

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



09/10/2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS PREECE

What a special week it has been! On Monday, we were delighted to welcome over 100 grandparents into school for an afternoon of exploration and fun with their grandchildren. It was wonderful to see the children so excited and proud to show their grandparents where they learn. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the afternoon so memorable! On Tuesday we had a wonderful whole school visit to Kingstone Church for our Harvest Festival Service. It was such a lovely occasion with some brilliant singing and time to reflect and be grateful for all we have. We are now looking forward to our Open Morning tomorrow, when we will be welcoming lots of new families to our school. A huge thank you to our wonderful Young Hopefuls, who will be coming in to help us. We know they will do a fantastic job of showing everyone what makes our school so special! It is weeks like these that remind us just how lucky we are to be part of such a warm, welcoming and supportive school community. A big thank you to our after school Gardening Club members who have been busy weeding and planting this afternoon to ensure our outdoor area is looking brilliant and colourful!

With best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Preece 😊



YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have had another busy week! They have enjoyed developing their observational sketching skills in Art by drawing leaves and identifying and grouping animals in Science. They have particularly loved taking their learning outside and exploring the world around them!



YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have been busy writing up our persuasive letters in our polished pieces books. They have been working hard to ensure their handwriting and spelling is as good as it can possibly be. Some children even tried out using handwriting pens for the first time!





CLASS NOTICES



Please look below to check whether there are any notices specific to your child's class this week.



Reception

- **The Hereford Times** will be publishing their annual 'My First Term 2026' supplement – celebrating Reception classes as they begin their school journey. This special feature will showcase group photographs of Reception pupils from schools across the area, capturing the excitement of their first days at school. **Your child will be part of this photo if you have previously given full photo consent.** If your child does not have full photo consent but you would like them to be involved in this photo, please email the office with written permission by 12th October. Thank you.



Year 1

- A reminder that our History workshop takes place on Thursday 15th October. Children should come to school in their usual school uniform and do **not** need to dress up.
- It is our class showcase in Celebration Assembly next week - we hope you can join us!
- Please ensure all jumpers and cardigans are clearly named. We'd also be grateful if you could check those at home to make sure none have accidentally come home with the wrong child.



Year 2

No notices this week

Year 3

No notices this week.

Year 4

No notices this week.

Year 5

No notices this week.

Year 6

- It is Bikeability next week. You will have received a letter with information about which day your child will need to have their bike in school. **Children should wear PE kit on their Bikeability day.**



GENERAL NOTICES

Road Closures

Monday 5th Oct - Fri 16th Oct the the B4349 from its junction with the B4352 through to Kingstone bounday.



Road closures will be in place on daily basis 09.00-17.00hrs.

Please ensure extra time for your journey if applicable.

Morning Drop-off

We have received a few reports from parents about some children displaying silly and inappropriate behaviour on and around the school site before the gates open in the morning. We would like to kindly remind all parents and carers that children should be accompanied and appropriately supervised until the school gates open. We also ask that children demonstrate our school values and follow our school rules at all times, including before and after the school day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe, happy and respectful.



Messy Church

Our next Messy Church with Rev. Cate will be held on the 15th October. This will be open to all children in Years 1-6 and can be booked on MCAS. The theme this month will be Harvest, growth and welcome.

Active Travel Challenge

Throughout the month of October, schools across Herefordshire have been challenged to take part in an Active Travel Challenge.

Our last Walk to School Challenge was a great success, and we would love to build on this by having another challenge week this month. During the week beginning Monday 12th October, we will be challenging the children to see how many times they can actively travel to and from school.



As we did previously, members of staff will be positioned at the school gate and near the KHS bus bay each morning. We will provide the same walk to school sheets as we did last time.

Active travel can include, walking, scooting, cycling or parking and striding.

At the end of the week, we will total the number of active journeys made across the school and submit our results to Stride Active, where we will be entered into a competition against other schools. The school with the highest number of active journeys will win a prize.

As a prize, we have two Hereford FC season tickets to give away.

On Friday the 16th afterschool, we will collect all the sheets and the children who have actively travelled to school more than 8 times will have their names placed into a hat and we will pull out one name and they will win a season ticket for them and one of their parents or carers.

We hope this will be a fun way to encourage as many children and families as possible to choose active travel during the week. Every journey counts, so please encourage your child to get involved wherever possible.

Lunch on Monday

Due to kitchen issues, the main dessert option on Monday will not be a flapjack, it will be a strawberry mousse. All other options remain unchanged.

Christmas Cards

Your child will be bringing home their proofs today, this includes information about how to order.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

WhatsApp group chats: what parents need to know

Group chats can be a fun way for young people to stay in touch, but they can also be used by others to groom, exploit or harm children. It's important to know the risks and how you can help keep them safe.



WHY GROUP CHATS CAN BE RISKY

-  Children may be added to groups by people they do not know.
-  Grooming can start with friendship, attention, gifts, games or status.
-  Children can be pressured to share photos, personal information or their location.
-  Sexual images can be requested, shared or used to threaten or blackmail a child.
-  Criminal exploitation can involve secrecy, money, gifts, drugs, violence or pressure to meet others.
-  Screenshots, forwarding and disappearing messages can make harmful content difficult to control.



TALK TO YOUR CHILD



Ask who is in their groups. Help them think about who they really know online.



Check privacy settings together (e.g. who can add them to groups, who can see their profile and posts).



Encourage them to tell you if someone makes them uncomfortable.



Reassure them: they will not be in trouble for asking for help.

Have open and regular conversations



WARNING SIGNS

-  Suddenly secretive about their phone.
-  New online friends or contacts they cannot explain.
-  Receiving gifts, money or new phones/clothes.
-  Becoming withdrawn, anxious or upset after being online.
-  Missing school or going missing.
-  Talking about meeting people they know online.
-  Sexualised messages/images or pressure to send pictures.



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

-  Keep accounts private and review group-chat settings (e.g. who can add them).
-  Encourage children to block and report suspicious accounts.
-  Save evidence/screenshots if something worrying happens.
-  Do not confront a suspected exploiter yourself as this could put your child at further risk.
-  Get advice early — you do not need to be certain that exploitation is happening.



Stay involved. Stay informed. Keep them safe.

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

Herefordshire Children's Services – SAFE Team

For advice and support about child exploitation (including online exploitation) and missing children.



Email: exploitationteam@herefordshire.gov.uk



If a child is in immediate danger call **999**



For safeguarding concerns contact **Herefordshire MASH**
01432 260800 (office hours)
01905 768020 (out of hours)

Trust your instincts.

Early advice can make a difference.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



Herefordshire Council

WELLBEING EVENT

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 3:20 – 4:15

WE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND ANOTHER OF OUR SCHOOL 'WELLBEING WEDNESDAY' EVENTS, TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER FROM 3:20PM UNTIL 4:15PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

THIS EVENT IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO COME ALONG AND TALK TO A RANGE OF PROFESSIONALS WHO OFFER SUCH VITAL SUPPORT WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.



TALK COMMUNITY

DIRECTORY

TOGETHERNESS

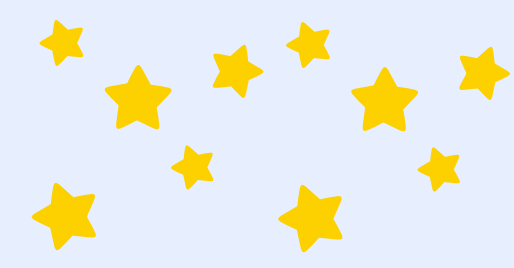


WE WILL ALSO HAVE SOME TASTY TREATS ON OFFER, FREE OF CHARGE, KINDLY PROVIDED BY HIQUILL, OUR SCHOOL LUNCH PROVIDER. WE HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY SAMPLING SOME DELICIOUS TREATS.





STARS OF THE WEEK



YEAR 1:

Lara - For always trying her best in Phonics.
Nate - For having a fantastic attitude to learning.

YEAR 2:

Noah - For showing a really positive attitude towards learning and giving his all in every lesson.
Dotty - For always being a cheerful member of our class and trying her best.

YEAR 3:

Florence - For working so hard to produce a brilliant narrative inspired by the Stone Age Boy.
Joshua - For always being kind, considerate and helpful in the classroom.

YEAR 4:

Axel - For producing excellent neat write up of his persuasive letter.
Arthur - For his excellent recall of key French vocabulary.

YEAR 5:

Figgy - For always demonstrating our school value of kindness.
James - For going above and beyond in your learning.

YEAR 6:

Theo - For being a great supportive maths partner.
Robbie - For having the confidence to try difficult things.

SCHOOL VALUES CERTIFICATE

Thomas - Year 6. Thomas, you impressed me greatly with how brilliant you were on our walk to the Church for the Harvest Festival. The Reception children were in safe hands with you and they loved spending time with you. Thank you for your kindness and for being an exceptional role model to the youngest members of our Kingstone Family. Mrs Preece 😊



MRS PREECE'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

Nate - Year 1.

Nate, I am always so proud of the choices you make and the way in which you stand up for what you know is right. Thank you for making such great choices and for being a kind and helpful friend to all. Mrs Preece 😊





CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 6
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

RAURI – YEAR 4



CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 6

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:
ELEANOR – YEAR 3
GRACIE – YEAR 2

you
ARE
awesome



CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 2

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:
NOAH – YEAR 2