

THE FRIDAY LETTER



This week at The Wyche

Badgers have hit the ground running with a description of Camp Green Lake from their set text *Holes*, Stoats have been learning about the art of Henri Rousseau and exploring "Tiger in a Tropical Storm", Otters considered the world around us and wondered why many Christians think God made the world, Foxes began to look at the work of Alexander Calder, the kinetic sculptor, and Hedgehogs looked for signs of Autumn and made beautiful tree paintings.



Collective Worship

This week we considered how daunting the start of the year can be and how taking **safe** risks helps us to grow our courage, skills and abilities. The first few days of a new school, class or key stage can be scary and the story of David and Goliath helped us realise that little people can take on big challenges and succeed against all odds. Together We Soar!

Online Safety

New school year can often mean new device, new privileges and new limits for screen time. However old your child is use the guide on p.4 to navigate all the fun and information of the online world safely and sensibly. This time is an excellent time to have a boundaries chat with kids and draw up an agreement. Come and talk if you want more information.



Family Help - Check out our Resources

Don't forget we have a range of resources which can help you with issues you may be dealing with. Don't just soldier on, come and have a chat, and use some of the website links. <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/support-for-parents>

That's it. Another year at The Wyche and it was a doozy! We'll see (most of) you all in September for another epic ascent of mount learning. Until then, *Together We Soar!*

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.

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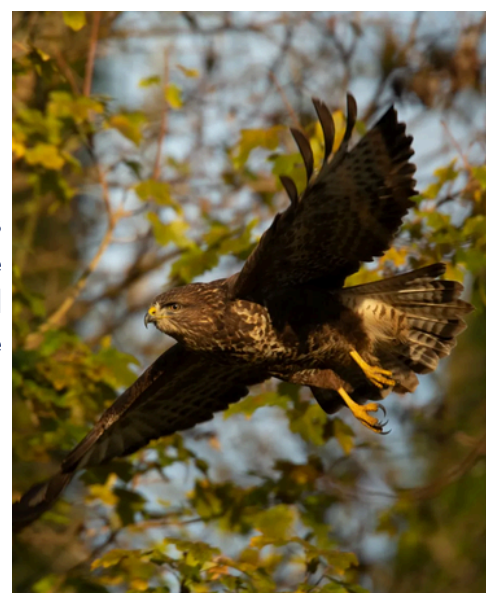
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Spirituality

One of the ways we experience spirituality is when we connect with things beyond our own selves. This week Year 6 were trained as play leaders and showed exemplary service as they played ball games with our youngest new pupils in a way that gave me hope for the future.



Together We Soar

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

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

Together *We Soar*

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and to see the playground buzzing with so many families in the mornings. Our new children have done brilliantly and everyone seems comfortable with new lining up positions on the playground. The aim of this family-centred start is to set the children up for a positive day and to allow for a prompt start to learning for everyone.

A polite reminder that only those children who have special arrangements agreed should come through the door by Mrs Walley's office to avoid congestion in this area. The playground gates are not closed until 9am so please do everything you can to support your children to come in with their classmates. As always, please ask us if you need any support with morning routines.

*Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Ruth Charles, Deputy Headteacher*

Attendance Absolutely Matters

Congratulations to Hedgehog Class who take ownership of Buzz for this week but a huge thank to everyone for their efforts, our whole school attendance is above 97%!

Parking at Drop Off and Collection

Can we please ask/remind parents to be mindful where they are leaving their cars at drop off and collection times. We ask that (unless agreed) no-one brings their car down the driveway immediately outside the school - this can result in 'near misses' and blocks the road restricting access to emergency vehicles if needed

Friends of the Wyche/PTA

The Friends of the Wyche are holding their next meeting on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm. If you would like to help out/join the Friends of the Wyche then please feel free to attend online - everyone is welcome.

TEAMS link -

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: [https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/360250897318462?](https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/360250897318462?p=SOLEfWTyVdwe12J3Sm)

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Meeting ID: 360 250 897 318 462

Passcode: fw6V3sc3

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)
Are you struggling with essential costs, heating or housing?
Support is available through the
Worcestershire Crisis and Resilience Fund

Help when families need it most
The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) can provide support for families experiencing a financial crisis and helps Worcestershire households build long-term financial resilience.

The fund can help with:

- Food and essential household costs
- Energy bills and heating emergencies
- Essential household items
- Housing-related financial difficulties
- Support to improve long-term financial resilience and money management

What support could families receive?
Depending on the circumstances, support may include:

- Cash payments
- Energy vouchers
- Supermarket vouchers
- Essential household goods
- Advice and support services



Scan the QR to find out more or visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/CRF

 worcestershire
county council

Worcester County Council Crisis & Resilience Fund

Worcestershire County Council have asked us to share this communication regarding available help for anyone finding themselves in financial hardship. Please also be aware that the criteria for Free School Meals has changed - anyone in receipt of Universal Credit can now make application. Please copy and paste the following link -

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

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.

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
WHOLE CLASS FOR AN
AMAZING START!

FOXES
ARI GWILLIAM
AGASTHYA ROHITH

OTTERS
HARRY SWATRIDGE
FREDDIE CRONIN

STOATS
BELLA MORRIS
RUBY DAWE

BADGERS
SEAN MACDONALD
FLO KAUPPINEN

House Points

This week Midsummer take the crown with a fantastic 76 Housepoints. Congratulations to all for their efforts and hard work.

Our good buddies Strive and Buzz introduced us to their friend Hope this week. Hope is a Raven who reminds us that things can get better when we work together and support each other. Here they are all taking turns and playing Catan.



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WHAT'S ON ?

Mon 14th Sept Peripatetic Guitar Lessons
Lunchtime Art Club
Afterschool Sketching Club - 4.15pm
Afterschool Netball Club - 4.15pm

Tues 15th Sept Peripatetic Drum Lessons
Afterschool Choir Club - 4.15pm

Weds 16th Sept Peripatetic Violin Lessons
Peripatetic Piano Lessons

Thurs 17th Sept Afterschool Multi-sports Club - 4.30pm

Fri 18th Sept Badger Class 1st Swim



Dates for your Diary

- Fri 18th September - Badger Class 1st Swim
- Tues 22nd September - Nasal Flu Vaccination Day
- Tues 29th September - Yr 6 Oakerwood Trip
- Thurs 15th October - School Photo Day

Stranger Danger

This afternoon KS1 enjoyed a visit from PCSO Karen Watson and PC Dee Stanley who talked to the children about Stranger Danger. The children discussed the actions to take if they are approached by a stranger and then had the opportunity to try on some police uniforms. A great afternoon and fabulous learning opportunity!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).