



THE WHITCHURCH CE FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Learning to love God and our neighbour as ourselves

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to share some amazing highlights from our recent events that celebrate science, environmental awareness, and the wonders of nature!

Science Day: A Day of Discovery!

Science Day was a huge success across all classes! Our pupils engaged in hands-on experiments, exciting demonstrations, and interactive activities that sparked their curiosity and passion for learning.

A special highlight of the day was the tremendous effort put into planting trees at both our schools. Through this initiative, our students learned the importance of trees in our ecosystem while contributing positively to our environment.

Year 5 had an incredible time at Sir John Talbots for Science Day; the pupils looked at chemical reactions looking at the acid and alkaline scale. The children embarked on a journey of discovery to change an acid to neutral using an alkaline solution – neutral is the same pH balance as water! Thank you to the SJT staff (Mr Stanyard) and our staff for facilitating our visit and for the fantastic behaviour of our pupils.



The Gadget Shop Bonanza!

Our junior department's Gadget Shop saw an incredible turnout, with pupils making exciting purchases. The enthusiasm for science was amazing!

We are happy to announce that the funds raised from this event will go directly towards acquiring new science equipment for our federation, enhancing our pupils' learning experiences in the future. Thank you to everyone who participated!



Recycling Day: Thoughtful Actions for a Greener Future

Recycling Day was another spectacular event where our pupils showed remarkable thoughtfulness and dedication. They explored how recycling can make a positive impact on our environment, both globally and locally. Through their discussions and activities, it was heartwarming to see them contemplating how we can implement changes to protect our planet's future. Keep up the great work!



New Arrivals in Reception!

We are excited to introduce our newest members of the school family: two adorable ducklings, affectionately named Floss and Firework by our Reception pupils! These little ones have quickly stolen the hearts of both staff and pupils. For the next week, pupils will have the opportunity to learn about life cycles and the importance of caring for animals as they observe Floss and Firework.

After their stay here, the ducklings will be off to live a wonderful life on a farm. We're grateful for this unique experience that enriches our Reception children's learning and nurtures their sense of responsibility.



*** Update – since writing this earlier in the week another two ducklings have hatched!



Upcoming Dates!

- Week beginning Monday 31st March – Parents Evening
- Monday 7th April – Infants Discos
- Friday 11th April – Break up for Easter holidays
- Monday 28th April – Return to school after Easter holidays
- Monday 5th May – school closed for May bank holiday

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.



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.

