

York Waits Concert

This week got off to an exciting start with a concert for Key Stage Two performed by musical group, York Waits. Pupils listened to a range of historical, musical instruments played by Tim and Lizzie from the group. Favourite instruments included the crumhorn, the hurdy-gurdy and the bagpipes. Pupils were fascinated by the unusual sounds made by many of the instruments and enjoyed hearing a range of different musical pieces.



Shakespeare Week

Across the school, pupils have been enjoying a range of lessons and activities based on Shakespeare's play, "The Comedy of Errors." The Royal Shakespeare Company will be in school next Monday to perform the play to Years Three, Four and Five and some of our pupils (RSC Ambassadors) will be part of the show. Here you can see our RSC Ambassadors in action as well as Y5 CB exploring which character (Luciana or Antipholus) has the 'upper hand' or the most power in "The Comedy of Errors."



The Comedy of Errors



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Article 31: Leisure Play and Culture



Harvest Assembly



We were thrilled to welcome Becky, the new vicar at St Mary's church, to our special Harvest assemblies on Thursday. Becky thoroughly enjoyed her first introduction to Sydenham and praised the lovely singing and good behaviour of pupils. Becky spoke to the children about the significance of Harvest and explained that their kind donations of food will go to the church's food bank, from where they will be distributed to local families in temporary need of help. We look forward to seeing Becky back in school after half-term.



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Y2 Trip to the Motor Museum

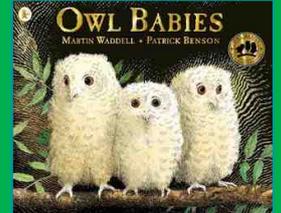
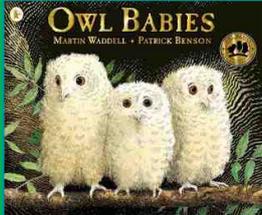
Year Two had a fabulous trip to The Motor Museum this week as part of their topic on Transport Through The Ages. The children enjoyed a fantastic Science based workshop and a tour of the museum. They particularly liked riding on an old fashioned bus manned by a bus conductor.





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Article 15: Freedom of Association

YR Owl Babies



Oh no! Owl baby , Bill, has been lost and Reception need to find him!

Reception pupils have been reading the book “Owl Babies” by Martin Waddell. In the story, three baby owls wake up one night to find that their mother has gone! Reception are exploring their own version of the story in which one of the owlets, Bill, goes missing. Pupils have been speculating where Bill might have gone and suggested that he could be at ASDA, hiding in one of the trees or bushes. On Wednesday and Thursday, pupils went ASDA to see if they could find Bill. Despite searching high and low, he was nowhere to be seen... Next week, a policeman is visiting Reception to take an official missing report. Let's hope Bill is found safe and well.

Where can Bill be?



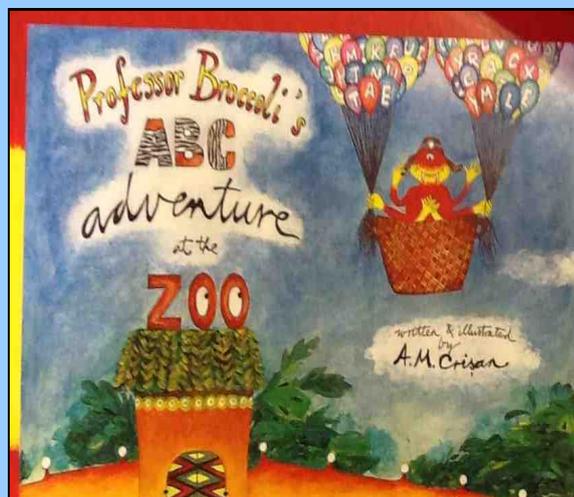
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Y2 Author Visit



Year Two were visited by author, Alina Crisan, earlier on this week. Alina introduced the children to the character of Professor Broccoli and then read a story about his ABC adventure at the zoo. The story featured lots of alliteration (words that start with the same sound.) Children learnt lots of new vocabulary and had fun making up their own sentences containing alliteration.



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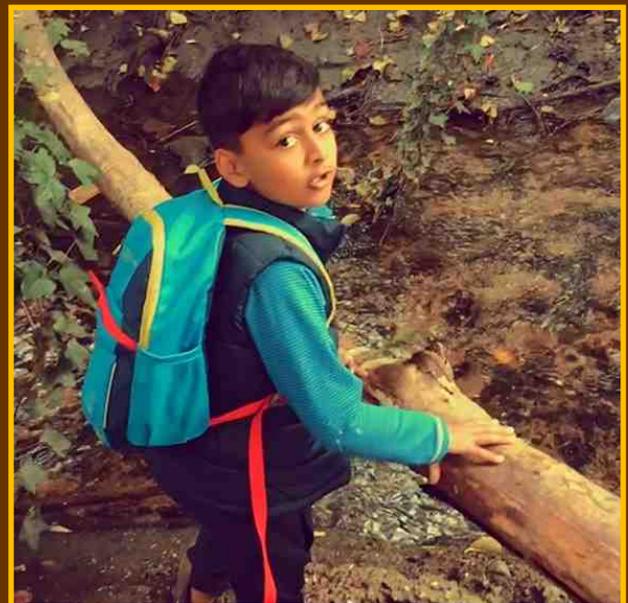
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Y3 Stone Age Survival Guides

Imagine... You have just woken up in the middle of nowhere nearly 1 million years ago! You are tired, freezing, hungry and thirsty! What would you do first?

Year 3 were challenged by their teachers to answer this question for homelearning by creating a survival guide for the Stone Age. Some pupils wrote instructions, top tips or reports. Others, chose to make a survival video as you can see from the images below. We loved the fact that some pupils went out in to the wild to demonstrate their survival skills whilst others made their shelters at home.

PS: We love the Stone Age dog!



Advance Notification: KS2 Theatre Trip

THE WIZARD OF OZ



Follow the yellow brick road to the ultimate adventure this Christmas!



When farm girl Dorothy Gale runs away from the evil Mrs Gultch, she finds herself lost in a strange and wonderful new world. With her faithful dog Toto at her side, she sets off on an adventure to find her way back home.

Along the way she meets some peculiar but loveable characters who are also in search of something special – a Scarecrow needing a brain, a Tin Man looking for a heart and a Lion lacking in courage. Together they follow the yellow brick road to the Emerald City in search of answers from the mysterious and all-powerful Wizard of Oz.

But the friends soon find themselves caught between the forces of good and evil as they are mercilessly pursued by the Wicked Witch of the West. Will they ever make it to Oz and find what they are desperately seeking from the Wizard?

The Wizard Of Oz is one of the most popular tales of all time and has delighted generations. This spectacular production features your favourite songs and characters from the classic film with an added sprinkle of REP magic. So join us *somewhere over the rainbow* for a fantastic festive treat for all the family.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON VIA LETTER!

Advance Notification: YR & KS1 Theatre Trip **Wilde Creatures**



From the company that brought you *The Gruffalo*, a motley crew of storytelling musicians bring **Oscar Wilde's** classic fairy tales to life in **Tall Stories'** magical new show, direct from London's West End. Characters from *The Happy Prince* and other stories spring to life as the pompous mayor, the petulant princess and the love-sick student compete to become the new town statue.

Hauntingly beautiful tales for everyone aged 5 – 105, told with original live music and a generous dash of comedy.

"Tall Stories hits the spot with this lively and entertaining show." ★★★★★ The List

"Richly entertaining and heartening" ★★★★★ The Times

"A delight – one of the best Christmas kids' shows I have seen." ★★★★★ Theatre Cat

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Building Work

You should have received the following email from Miss Glenny, this week:

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to give you advanced notification that building work will be taking place on the school site between Monday 29th October 2018 and Friday 14th December 2018. Contractors will be working on behalf of the Local Authority in the building previously designated as The Children's Centre. There are no works taking place directly in school.

As you can imagine, due to the building work there will inevitably be some minor disruption to you during drop off and pick up. We have taken precautions to minimise this but please note that the side gate will be closed for the duration of the works for health and safety reasons. This will mean all parents/carers will need use the main school gates when accessing the site so there will unfortunately be added congestion. With this in mind, please show your usual consideration to fellow parents/carers and consider allowing a little more time for dropping off and picking up.

Please note that all contractors on site will have up to date DBS checks. They are not allowed to smoke, vape or listen to the radio whilst at work so please notify the office if you see anybody contravening these rules. In order to keep families safe at the start and end of the school day, we have also stipulated that there should be no deliveries to the building site compound between 8.30 and 9.30 am and 2.45 and 3.45pm.

Mrs Westwood will be attending fortnightly steering group meetings with the contractors and we will update you as necessary.

Yours sincerely

Carol Glenny

Y6 JB Class Assembly



Year 6 performed a class assembly on Wednesday all about their History topic of Crime and Punishment. Pupils explained that, in the past, there were a range of gruesome punishments for crimes which even included small misdemeanours such as baking a loaf of under-weight bread. Well done to the children for speaking so articulately on this subject.



Well done to Y6 and Y5 CB and who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 99%

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

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| Year 5 JvS | 98% |
| YR AH | 98% |
| Y1 JL | 98% |
| Y3 AH | 98% |
| Y6 JB | 97% |
| Y4 KJ | 97% |
| YR RK | 97% |
| Y2 AP | 95% |
| Y3 JM | 95% |
| Y2 KG | 93% |
| Y4 CD | 93% |

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%.

Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)**

Onside Clubs

Year 3 & 4 Football – every Tuesday (3.30 – 4.30)

Dance - every Wednesday (3.30 – 4.30)

There are still places available for Onside Coaching's Football and Dance after-school clubs, which take place every Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. Places are open for all children from Year 1 up to Year 6 for Dance, and Year 3 and 4 for Football. Both clubs are also great value at only £3 per week.

Children are welcome to start either club at any time during the school term. For information on how to book your child a place, please contact Onside Coaching either by phone or by email.

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Parking

Please do not park on the pavement outside school as this makes it dangerous for pedestrians.

Thank You

A HUGE thank you to everyone who kindly donated food for our Harvest collection. All items will be taken to the food bank at St Mary's church and will be very much appreciated.



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Please note that diary dates are correct at the time of publication but they are subject to change, sometimes at short notice, due to matters beyond our control.

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| Monday 15th October 2018 | RSC dress performance of “The Comedy of Errors” to Y3/4/5 |
| Wednesday 17th October 2018 | Y2 AP class assembly at 10.15am in the hall. |
| Monday 22nd October 2018 | Y2 KG Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall— Y2 KG parents/carers are invited to attend. |
| Tuesday 23rd October 2018 | Parent’s Evening (YR only) from 3.20pm—5.30pm. |
| Thursday 25th October 2018 | Parent’s Evening (YR only) from 3.30pm—7.00pm. |
| Tuesday 23rd October 2018 | Y1 EL Reading River at 9.15am in the hall—Y1 EL Parents/carers are invited to attend. |
| Tuesday 23rd October 2018 | Y2 AP Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall—Y2 AP parents/carers are invited to attend. |
| Wednesday 24th October 2018 | PTA AGM at 6.00pm—all welcome. |
| Thursday 25th October 2018 | Open Morning for prospective Reception parents 2019/20 at 10.00am. |
| Friday 26th October 2018 | MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—children must bring 50p to wear their own clothes. |

Half-term holiday from Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November 2018

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| Monday 5th November 2018 | Children return to school. |
| Monday 5th November 2018 | Y6 Warwick District Council visit. |
| Friday 9th November 2018 | Y5 CB perform “The Armed Man” at Warwick Arts’ Centre—more information soon. |
| Monday 12th November 2018 | Y3 JM Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 JM parents/carers are invited to attend. |
| Tuesday 13th November 2018 | Y3 AH Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 AH parents/carers are invited to attend. |
| Week beginning Monday 19th November 2018 | Language of the Week—Hungarian. |
| Tuesday 20th November 2018 | Open morning for prospective Reception parents 2019/20 |
| Friday 23rd November 2018 | School closed for staff training (INSET) - Talk for Writing training, led by Pie Corbett. |
| Monday 26th November 2018 | School closed for staff training (INSET) - Child Protection training, led by Adrian Over. |
| Wednesday 28th November 2018 | Parent’s Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—7.00pm. |
| Thursday 29th November 2018 | Parent’s Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—5.30pm. |
| Monday 3rd December 2018 | Christmas Crafternoon for Reception families. |
| Wednesday 5th December 2018 | Y2 Christmas show at 9.30am. |

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| Wednesday 12th December 2018 | Y1 Christmas show at 9.30am. |
| Thursday 13th December 2018 | Flu immunisation for pupils in YR—5. |
| Thursday 13th December 2018 | Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit to Warwick Arts' Centre to see "Wilde Creatures" (1.30pm performance.) |
| Friday 14th December 2018 | Y5 and Y6 visit to The Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see "The Wizard of Oz." |
| Monday 17th December 2018 | Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. |
| Tuesday 18th December 2018 | KS1 Christmas parties (PM.) |
| Wednesday 19th December 2018 | KS2 Christmas parties (PM.) |
| Wednesday 19th December 2018 | Reception Nativity at 9.30am. |
| Thursday 19th December 2018 | Y3/4 carol concert at 2.15pm |
| Friday 21st December 2018 | Y5/6 carol concert at 9.30am. |
| Friday 21st December 2018 | Break up for the Christmas holiday. |

**Christmas holiday from Monday 24th December 2018 to Monday 4th January 2019
(Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.)**

Please note that school is closed for staff training (INSET) on Monday 7th January— online training on health and safety, forced marriage and honour based violence, female genital mutilation and safeguarding.

Sydenham Super Stars!



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See you on Monday!

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand