedar: Jessica P for being incredibly helpful this week. In has been very much appreciated, thank you Jess.

Cherry: Amy for showing our school value of helpfulness and always offering to help our around the classroom. Thank you Amy

Acorns N: Georgia for being really helpful in class and for being a good role model in following our 3 R's of Behaviour. Thank you Georgia!

Acorns C: Jacob R for being kind friend and always being ready to look after someone when they need a bit of comfort and support.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 12th May 2023

Holly: Edith H for showing resilience and determination, particularly in maths this week.

Maple: George for trying incredibly hard in every lesson and working with increasing independence.

Beech: Charlie R for always being a kind and caring member of our class. Thank you Charlie.

Forest School: Blake and Aidan in Cedar for showing teamwork, patience and kindness when helping and encouraging another child. Well done!

Oak: Cobie Davis for showing respect courtesy and for always contributing in lessons. Thank you Cobie.

Hazel: Charlie-Mai for being a kind and helpful member of Hazel Class. Well done Charlie.

Also Lucas for being enthusiastic and involved in every lesson this week.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 12th May 2023

Rowan: Ferne for showing kindness and great teamwork. You always help your learning partner when needed, especially in maths. Thank you!

Cedar: Spencer M for having a good attitude to your work and tackling every challenge head on. Great work Spencer!

Cherry: Sam for having a brilliant attitude towards his learning. You have shown great independence in your learning and kindness towards your friends.

Acorns N: All of Acorns N for their brilliant behaviour during our visit to the Butterfly Farm. You were a credit to the school!!

Acorns C: All of Acorns C for fantastic behaviour and listening at the butterfly farm yesterday representing Millfields really well.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 19th May

Holly: Madison C for her ever growing independence, particularly in writing. Keep it up Madison.

Maple: Tom D for always doing his best, supporting other children when working with a partner or in a team, and being a great role model in class.

Beech: Ruby K for having a great attitude to learning and trying her best. This is something you've been working really hard on! Well done.

Rowan: Sophia for showing kindness and helping her friend with sewing their finger puppet. Thank you.

Cedar: Harry S for being kind and considerate to others. You offer to help when others are in need which is a great attribute to have. Thank you Harry.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 19th May

Forest School: Roman in Maple for listening carefully to activity instructions and following them exactly. Well done Roman!

Hazel: Olivia for a great attitude to school life. Working more independently and focussing on work has made a big difference. Keep it up Olivia!

Cherry: Blake J for working hard and showing great team work!

Oak: Katie K for trying really hard to be part of our class team and for smiling and laughing. Well done Katie.

Acorns N: Piper for always being polite and willing to help. You are such a kind and caring friend too. Thank you Piper!

Acorns C: William A for always being helpful and kind. He always makes sure he helps to tidy up even if he hasn't been learning in that area

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 26th May 2023

Holly: Monica for always being kind and helpful.

Maple: Ralph for working extremely hard all week and developing more independence in lessons.

Beech: Ava-rose for always trying her hardest in lessons. She sets a fantastic role model to others. Thank you Ava!

Rowan: Josiah, for always being sensible and having a great attitude to learning. Well done, keep this up!

Cedar: Lewis F for a great attitude to his learning. Well done Lewis!

Millfields First School Gold Book

Forest School: Max in Holly for his kind and caring attitude to others.

Hazel: Keyan for always showing respect to his peers and adults and for always

Oak: Oliver B for showing respect to all and for always having a cheery smile.

Acorns N: Sabariyah for being a kind and considerate friend and for always being ready to help. Thank you Sabariyah

Acorns C: Lottie for always showing kindness and respect to others. She is patient, caring and considerate to the needs of others. You are such a kind and thoughtful person Lottie well done!

Cherry: Edward for showing amazing team work during the golf festival this week!



'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



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) Booking now open 'Yellow Day'	All
Wednesday 21 st June	Cherry Class assembly for Parents 9am	Cherry Class
Thursday 22 nd June	Sports Day	(Years R-4)
Week of 26 th - 30 th June	Forest school open afternoons	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		