

News and Events

Friday 4th November

Dear Parents/Carers,



Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Isabel (Voyagers) for the value of wisdom, Elsie (Discoverers) for the value of wisdom, Ethan (Explorers) for the value of agape and Everly (Shooting Stars) for the value of hope.

Congratulations to them all.



Congratulations to Ella and Esme who were part of the Infinity Dance Team who were awarded 1st place at Warminster Carnival and 2nd place at Castle Cary. We heard how they danced a long way in cow tutus! I'm hoping to see a photo.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us over the last couple of afternoons/evenings for the parent consultation meetings. Primary school life is so much about the relationship between teacher and family at home so it was great to see so many of you. If you were unable to make it, please get in touch with your class teacher next week.

Reminders

1st Thursday of the month – Pre-loved school uniform for sale in the library
The library is open after school on Tues and Fri.

Important dates for your diary

7th November — individual school photos

14th November — wear odd socks with school uniform for anti-bullying week

18th November — dress for Pudsey. £1 donation for Children in Need. Be spotacular!

18th November — Trowbridge Lantern Parade

19th November 9:30-11:30 — Open Morning for perspective families

27th November – Christingle Service at St Johns

5th December — Y3/4 football tournament

Attendance

Highest attendance:

Voyagers 99%

Lost learning: 55 hours



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Agape—Term 2

This term, we will be focusing on our school Christian value of agape. Agape is Ancient Greek and it means self-less love, charity and the love God has for humans. In school it translates into an ethos of care and concern which embraces our school community and beyond. In worship this week we spoke about love, respect, kindness and responsibility for the people around us at school, for family and friends, community groups we belong to outside school, the animals we love, the property we own and need to look after, the town we live in, and the world we must protect. Agape is all encompassing and because it is so all encompassing, it is also the school value that I see every day, in every classroom and when I talk to each and every child here. To me it really defines our wonderful school.

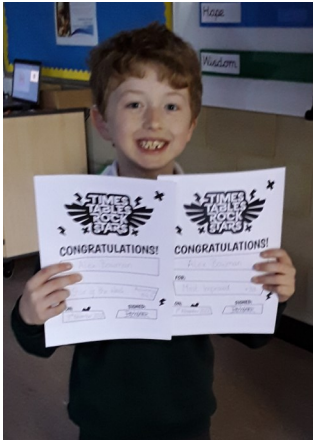
As always, term 2 is a busy term. We have different charity and community events coming up as well as the Christmas celebrations.

Obviously next week starts with school photos and then KS2 are attending the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Fair in town and we will have our Remembrance Day reflection. The following week we will be: thinking about making tree decorations as we are taking part this year in the St James' Christmas Tree Festival; raising money for Children in Need; and watching or walking with our caterpillar through the Trowbridge Lantern Festival parade. Soon after comes Christingle, The Tree Festival display, a travelling pantomime in school and then the nativity, Christmas lunch, wearing Christmas jumpers and a Christmas sock day for a teenage cancer charity. We will be very busy!

In addition, I have attached posters of events at our local church of St John's and at the village hall that are taking place in the run up to Christmas.

Today, we looked back on attendance in Term 1. After an unsettling couple of years, there is a strong focus on attendance from the Government and within Acorn Education Trust. The evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results, opening more doors for children to fulfil their potential. Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement later in life so establishing good habits from the start of a child's school life helps children to settle more quickly into their new settings and routines. Regular attendance and good punctuality are important for maximising achievement and gaining the greatest benefit from education. This is why we are celebrating. Certificates were awarded for 100% attendance and stickers for those over 98% but under 100%. It was wonderful to see how many children there were! Let's keep this up in Term 2.





Congratulations to more TT Rock Stars! Skye and Lexie are both now Rock Star Wannabes. Lawson is an Unsigned Act and Alex went through being a Break-through Artist and is now a Support Act. Amazing times tables knowledge.

Alex was also awarded Star of the Week for accuracy and Most Improved!

Look out for details on the England Rocks competition for schools in England. Three days of answering as many questions as we can and classes with the highest averages win prizes! More details will be on Class Dojo.



News from the classes:

Shooting Stars: We painted with marbles by working together to move a tray so the marbles moved and made marks. We did this to look like fireworks. I have enjoyed learning the sound j and writing it. I loved gymnastics, moving in different ways. We have been practicing our songs for our nativity. Rhiannon

Explorers: This week we learnt about thinking skills in assembly, we had to think, puzzle and explore. We also had class assembly led by Harry and Owen from Voyagers and they read us a story about Jesus and Zaccheaus. We are learning about poems and reading them with expression, we watched Michael Rosen perform a funny poem about chocolate cake.

Discoverers: In Discoverers this week we have started our new topics for the term. We are focusing our work in English on a book called A River. We are also learning about rivers and the water cycle in geography; this week we explored where rain goes. We are learning about states of matter in science. In French we are learning how to read, write and say musical instruments in French. In Music we are learning about body and tuned percussion using the theme of rainforests. Alex and Archie

Voyagers: In English, we did a character description from the play Macbeth. In maths, we carried on developing our long division skills in Year 6 and Year 5 worked on factors. We learnt about and labelled a picture of a heart in science and in music we have started a unit called themes and variations. We started looking at Pop Art and how the theme is consistent but they vary. We then listened to some music and thought about how we could vary it. Thalia and Abigail

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend. I hope it stays dry for Bonfire Night!

Alex Blake-Thwaite



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Dear Parents & Carers,

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We would therefore like to remind you that Acorn Education Trust have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers. This work is being led by Kingdown School.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Games & Trends
- Hacking
- Live Streaming
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation

To create your account, please follow this link (<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/kingdown-school>) and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Kind Regards,

Acorn Education Trust



We will be taking individual images on
Monday 7th November



VIEW & PURCHASE ONLINE: A few weeks after your shoot you will receive a contact sheet via your school with your login details on (not all of your images are on your contact sheet).
Please login to view/purchase your images.

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Christingle Service



All families and friends are invited to experience the magic of the candlelit Christingle Service at West Ashton Church on Sunday 27th November at 4 p.m.

This short service is aimed at children of all ages and begins our Advent celebrations. The service also reminds us of the invaluable work that the Children's Society do for vulnerable children. West Ashton Church supports the work of the Children's Society in helping young people and their families. By joining our celebration you too can make a difference.

St John's, West Ashton



DESIGN A FLAG COMPETITION

CULTURAL COMPETITION - design a flag reflecting the School games value for your area (see below)

Winning designs will be printed onto a flag to be displayed at School Games events.

Example flag:



Designs can be hand drawn or computer generated to fill an A4 sheet but should be clear enough to be enlarged for printing

Closing date for entries is Wednesday
7th December 2022

£20 Amazon voucher for each winning entry!

The School Games Value for West Wilt is

SELF-BELIEF

You've got to believe to achieve. Have the self belief and confidence to succeed and reach your personal best.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO:

West Wilt - Selwyn Widger sw@acorneducationtrust.com

You can send a scan/photo of the design but please keep the original drawing as this may be needed later





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Christmas Market, The Civic 18th - 19th November
Lantern Parade and Lights Switch On 18th November
Trowbridge Weavers Market 19th November
Santa & Rudolph Fun Run 20th November

SANTA & RUDOLPH

SUNDAY 20TH
NOVEMBER 10AM

FESTIVE WAKE &
SHAKE WARM UP
9.45AM!

FESTIVE FANCY
DRESS!

2KM IN
TROWBRIDGE
PARK

FAMILY FUN RUN

FREE TO TAKE
PART!
PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA
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An evening of traditional and popular
Christmas songs and singalong with
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Includes welcome mulled
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**St John's Church,
West Ashton, BA14 6AT**



Tickets From: Jo Watkins 01225 753196 / Jean Robertson 01225 760368



St John's Parish Church, West Ashton
**Warmly Invite You To Rejoice In The
Following Christmas Services**

*Experience the magic of the candlelit
Christingle Service*

Sunday, 27 November, 2022 at 4.00pm

*Commemorate Our Saviour's Birth and Join Us For
St John's Carols & Readings*

Sunday, 18 December, 2022 at 10.30am

Celebrate Christmas Eve Communion
Saturday, 24 December, 2022 at 3.00pm

*The Miracle Birth Of Jesus –
Christmas Day*

Sunday, 25 December, 2022 at 10.30am

A Family Service At St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge





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Closing Date : 23 November