

# THE FRIDAY LETTER



## This Week at The Wyche

This week Badgers drew detailed plans of Shackleton's fated ship Endurance, Stoats peeped inside a volcano to see what makes it erupt, Otters considered where Good Friday sits in the "Big Story" of the Bible, Foxes asked their families what their favourite song was and got surprising results: almost everything from Henri Mancini to The Spice Girls via The Beach Boys and The Cure. Hedgehogs encountered Mr Elvis Presley and Mr Jerry Lee Lewis as they learned about the history of rock 'n' roll.



## Collective Worship

This week we considered what discrimination means and how it happens, whilst learning about our STRIVE value of **Respect**. We considered why people leave other people out, how much it hurts, how some communities and groups have put up with it for centuries, if not millennia, and what a difference we can make when we are curious, not suspicious about differences and learn more about each other.



## Support for Parents - Relationships

Partnership, marriages, old relationships and new, all take time and effort to work and it can be hard. Whatever you are managing, the school can listen and signpost to services if your relationships are difficult and you feel you need a little help. It's all at: <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/relationships>.



## Online Safety - New Devices (Reducing the Risks)

If your child got a phone or tablet for Christmas you will hopefully have set it up safely, put some boundaries in place and generally reduced the risks. Our factsheet on p.4 will help with this; please talk to us if you need any advice. Don't forget to encourage breaks too. Long breaks. There's a whole world off-screen to discover.

We are right back into the swing this week and loving every minute. Have fabulous weekends, all of you and we will see you on Monday for more helpings of Wyche goodness. always 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.

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## In School this week.



Mr Murphy enjoyed a 'jam' session with one of our year 6 pupils.



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

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# Together We Soar



## Attendance Sooo Matters

Foxes had the highest attendance this week and Buzz the “Be-Here” Buzzard will be spending the week in their class, helping them learn and joining in the fun. Well done foxes. School attendance is above the national average of which you should all be proud.

## School Lunches

Could parents please ensure that they are ordering Black Pepper lunches or sending children in with lunchboxes. Daily, we are having an increasing number of children in school with no lunch provision. We do our best to try to help in these situations we are reliant on other children being absent as Black Pepper do not provide us with ‘extra food’. It is far from ideal and often the children are delayed in eating lunch. If you are having any problems with this then please contact the school office.

## SMART Watches

Can we please remind parents not to send internet enabled devices into school. These are very distracting in class and assembly. We will be requesting the children leave these in the school office during the day if they are worn. If non-internet enabled devices are distracting we will ask children to keep these in bags/lockers.

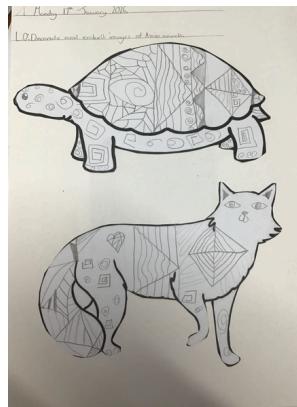
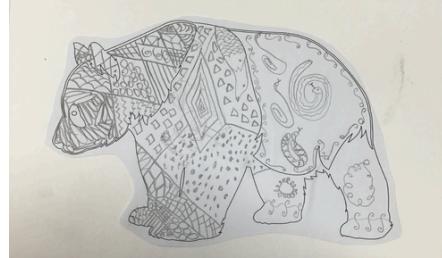
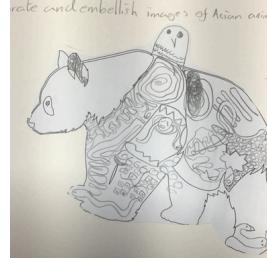
## World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day which is coming on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026. This year's theme is 'Awesome Adjectives', the words which help to bring characters alive! The children are invited to dress up as any adjective they choose, which can be as simple or as complicated as they like. For example : blue, dark, sparkly, shiny, awesome, sleepy, incredible, adventurous.....the list is literally endless. If your child is desperate to wear a character costume, this is no problem, as all characters can be described using adjectives, for example Harry Potter could be 'magical' or 'brave'. All we ask is that they make a label showing the word. Get ready for a parade of costumes and words on the playground in the morning!



## Otter Class Art!

The children in Otter class have produced some fabulous artwork this week, ‘decorating’ and ‘embellishing’ images of Asian animals in preparation for some sculpting work coming soon.



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

ALEXANDER ADIE  
ARABELLA RANSTED-  
PRICE

### FOXES

OWEN GIBBS  
NED HOLLINGWORTH

### OTTERS

LOLA PHILLIPS  
PENELOPE PRESTON

### STOATS

HARRY EVANS  
WREN OLDFIELD

### BADGERS

WILLIAM COOK  
ISA BAIG

## House Points

This week Perseverance took the top spot this week with an incredible 138 points.

Congratulations to all!

# WHAT'S ON ?

**Mon 19th January:** Peripatetic Guitar Lessons  
Netball Club - afterschool until 4.15pm

**Tues 20th January:** Choir Club - afterschool until 4.15pm

**Weds 21st January:** FAME for Otter Class  
Peripatetic Piano Lessons  
Peripatetic Violin Lesson

**Thurs 22nd January:** Peripatetic Drum Lesson

**Friday 23rd January:** 2nd Swim Stoat Class

## Dates for your Diary

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Stoat Class 1<sup>st</sup> Swim Session
- Weds 11<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Whole School parents Evening (details to follow)
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (details to follow)



**Book Buddies**  
This week the children in year 6 have begun supporting our Hedgehog class with their reading fluency. The children had a lovely session looking at and reading books together, an activity set to continue throughout the term!



# STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

SHOW  
RESPECT  
TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT  
IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T  
CHAT WITH  
STRANGERS

BE HONEST  
WITH PARENTS  
& CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

ASK PERMISSION  
before  
downloading  
anything

AVOID SHARING  
PRIVATE PHOTOS

Stick to  
trusted  
apps

Don't give away  
personal  
information

TAKE NOTICE  
OF AGE  
RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK  
YOUR NEWS  
SOURCES

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