

THE FRIDAY LETTER



This Week at The Wyche

This week Badgers have been sharing their version of the All-Blacks' Haka with the children in Otters and Stoats, culminating in a flash mob on the playground this morning (if you were there, you noticed!). Stoats learned about geology and palaeontology pioneer Mary Anning, sharing their learning using posters, drawings and power-point presentations. Otters have had some cheeky Elves joining them in the classroom this week and in between causing mischief, the Elves have learned all about Roman soldiers and the "Tortoise manoeuvre". Finally Christmas has fully landed in KS1 and Foxes and Hedgehogs have been perfecting their performance of Camel-lang-a-ding-dong. We can't wait!



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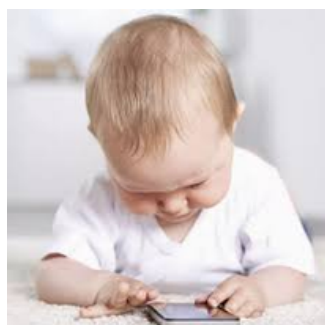


Collective Worship

This week we have been focussing on our hymns and readings for the carol service, and worship council reflected on their role in Advent and wrote beautiful original prayers which you will hear at our service in 2 weeks time.

Support for Parents - Pregnancy & Babies

It's that time of the year when we are thinking about cribs, mangers and babies but many people are actually planning for pregnancy, expecting, or about to give birth. there are great informative and supportive resources on our website at <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/pregnancy-and-babies>



Online Safety - Under 5s (yes, under 5's)

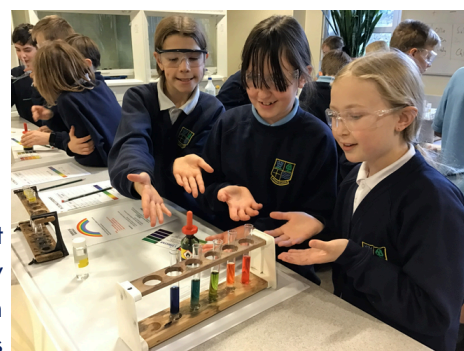
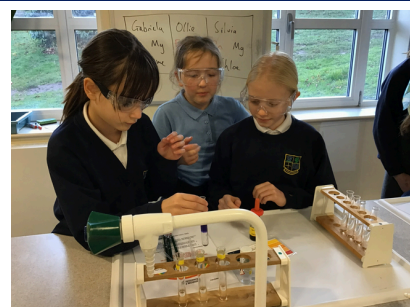
According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. That's a bit scary IMHO and our factsheet on page 4 will give you the skinny on how to keep tots and pre-schoolers safe if you have chosen to let them have a phone or a tablet.

I've loved these frosty mornings (once the car has been scraped) and these Advent days show us how lucky we are to be living and working in the exquisite Malvern Hills. Have a great weekend;

*in partnership,
Mr Murphy*

We can all play a part in **safeguarding** children. If you are ever worried about the safety of a child, please discuss this with **Mr Murphy, Mrs Baylis or Mrs Charles**. You can refer or get advice yourself from Children's Services on 01905 822666.

If you think a child or adult is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.



STRIVE STRIVE AND BUZZ DONATED TINS.
LOTS OF TINS. THANKS, YOU GUYS.

"They will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

Together We Soar



Attendance Utterly Matters

Hedgehogs won Buzz with the highest attendance this week. There are lots of coughs and colds around. Do send them in if they are fit to learn, we promise to send them home if they are unwell or not coping. However it is 2 days off for tummy bugs please, to stop the spread.



Black Pepper Christmas Lunch

This year Black Pepper are serving up their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 9th December. Orders for this **MUST** be placed online, direct with Black Pepper BEFORE Tuesday 2nd December.

Friends of the Wyche Christmas Fayre and Raffle!

Come Celebrate Christmas with Us

THE WYCHE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 5TH DEC

5 - 7PM

Children must be accompanied by an adult

HOT FOOD | MULLED WINE | RAFFLE
MINCE PIES | BAR | GLITTER TATTOOS
TOMBOLA | CHRISTMAS GAMES
AND MUCH MORE!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
PLEASE COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP
FORM IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY!

FOTW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Celebrate the Spirit of Giving with Our School Christmas Raffle! & Join in the festive fun and support our school by taking part in this year's Christmas Raffle! We have an amazing selection of prizes generously donated by local businesses and attractions.

You could win

- Family ticket: Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park,
- A Lap Beefeater Boys voucher,
- Wine Tasting for Two at Three Choirs Vineyard,
- Tickets for Royal Three Counties Show
- Afternoon Tea at the Abbey Hotel,
- Family Ticket to Malvern Cinema,
- He instructed session for a word trip at Redpoint Climbing Centre
- Ice Skating Session
- Flip Out session
- Child's Riding Session at Nosses Farm.

Family days out to Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Farm, Eastnor Castle, National Trust Croome, Birdland, NT Brockhampton and Harlebury Castle.

There are also pamper vouchers for Malvern Serenity and Malvern Hills Beauty, Andrew Slater Hairdressing, Bespoke Hairdressing, along with many more fantastic prizes.

Get your tickets now and help make this festive season magical for our school community. Good luck and thank you for your support! 🎄

The Wyche Christmas Bake Off

It's time to test your creativity and baking skills in the battle to become this year's Christmas Bake Off Winner!

Prizes for KS1, KS2 & Parents

Please bring your entries to the staffroom at school drop-off on Friday 5th Dec and the winners will be announced at the Christmas Fayre

The cakes will be available for all to enjoy at the Fayre, for a small donation

Stars of the Week

It is always a delight to award a "Star of the Week" award to a child who has demonstrated the **STRIVE** values in classwork. This week's award-winning superstars are:

HEDGEHOGS
ALEXANDER ADIE

FOXES
ALEX TARK
RUTH MCKENNA

OTTERS
IAN TARK
HARRY HUSBAND

STOATS
JOSSY HART
LUCAS DOWNES

BADGERS
PATRICK LUNNEY
SULLI BAKER

The Friends of the Wyche are running a Christmas raffle with some amazing prizes. For an opportunity to purchase tickets please copy and paste the following link into your internet browser:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/fotw-christmas-affle-2025>

The Wyche Christmas Fayre is being held this afternoon in school from 5pm-7pm. Please come along and take part in the festive fun.

You are all invited to take part in the 'Wyche Christmas Bake Off'. Winners will be announced at the Fayre plus the opportunity to taste the entries!

12 Days of Christmas Giving!

Thank you for the **INCREDIBLE** response to our charitable campaign to raise resources for the Malvern foodbank this Christmas.

Families will be will be having tea and biscuits, soup and sandwiches and jammy toast this Christmas, then bruising their teeth afterwards, because of you. You are absolute stars, it's great working in partnership with you.

THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS RUNNING NOW UNTIL JANUARY, AS A RESULT OF NATIVITY PLAYS NEXT WEEK AND EVENTS AT THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.

NEW CLUBS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THEIN THE NEW YEAR.



By living and learning together through our Christian values of *Safety, Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Value, & Engagement*, with God's help, we will support each other to "soar", lifting hearts and broadening horizons, so that by giving our best today, the world may be better tomorrow.

House Points

This week Beacon took the top spot this week with an incredible 149 house points.
Congratulations to all!

MALVERN WYCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIVING SHOPPING LIST

- DAY 1 - JAR OF JAM OR PRESERVE
- DAY 2 - PACKET OF BISCUITS
- DAY 3 - TIN/PACKET OF SOUP
- DAY 4 - TOOTHPASTE (OR OTHER TOILETRIES)
- DAY 5 - TINS OF FRUIT
- DAY 6 - UHT MILK
- DAY 7 - TEA OR COFFEE OR SUGAR
- DAY 8 - TOMATO OR BROWN SAUCE
- DAY 9 - PORRIDGE OR BREAKFAST CEREAL
- DAY 10 - DRIED PASTA OR PASTA SAUCE
- DAY 11 - TINS (E.G BEANS VEGETABLES)
- DAY 12 - ANYTHING FESTIVE (E.G MINCE PIES)

THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE ALL 12 DAYS, EVERY LITTLE WILL HELP!

WHAT'S ON ?

- Mon 8th December:** Peripatetic Guitar Lessons
Y3/4 Dance Festival at the Chase
Boccia Trip at Hanley Castle
- Tues 9th December:**
- Weds 10th December:** Peripatetic Piano Lessons
Peripatetic Violin Lessons
Lower School Nativity Play Doors 6pm - Performance 6.30 - 7.15pm
- Thurs 11th December:** Peripatetic Drum Lessons
Lower School Nativity Play Doors 6pm - Performance 6.30 - 7.15pm
- Friday 12th December:** Badger Class 9th Swim

No Afterschool Clubs this Week

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 5th Dec - School Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 9th Dec - School Xmas Dinner Day - Please order with Black Pepper by 2/12/25
- Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th Dec - KS1 Nativity Evening Performances (Information letters out Monday)
- Tuesday 16th Dec - Whole School Carol Service - All Saints Church, 2pm, all welcome
- Friday 19th Dec - End of Winter Term
- Tuesday 6th January - 1st Day back for pupils - 1st day of Spring term.

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ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

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