



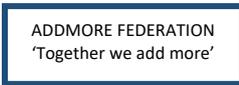
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Friday 22nd March 2024

This Half Term's Value Compassion

'Phrases of Faith'

'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you' – Ephesians 4:32



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Spring Term Update: Highlights and Important Announcements

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the upcoming break. As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our school's recent activities and share some important announcements.

Firstly, I am thrilled to observe that our school has been a hub of learning and excitement throughout this term. Our pupils have been fully engaged in their studies, and it has been a delight to witness their progress and enthusiasm. The dedication of our teachers and the support of our parents have truly made a positive impact. We have continued to monitor reading at home as it is a key area of focus for us as a school this year. Research shows us that strong reading skills have been shown to improve children's academic attainment across a range of subjects, including English, maths and science as they progress through their schooling. Of particular significance is the early acquisition of reading skills and language in Early years as it has been identified that quality Early Years education has a significant impact in preventing emergent attainment gaps becoming entrenched before children start school and subsequently becoming more deeply entrenched further along in their education both in Primary and Secondary School. Your support and engagement with your child's reading progress is a vital component in securing the best possible outcomes.

There have been so many highlights during this rather short term. One of them undoubtedly being Science Week and our Science Open Afternoon. Our pupils were able to explore the wonders of science through various hands-on experiences, engaging activities and visits from real life scientists! This experience has undoubtedly sparked a curiosity and love for science in our students, and we are excited to build upon this momentum in the upcoming term.

In addition to this, we had the pleasure of organising a number of educational visits and visitors. One Highlight was Lawley and Caradoc Class's visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium, where our pupils had the chance to discover marine life in great depth! As ever we are





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enormously thankful to our PTA whose financial support means that such trips are possible for our small school.

However, with every ending comes new beginnings. It is with mixed emotions that we say our final farewell to Miss McLaughlin, our dedicated Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo), will be leaving our school today. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role as Director of SEND at Woodlands Outreach. She has been an integral part of our team for the past three years, and her dedication and expertise will be sorely missed.

To ensure a smooth transition, I am delighted to introduce Miss Archer, who will be stepping into the role of SENDCo starting from the Summer Term. Miss Archer is enthusiastic about joining our school community and is eager to get to know all of our families. During the upcoming term, she will be spending time across both schools, ensuring that every student's needs are met efficiently and effectively.

And so to draw a close to our final Newsletter of the Spring Term 2024, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a restful and relaxing break. As the Easter holidays approach, it is essential for our pupils to recharge and spend quality time with loved ones. So, I encourage you all to engage in activities that promote rest and relaxation - and much eating of chocolate!

We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming all our families and pupils back to school on Monday, 8th April. The Summer Term promises to be filled with exciting opportunities, further growth, and memorable experiences.

Thank you for your continuous support and cooperation. Enjoy the break!

With all Best Wishes,

Mrs S. Henney

Attendance



This week's winners are Stiperstones – Well done!

| <u>Class</u> | <u>This week ...</u> | <u>Previous week</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Lawley | 82% | 95% |
| Wrekin | 93.91% | 99.57% |
| Caradoc | 96.43% | 88.21% |
| Stiperstones | 97.89% | 95.79% |
| Whole School | 92.89% | 94.22% |



This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Ercall – Wyn for being a super friend and sharing well!

Lawley – Nora for great problem solving in maths!

Wrekin – Zak - for having such polite manners in class this week!

Caradoc – Caradoc Class- for being superstars to teach. Thank you!

Stiperstones - Jamie - For always showing great determination towards your work and wanting to do the very best that you are able to. Well done Jamie!

Class News

Ercall

Welcome to our nursery news!

We have had such a wonderful week in nursery. We have been enjoying some nice spring weather in the garden too.

We have finished our literacy topic, 'The pirates are coming' and look forward to our new topic 'Monster clothes', which we will begin after the Easter break.

This week we have been creating Easter cards, weaving through paper easter eggs, exploring our small-world farm yard and using petals to create our own flowers in provision.

We used scissors to cut tulips, helping to develop our fine motor skills.

Our sound of the week is 'f' so the children have been finding words beginning with the sound such as: flower, fan, flamingo, frog etc.

We built the most amazing pirate ship in the garden using crates! Well done Ercall!

Thank you to our PTFA for our Easter egg hunt too! The children always enjoy this event!

Best wishes, Mrs Butler, Miss Hughes and Miss Sanders.



Lawley

We have had another busy week. The children have worked so hard on their final piece of writing in English, completing pirate letters home. They have really impressed us with their phonics knowledge, handwriting and sentence structure. Following our phonics assessments we are able to see the amazing progress the whole class has made. Well done!

In maths we have been building on our doubles knowledge by thinking about how we can share numbers equally to see if they are odd or even. The children were all able to explain how we know if numbers are even.

We finished we week with an Easter party day complete with spring painting, paper decorations and chocolate nest cakes.



Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Greenway, Mrs Arblaster and Miss Hughes

Wrekin

In English we have been reading 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' a story about toy soldiers who fall under the floorboards and are forgotten about as time moves on without them. We have read diary extracts and watched news clips of people recounts during the blitz. We even took part in lots of role play, to help us imagine we were there. We used all of this to help us write a diary entry as one of the toys from the story, thinking about how they might have felt during an air raid.





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In Art we completed our final clay tiles. We used a range of methods to add different textures and join pieces of clay to the main tile. Don't they look great!



Wrekin did a fantastic job of leading this year's Easter Service in church. There were lots of comments on their fantastic, confident and fluent reading and their wonderful singing.

Yesterday saw some tears as we said goodbye to Miss Henshall. She has been with us for the past eight weeks as part of her PGCE. We would like to say thank you and wish her good luck as she moves on to the next part of her training. Please come and visit soon!

Miss Jones, Mrs Jones and Miss Henshall

Caradoc

The children in Caradoc have recovered from their assessments in the previous week, and it has been back to business as usual this week!

In English, the children have researched and written non-chronological reports about blue whales, finding out some pretty interesting information!

In Maths, the children have been reading scales, using their division skills to help them and in Science they consolidated their magnet knowledge, reflecting on their learning.

We ended the week with a well-deserved party and Easter Egg Hunt!

A very busy and productive term and all the children should truly be proud of themselves.

Caradoc, thank you for being an amazing final class for me at Moreton Say, and I will miss all of you immensely. Miss McLaughlin xxx

Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Burns, Mrs Ritchings and Miss Pugh





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Stiperstones

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I would like to say how hard Stiperstones have worked since the start of the year. Despite it being a short one, we have had the chance to squeeze in lots, from Science weeks, to drama workshops, sporting events to assessment week. No matter what has been thrown our way, everybody has demonstrated great resilience and determination.

I know we are all ready for a break before the summer term begins! Wishing you all a lovely holiday with your families.

Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans

other news

Eco Council

Eco-council met this week to further discuss our plans for an Eco-day at school. We will be focussing on various areas such as recycling, our environment and food sustainability. More details will be released after the Easter holidays. If you feel you could support our Eco-day in any way please do contact school.

We have also made plans to take part in this year's Great Big Spring Clean. We are asking for everyone to go on a litter pick walk over the Easter holidays and send in a photo for a spring clean display we would like to make.

At lunch time on Thursday 11th of April we will be holding a litter pick around the school grounds for any pupils to join in with.

Miss Jones

Maths mastery workshop – Tuesday 30th April, 2pm-3pm.

We would like to invite all reception parents to a mastery maths workshop, this will be a great opportunity for you to work with your child to develop their maths skills and learn more about how we teach maths as they move through the school. The workshop will comprise of 2 sections, firstly a presentation for parents/carers and then we will be joined by the children to complete activities together. We are hoping that every child will have an adult to work with whether this is parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle. At the end of the session each child will also receive a maths pack to take home.





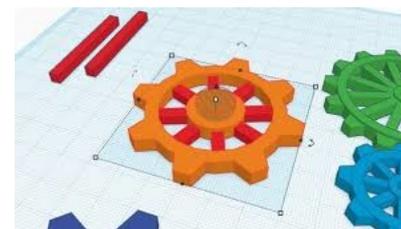
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DT - Tinkercad



Shortly your child will be bringing home a log in for Tinkercad. This is an online platform where pupils can develop their 3D modelling skills. We aim to integrate these skills into our DT curriculum but children can access the site at home too, exploring all of the functions, watching tutorials and even having a go at the monthly challenges.



Careers and Aspirations Week.

On Monday 20th May we will be holding our first Careers and Aspirations week. We want all children within our school to feel empowered by the world of opportunities that await. We aim to deliver an informative and fun week, introducing children to a broad and balanced range of careers and future job prospects - this is where we need your help!

In order to facilitate Careers and Aspirations Week, we are seeking the support of any parents and carers who would be willing to come in and speak to the children about their jobs. To make our Careers Fair as interactive as we can for the children, we are also asking if any parents would be interested in running small group activities or demonstrations. We can always help you if you need some ideas.

If you are interested in supporting us with our Careers Fair and/or coming in to speak to the children about your job/career, please email the office. If we do receive a large response, we will select the broadest range of careers that we can. Equally, if you know of any local companies that you know well enough for us to approach, please do let us know.

Mrs Rawsthorne

After School Clubs

Booking is now open on School Spider for the following after school clubs for the first half of the Summer term:

Dodgeball Club (Yr1 to Yr6) – Tuesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – 9th April to 21st May - £24.50

Zumba (Yr1 to Yr6) – Wednesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – 10th April to 22nd May - £24.50

Gardening and Home Crafts (R to Yr6) - Thursday 3.15pm to 4.15pm - 11th April to 23rd May - £24.50

On Thursday lunchtimes Mrs Vaughan will continue to run the "Practise makes Perfect" club as a drop in club (no booking required) for children to come along and practise their instruments. This will be in Miss McLaughlin's class from 12.30pm to 1.00pm for as little or as long as they like.





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Reading Awards

Although this half term has been short, there has still been plenty of reading happening! Well done to this half terms reading stars and a special well done to Ophelia who wins our book award for most words read!

Rising Reader (over 10,000 words)
 Willaim Bower
 Oliver Ward

Super Reader (over 50,000 words)
 Dylan Brett

Star Reader (over 250,000 words)
 Jasper Dutton
 Owen Dutton
 Jamie Hollins
 Lu Smith
 Eve Winnall

Classic Reader (over 500,000 words)
 Logan Irvine
 Phoebe Saunderson

Over 1,500, 000 words!
 Ophelia Mottershead

Well done to Alfie, Edie, Jack, Dylan, Mason and Zak, who have all completed their Reading Rewards this term!



Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024



APRIL

Monday 8th April – School re-opens for Summer Term.

Tuesday 30th April – Maths Mastery Workshop, 2.00-3.00pm (Reception Parents)

MAY

Monday 13th May – Wrekin class visit to BeWILDerwood



and finally....

Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



Getting it right for children

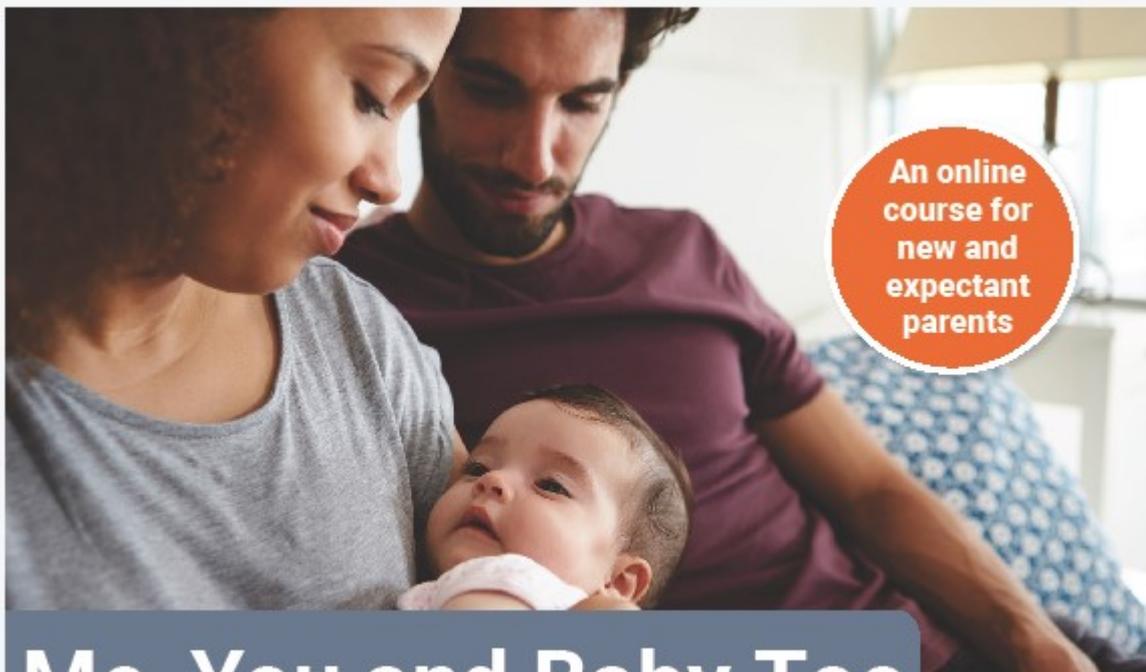
When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all **FREE** to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password.

You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting:
www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents





An online
course for
new and
expectant
parents

Me, You and Baby Too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

Me, You and Baby Too is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

You will learn:

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



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or scan the QR code

- *Me, You and Baby Too* is designed for new and expectant parents.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.
- The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.

 **oneplusone**

Easter Holidays at * Fordhall Organic Farm *

Wildlife Wednesdays Brilliant Bugs Edition

27th March & 3rd April, 10am-2pm, drop into the Community Garden.

- *Mini beast hunt & crafts:* join in for FREE!
- *Easter Egg Pitta Pizzas:* decorate your own £2.50pp*
- *Create a wormery:* bring a transparent 1l bottle to make a wormery. Even learn how to charm worms! £2.50pp*

* Cash only



Brilliant Bugs Story and Picnic**

28th March, 10am-12pm, £10 per child, ages 3-7 yrs. Join in with a guided walk to the woodland Roundhouse, for bug stories & an easter themed minibeast hunt! Wander back to the pig arc and tuck into a tasty kids picnic.



Fun Farm Trails

 *Easter Egg trail:* 27th March-1st April, 10am-4pm, £2.50 per pack.

We have lost our Easter Eggs in the fields! Help us to track them down & earn a chocolate treat!

 *Brilliant Bugs trail:* Easter Holiday onwards, 10am-4pm, £2.50 per pack.

Bugs are great! Search for the different minibeasts & learn about why they're wonderful!



Will you spot a lamb?

**Must be pre-booked, please call: 01630 638 696

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Fordhall Organic Farm 2025 Calendar * Photo Competition *



Have your photo featured!

Have you taken a photo while visiting the farm? Maybe a snap of a piglet, lamb or bumblebee? Well we want to see them! We are holding a competition to publish a visitor photo in the Fordhall calendar. We welcome photos from any season!

Prizes

The winning entry will be featured in the 2025 edition of our calendar, along with receiving a free copy and a £5 voucher to spend on site! **Closing date 31/08/24**

How to enter

We are only able to accept digital entries, and all entries must be emailed along with a completed entry form to project@fordhallfarm.com
The entry form and full Ts&Cs can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below:
www.fordhallfarm.com/fordhall-calendar-photo-competition/





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SUNDAY MORNINGS



10:00 AM
GREENFIELDS

U14S - YEAR 9

U13S - YEAR 8

U12S - YEAR 7

U11S - YEAR 6

U10S - YEAR 5

U9S - YEAR 4

U7S/8S - YEAR 2/3

U5/6S - RECEPTION/YEAR 1





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