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School Diary for the
Week Beginning:
21st September 2026

Monday

Hedgehogs PE
Y1-6 Dance Club

Tuesday

Squirrels & Badgers PE

Wednesday

KS2 Big Data Workshop
Woodland Art Club (KS2)

Thursday

Y3 & Y4 Wider Op Music
Otters, Squirrels & Badgers
PE

Y1-6 Multi-Skills Club

Friday

Hedgehogs PE
Music with Mrs Henry
Choir



**Jack, Eleanor, Harry L
and Amelia A,**

'Let Your Light Shine'

Matthew 5:16

It's been another busy and exciting week in school! Our Enrichment Clubs got off to a fantastic start, and the Woodland Art Club was certainly a big hit. Inspired by the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy, the children used nothing but twigs collected from our outdoor area to create their first woodland masterpieces. Working together, they transformed simple natural materials into striking pieces of art. I'm sure you'll agree that the photographs show some wonderful examples of creativity, teamwork and perseverance. Perhaps the greatest measure of success was hearing the children ask, "When can we do it again?" as they left the session! It was lovely to see them enjoying the fresh air, working collaboratively and developing a deeper appreciation of the natural world around them.

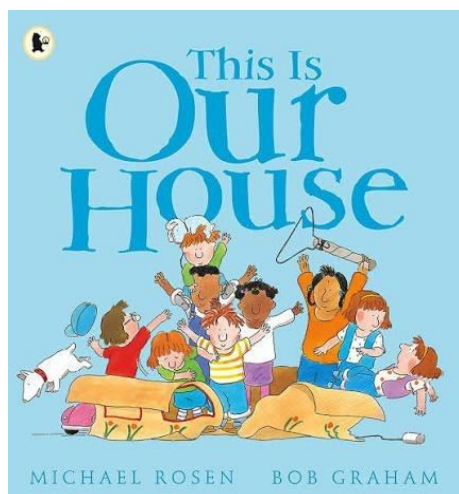


Yesterday, our Eco Warriors welcomed Simon Doorbar, Regional Manager for Chartwells, into school. Together, they explored ways to reduce food waste and began developing an action plan to help make our school even more environmentally friendly. The children showed great enthusiasm and shared some thoughtful ideas, and we look forward to hearing more when they present their plans to the whole school during Monday's worship.

Looking ahead, children in Squirrels and Badgers Class will be taking part in the Big Data Workshop next Wednesday. This exciting opportunity will introduce them to the fascinating world of data through a range of engaging and hands-on activities. Further information for parents can be found later in the newsletter. I'm sure the children are going to love it!

What's happening in school?

Otters' Class



This half term, our study theme is 'Me and My Family', helping children to feel settled, confident and valued as they begin their Early Years journey. Through a range of exciting and meaningful activities, children will explore who they are, the people who are important to them and the world around them.

We will focus on settling into school routines, building positive relationships and developing a strong sense of belonging within our classroom community. Through games, circle times and shared activities, children will have opportunities to make new friends, learn each other's names and begin working and playing together cooperatively.

Children will be encouraged to talk about experiences that are familiar to them, sharing stories about their families, celebrations, favourite activities and special memories. This will support the development of communication and language skills while helping children to understand and appreciate both similarities and differences between themselves and others.

As part of our learning, we will explore our families and homes, discussing who lives with us and what makes each family unique. Children will begin to make sense of their own life stories and family histories by looking at photographs and talking about important events from their past. We will also explore how homes have changed over time, comparing those from the past with the homes we live in today.

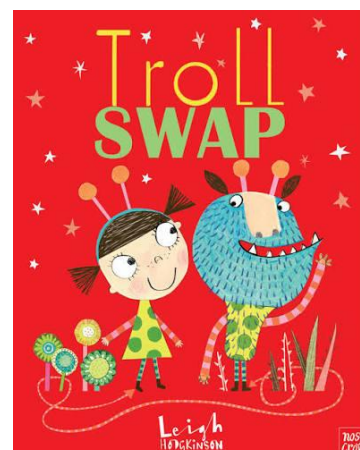
To help children develop an understanding of their local community, we will investigate where we live, creating simple maps and exploring our local area. Children will learn about familiar landmarks, routes and places that are important to them, helping them develop an awareness of the wider world around them.

Throughout the theme, learning will be enriched through stories, role play, creative activities, discussions, outdoor exploration and opportunities for children to share their own experiences. Our aim is to help every child feel confident, secure and proud of who they are while building strong foundations for future learning.

Hedgehogs' Class

Our study theme this half term is 'Land, Sea and Sky'. We will be exploring the book *Troll Swap* by Leigh Hodgkinson.

Troll Swap tells the delightful story of Timothy Limpet, who doesn't fit in with his noisy, messy troll family, and Tabitha Lumpit, a loud and energetic little girl who causes havoc at home. Feeling out of place, both children decide to swap lives! However, they soon discover that changing who you are is not quite as simple as it seems and that being true to yourself is what matters most.



As geographers, we will be learning to identify the four countries of the United Kingdom. We will then begin to learn the four compass directions and use these to explore maps of the UK.

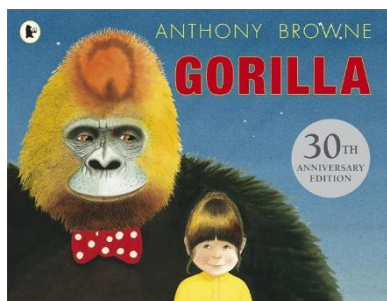
As artists, we will be exploring the work of Joan Miró. We will take inspiration from his distinctive style and create our own troll-themed artwork.

As design technologists, we will be designing and building our own cardboard bridges for our trolls to live under. We will explore stability and structure to ensure that our bridges are strong and secure.

As scientists, we will begin our learning by classifying animals into the five main groups: mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles. We will explore their similarities and differences and identify what animals need to survive. We will then investigate the seasonal changes that occur during autumn as the days become shorter and the weather begins to change.

As musicians, we will take our inspiration from the piece of music *In the Hall of the Mountain King*. We will use our ideas to create our own troll rap and a graphic score, which we will then perform.

Squirrels' Class



We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, focusing on building strong relationships through fun team-building activities in PE and PSHE.

Our first study theme, Dreams, is inspired by Anthony Browne's classic book *Gorilla*. As the story may have been a dream, we spent time thinking about our own dreams and aspirations. This inspired us to create our own dreamcatchers as our Wow! Starter.

English & Art: We are diving into the world of *Gorilla*, studying Anthony Browne's iconic illustrations and creating monochrome acrylic paintings of gorillas.

Science & Geography: As scientists, we are exploring *Animals Including Humans*. In Geography, we are studying the continents of the world, land use, human settlements and the impact people have on wildlife habitats.

Courageous Advocacy: We will investigate rainforest deforestation, learn how reducing food waste during Harvest can help protect our planet, and create sustainability pledges and awareness campaigns.

Maths & Computing: Our focus is on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction in Maths, alongside learning the basics of animation in Computing.

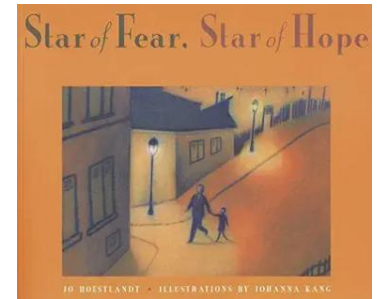
RE, Music & Spanish: In RE, we are exploring how people of faith express gratitude during Harvest. In Music, we are investigating how music helps people communicate and interact, while in Spanish, we are developing our phonics knowledge and learning to read, write and speak about musical instruments.

We are looking forward to an inspiring term filled with exciting learning opportunities, creativity and discovery, culminating in a virtual gorilla encounter and African adventure for our Fantastic Finish!

Badgers' Class

This term, Badgers Class will be stepping back in time to explore one of the most significant periods in modern history through our exciting study theme, World War II: Causes, Conflict and Consequences. Throughout the term, the children will discover how the war began, learn about key events such as the Battle of Britain, and investigate what life was like for children and families both locally and across the UK during wartime.

Our learning will be brought to life through the beautiful and moving text *Star of Hope, Star of Hope* by Jo Hoestlandt. The story follows a young girl living in occupied France during World War II and explores themes of friendship, courage, hope and the impact of war on ordinary families. Through the eyes of the main character, children will gain a deeper understanding of the human experiences behind historical events.



As historians, the children will investigate the causes of World War II, explore the experiences of evacuees and refugees, and consider the importance of standing up against discrimination and injustice. They will also learn about the significance of the Battle of Britain and examine how wartime Britain adapted to challenges such as rationing and shortages.

Learning will extend beyond history lessons. In English, the children will write stories featuring flashbacks and explore events from different viewpoints. In art, they will create poppy-themed artwork using a range of media and produce wire sculptures inspired by remembrance. Science lessons will focus on the classification of living things, while computing will develop coding and network skills.

To enrich their learning further, the children will have opportunities to experience virtual visits, including Anne Frank's House. The term will begin with some investigations using historical school records to uncover clues about our study theme and end with a fascinating code-breaking challenge.

This promises to be a memorable and thought-provoking topic, full of opportunities for children to develop their historical understanding, empathy and critical thinking skills. We are looking forward to seeing the curiosity, questions and discoveries that emerge as Badgers Class journeys through this important chapter of history.

What a Wonderful Term Awaits!

We are incredibly excited about the learning opportunities ahead this term. From exploring families and communities, to travelling through imaginary worlds, discovering the wonders of Africa, and stepping back in time to World War II, every class will be immersed in rich and engaging experiences designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. We look forward to sharing the children's achievements, discoveries and memorable moments with you as the term progresses.

Looking Ahead: Big Data Workshop

Next Wednesday, children in Squirrels and Badgers Class will be taking part in an exciting Big Data Workshop delivered by the team from STFC Daresbury Laboratory. The workshop will introduce children to the fascinating world of computing, coding, robotics and artificial intelligence through a series of practical, hands-on activities.

Throughout the day, the children will explore how technology is used in the real world, including learning about the innovative robots used by Ocado to process online shopping orders. They will have the opportunity to develop their coding skills, solve problems, work collaboratively and even programme their own robot 'pickers' to navigate a giant warehouse grid.



The workshop has been designed to inspire the children to think about future careers in science, technology, engineering and computing, while providing a fun and memorable learning experience. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity and I'm sure the children are going to have a fantastic time while developing valuable digital and problem-solving skills.

Financial Assistance Available



We understand that some families may experience financial difficulties and are committed to ensuring that every child can access the opportunities that enrich school life. Financial assistance may be available towards educational visits, residential trips, school uniform and other school activities.

Applications are considered individually and in strict confidence. If you would like to apply for support with an upcoming residential visit, please submit your application **by 30th September 2026**.

Financial Assistance Application forms can be downloaded from our website and returned to the school office in a sealed envelope marked Private and Confidential.

Download the [Financial Assistance Form](#) from our website.

Surveys Update

Thank you to everyone who completed our school uniform survey. We received **55 responses**, and an update on the outcomes can be found later in this newsletter.

A reminder that the **PTA survey** remains open until **Friday 19th September**. The survey helps the PTA understand which events and fundraising activities families value most, ensuring future fundraising continues to benefit all of our children. If you have not yet completed it, we would be grateful for your feedback.



Moving to Compass

Over the coming months, we will be gradually moving our communication, booking and payment systems over to **Compass**.

This will allow parents to access everything through one convenient app, making it easier to stay informed and manage school activities in one place.

We will be introducing the new system in stages to help ensure a smooth transition. As with any new technology, there may be a few teething problems along the way, but by moving across gradually we can resolve any issues before launching the next stage.



Our first priority is to have the messaging and booking systems up and running, including the ability to book Parents' Evening appointments through the Compass app. Once these features are working successfully and reliably, we will then move our payment services across. This will enable parents to pay for trips, book school dinners and manage other school payments directly through Compass.

We will keep you updated throughout the process and let you know when new features become available.

Sports Competitions Update

We have now added this year's MCP sporting competitions to the school calendar. Throughout the year, these partnerships provide our KS2 children with a wide range of opportunities to participate in competitive and inclusive sporting events. From team sports and festivals to individual challenges, these events help children develop their skills, confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship while representing the school with pride.



Uniform Provider Survey Update

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent uniform provider survey. We received 55 responses, giving us a valuable insight into parents' experiences and views.

The survey showed a wide range of experiences. A number of families reported positive experiences with Badged, and several parents commented on the quality of the uniform and the helpfulness of staff. However, many families also shared frustrations regarding delayed orders, difficulties contacting the supplier, stock availability, exchanges and returns, and the reduced opportunity for children to try on uniform before purchasing. A significant majority of respondents felt that the school should explore additional supplier options.

It is important to acknowledge that many of the challenges appear to have arisen during a particularly busy period, and several parents noted that they had received good service from Badged in previous years.

Following the survey, I met with Amanda Sam from Dale & Son in Holmes Chapel to discuss the possibility of supplying Warmingham school uniform. It was a very positive meeting, and I am pleased to share that they will be able to provide our school uniform. This will give families a choice of two suppliers, helping to increase flexibility and availability.

Dale & Son are currently preparing the information and ordering details for us. As soon as I receive everything, I will share it with parents so that you can make an informed decision about which supplier best meets your family's needs.

Thank you once again for your honest and constructive feedback. Your views have helped us identify a practical solution that will provide greater choice for our school community.



Let Your Light Shine ~ Ours Stars this Week:

Hedgehogs (Y1) ~ Alfie for the joy you have shown towards all of our learning so far this year.

Hedgehogs (Y2) ~ Aria for the friendship you have shown in Hedgehogs so far this year.

Squirrels (Y3) ~ Milania for showing perseverance in aspects of her learning.

Squirrels (Y4) ~ Harper for showing joy and enthusiasm towards our new Study Theme

Badgers (Y5) ~ Ivy for the wisdom she has shown in English when writing about our class text, 'Mayor Bunny's Chocolate Town'. You have made a brilliant start in Badgers Class - well done!

Badgers (Y6) ~ Lewis for the wisdom, perseverance and fantastic attitude he has shown in all areas of his learning since starting Year 6. Well done! I am very proud of you!

Mrs Appleby's Headteacher's Award ~ Harper for the service to others. Your kindness and compassion always make me smile.



This term in worship we will be exploring different aspects of wellbeing through Bible stories, reflection and prayer. Together, we will think about how we can develop resilience, kindness, gratitude and hope, helping us to care for our mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing as they flourish and let their light shine.

Next week's Bible verse:

E is for Empty ~ Matthew 19:16-23

F is for Family ~ Mark 2:1-12



Let Your Light Shine - Out of School Achievements

Sebastian passed his swimming level 2

Ellis completed the Summer Reading Challenge

Isobelle entered a singing contest

Georgie received football trophies, an ice-skating award and completed the Summer Reading Challenge

Well done everyone!



Autumn 2026

- 23rd September ~ Big Data Workshop for Squirrels and Badgers' Classes
- 29th September ~ Forest Church with Reverend Paul
- 30th September ~ Academy Photos
- 2nd October ~ Harvest Festival @ 10am
- 8th October ~ Y3-6 Cross Country @Cledford Primary@ 3.30pm
- 12th October ~ NSPCC Speak Out Workshops for Hedgehogs and Badgers' Classes
- 19th October ~ Immunisation Flu 9.15am
- 19th October ~ Home Learning Showcase
- 19th October to 23rd October TT Rockstar Battle
- 19th October to 23rd October ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan
- 20th October ~ PTA AGM
- 21st October ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP
- 23rd October ~ TT Rockstar Day
- 2nd & 3rd November ~ Parents Evening
- 5th November ~ Y5/6 Tag Rugby MHS @ 3.30pm
- 11th November ~ Remembrance Service @ 10:30am
- 2nd December ~ Y5/6 Dodgeball MHS @3.30pm
- 3rd December ~ Messy Church
- 4th December ~ Christingle Service @ 10am
- 11th December ~ Theatre Trip for Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers' Classes
- 14th December ~Home Learning Showcase
- 14th December ~ Nine Lessons and Carols ~ Squirrels and Badgers @6pm
- 16th December ~ Experience Christmas followed by Christmas Dinner
- 18th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December ~ Nativity Service ~ Otters and Hedgehogs @ 10am

Spring 2027

- 8th January – 19th March ~ Y4-6 Swimming lessons @Sandbach Leisure Centre
- 13th January ~ Phonics Workshop for Year 1 @6pm
- 8th February ~Home Learning Showcase
- 8th February to 12th February ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan
- 9th February ~ Shrove Tuesday
- 10th February ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP
- 11th February~ Y5/6 Indoor Hockey MHS @3.30pm
- 18th March ~ Y5/6 Netball MHS @ 3.30pm
- 22nd March ~Home Learning Showcase
- 23rd & 25th February ~ Parents Evening
- 23rd March ~ Easter Service @ 10am
- 23rd March ~ Explore Easter
- 24th and 25th March ~ Squirrels' Residential Trip

Summer 2027

21st April ~ Year 6 Leavers' Photos
29th and 30th April ~ Hedgehogs Residential
1st May ~ Warmingham Wakes
10th May to 13th May ~ KS2 SATs Week
14th May ~ Y6 Leavers' trip to London
20th May ~ Football MHS (Astro) @ 3.30pm
24th May ~ Home Learning Showcase
24th May to 26th May ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan
26th May ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP
7th June to 18th June ~ MTC Screening (Y4 children)
10th June ~ Y5/6 Rounders Middlewich Primary @ 3.30pm
14th June to 18th June ~ Phonics Screening (Y1 and Y2 children)
17th June ~ Sports Day
23rd June ~ Y3-6 Town Sports Middlewich Primary @ 3.30
24th June ~ Reserve Sports Day
9th July Children's end of Year Reports
14th to 16th July ~ Badgers' Residential
19th July ~ Home Learning Showcase
20th July ~ Break the Rules Day
20th July ~ Y6 Prom (Y5 welcome)
21st July ~ Celebration Service @ 10am

TERM Dates & INSET Days