



THE WHITCHURCH CE FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Learning to love God and our neighbour as ourselves
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share the delightful happenings at our school during the past week.

World Book Day: A Celebration of Imagination

This year's World Book Day was a fantastic success! The school was brimming with creativity as children arrived in a dazzling array of costumes, representing their favourite characters from beloved books. From brave heroes to enchanting princesses, the enthusiasm was infectious. It was heartwarming to see our pupils so engaged and happy, sharing stories and ideas inspired by the characters they portrayed.

The celebration's focus on community was woven through our special project with the Church, "Growing Learning Faith." All pupils collaborated to write creative stories reflecting our core values, artfully blending imagination with essential life lessons. We are immensely proud of their hard work and creativity, and we look forward to sharing these stories with our broader community. Don't forget to check Dojo for more pictures of what we got up to!

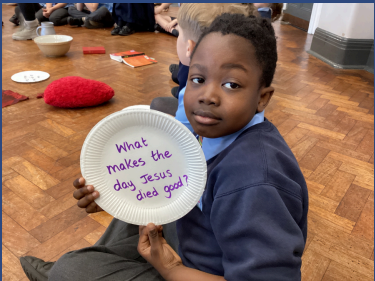


Ash Wednesday: A Time for Reflection

On Ash Wednesday, we welcomed Rev. Chris and Rev. Pippa, who spoke to our children about the significance of this day in the Christian calendar. Their engaging discussions helped bring to life the themes of reflection and renewal. Children were given the opportunity to receive an ash cross, marking the beginning of the Lent season—a time for personal growth and deeper connection to faith.



Additionally, our Year Four students participated in a meaningful workshop centred around the Last Supper. This interactive session allowed students to explore this pivotal moment in the Christian faith while fostering a deeper understanding of our values and traditions.



We have had a special thank from Mind for the generous donations from our non uniform day during Mental Health Week.



Parents evening is week beginning Monday 31st March, the links to book a slot with your child's teacher were shared on Dojo yesterday. Please make a note of the time slot you select as you may not receive a confirmation email back.

Thank you for your continued support in our school community. We look forward to more exciting events and learning opportunities in the coming weeks!

Warm regards,
Mrs Camacho

Term dates 25-26

The PD dates for 2025-2026 have now been confirmed

Term Dates 2025-2026

	SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL OPENS
Autumn Term 2025		Wednesday 3rd September
Autumn Half Term	Friday 24th October	Tuesday 4th November
Christmas Holiday	Friday 19th December	
Spring Term 2026		Tuesday 6th January
Spring Half Term	Thursday 12th February	Monday 23rd February
Easter Holiday	Friday 27th March	
Summer Term 2026		Monday 13th April
Summer Half Term	Friday 22nd May	Monday 1st June
Summer Holiday	Friday 17th July	

NON-PUPIL DAYS

Monday 1st September - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 2nd September - Teacher training day
Monday 3rd November - Teacher training day
Friday 13th February - Teacher training day
Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday
Monday 20th July - Teacher Training Day

Safeguarding



Pictured to the above are our Federation Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you need to report a safeguarding concern you will need to contact the NSPCC.

More information can be found on their website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>

Admissions

As of January 2025 our nursery is full, we may have a small number of places from April 2025, places will be granted in line with our admissions policy. Please visit our website for more information about admissions and how to add your child to our Nursery waiting list.

School Lunches

Next week we will be on Week 1 of the lunch menu. School lunches can be pre-ordered and paid for at home for up to three weeks via the ParentPay website. School meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Meals for pupils in Nursery and Key Stage 2 have a small daily charge. If you currently pay for school meals but think you may be eligible for free school meals please visit the Shropshire Council website to apply.

WEEK ONE

DINE

Vegetarian Meal

DINE

Main Meal

DINE

Jackets or Pasta

Dessert STOP

Sweet choices

MONDAY

Plant Based Pasta Bolognese with Homemade Garlic Slice & Green Salad

TUESDAY

Veggie Sausage with Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn

WEDNESDAY

Roasted Root Vegetable Wellington with Roasties, Carrots, Parsnip & Broccoli

THURSDAY

Vegetable Hotpot with Broccoli & Green Beans

FRIDAY

Veggie Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans

Fresh Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna

Freshly made sandwiches and salad bar are also available

Lime Iced Vanilla Sponge

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Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard

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Orange Cookie

Fresh Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna

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Banana Sponge & Custard

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Ice Cream

Fresh Bread, Yoghurt, Jelly and Fruit are available daily

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The Treehouse

We are currently not accepting any new bookings for Treehouse as we are currently at capacity with a number of pupils on the waiting list for places. It is unlikely that sessions for new bookings will become available until September 2025.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the Academy office via telephone by 9:30am and leave a voicemail message to give the reason for the absence. Please do not email, text or dojo as these may not be checked until later in the day and we may still contact you.

EARLY YEARS GARDENS

We are looking to improve our outdoor areas in the Early Years. If anyone would be willing to donate anything we would be so grateful. We will be thankful for anything we receive but we would particularly love:

• Any seeds - vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants, flowers

• Plant pots

• Compost

• Any children's garden tools

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