

Church Hill Middle School Friday 22nd March 2024

Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for this coming half term. Further information around these events will be send via EPraise. There are a lot of sporting fixtures this term that do not include all pupils: Please note that you will be contacted if your child has been selected to take part.

Thursday 29th February to 2nd May (Weekly 2 hour sessions) - Understanding Your Child Parent Group, with Starting Well Partnership.

Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd March - Year 8 residential to Condover Hall

Thursday 11th April - Year 8 Netball Tournament - Church Hill Middle School (selected students)

Wednesday 17th April - Year 5 Netball Tournament - Birchensale Middle School (selected students)

Thursday 18th April - KS3 Basketball Tournament - Saint Bede's (selected students)

Friday 26th April - Dance Festival - Arrow Vale (selected students)

Thursday 2nd May - year 5 & 6 Rowing Competition (selected students)

Friday 3rd May - Year 7 & 8 Rowing Competition (selected students)

Monday 6th May - Trust Rounders Tournament (selected students)

Friday 10th May - Year 5 & 6 Quidditch Festival (selected students)

Thursday 16th May - Athletics County Trials (selected students)

Friday 24th May - Boccia Tournament (selected students)

Workshops

We are going to be putting on a selection of workshops for parents and carers throughout the remainder of the year.

Workshops:

Wednesday 17th April 2024 (3:30-4:30) - Vocabulary with Mrs Wilson

Wednesday 24th April 2024 (3:30-4:30) - Reading with Mrs Khan

Please let us know by sending an EPraise message to your child's teacher if there is a something specific you wish to know more about. This could be linked to your child's learning in school, ways to support their learning at home, support for challenging or worrying behaviours or something else. We are here to help and are keen to work with you and support where we can.

Worcestershire Poetry Slam Final 2024



On Wednesday evening, we had the pleasure of attending the Worcestershire Poetry Slam Final 2024 with: Kai, Sonny, Sam, Jake and Finn. The boys had to perform their piece in front of a packed theatre and compete against other teams from Worcestershire. They absolutely smashed the event and we couldn't be prouder of them. They showed real tenacity and confidence to be able to perform and received a roaring applause from the audience! Thank you for representing the school so brilliantly and for showing how cool poetry can be!







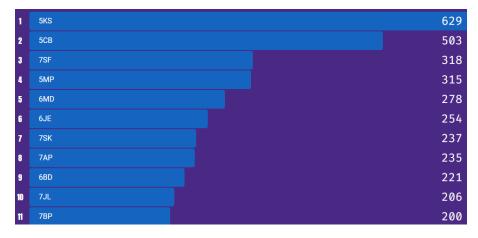
Times Tables Rockstar Day - What. A. Day!

Today (22nd March), we had a Times Table Rockstars day at school. There were so many amazing outfits and Miss Elvins spent the day struggling to choose the best. The buzz around school was incredible and it was so great to see so many students getting involved in the battle. Classes were so determined to win and everyone worked incredibly hard to try and be the best class! In the end, it was pretty close between 5PC and 5CB, but ultimately 5PC took the crown. A massive well done to them, I hope they enjoy their well deserved prize! Overall, it was a great last day of term and it was amazing to see so many involved and excited about times tables - long may it continue!









Notice

After Easter, KS2 pupils will no longer be lining up on the playground at the start of the day. From 8:35, they will be allowed to enter the school building, heading straight to their classrooms.

Upon arrival, their teacher will be there to greet them, offering a warm welcome and the chance to chat or to engage with a challenge on the board.

KS2 End of Term Awards

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Attitude to Learning award

Megan Pearson

Megan is an absolute star in every aspect of school life, no matters the time or the lesson Megan can be replied upon to do the right thing. Each and every lesson she gives maximum effort and produces work of the greatest quantity and quality which is no mean feat. She is a genuine pleasure to teach every single day and her positive attitude inspires me and those around her. I couldn't be more proud of her so far this year!

Excellent Progress award

Isla Meakin

Isla has blown me away this term with the progress she has made both academically and socially. She has performed amazingly in her test weeks and has made one of the most impressive increases in arithmetic scores I have ever seen. Not only is she performing well in the classroom, socially she is thriving too as she began the year quiet and shy and now we struggle to get her to stop talking. I can't wait to see the continued progress I know you will make.

School Values award

Ivan Stefanov

Ivan has excelled this term by demonstrating each and every value our school prides itself on. He is a fantastic ambassador for our school and we could not be more proud of him. He is incredibly kind and hardworking and also supports all those around him to achieve their best. He seeks pleasure from doing well which an outstanding quality to have and something we aspire all children to seek. Well done Ivan, keep this up!

5MP

Attitude to Learning award

Anna-Martha Gapper

Always being enthusiastic about her learning. She is always engaged, working hard, and applying 100% effort across the whole curriculum. She is eager to learn, progress, and improve.

Excellent Progress award

Scarlett-Rose Hughes

For her amazing improvement and progress due to her commitment to learn. This most progress shown is her amazing arithmetic scores in maths! Well done!

School Values award

Phoebe Lloyd

Showing the school values all the time! She is also kind, caring, lovely, smiley, happy, friendly, empathetic, generous, bubbly, hardworking, thoughtful, sweet, loyal, resilient, positive, enthusiastic......

5CB

Attitude to Learning award

Finley Gray - Always showing such an incredible attitude at all times. Finley's attitude to learning is exemplary, his attitude to his work is phenomenal and his positive attitude he brings with him to school every day is a credit to what an absolute superstar he is! What an incredible start to life at Church Hill!

Excellent Progress award

Niamh McCormack - Her incredible progress already so far this year. Not only has Niamh made great strides of progress across all her lessons, her attitude to learning and engagement in lessons has come on leaps and bounds already this year and I am so proud of her!

Great job Niamh, keep it up!

School Values award

Blake Williams - Wow! What an incredible start to Year 5! Blake's attitude, warmth and kindness shines through every single day. Blake always comes to school ready to learn and is a true champion at showcasing every single one of our Church Hill values every single day. You are a credit to have in the class Blake and I am incredibly proud of the wonderful young man you are becoming!

5PC

Attitude to Learning award

Katey Dixon - Katey puts 210% into everything she does in class.

She is the first to put her hand up and share ideas, she helps those around her and she always goes above and beyond in what she achieves. Not to mention her phenomenal art work which always adds extra flair to her work.

Katey you are a strong asset to any team and should be proud of what you achieve. Well done

Excellent Progress award

Grace Harrison - Grace quietly works hard in all subjects and is always one of the first to offer help.

Although it is not uncommon for Grace to use the line "I du know" when asked a question. She will complete tasks to the best of her ability and will seek help and clarification when unsure. Keep up the amazing work you're doing Grace. Well done

Lauren Fitzharris - Throughout the year Lauren's confidence has grown and grown and she is reading more aloud and contributing more ideas in class.

She works her hardest in every lesson and has fantastic focus and attitude to her work in.

Well done Lauren you are a super star.

School Values award

Kemi Rose - If we cut Kemi in half we would see all the school values in her core. She always shows respect to those around her. She consistently demonstrates community spirt by caring for others. She takes pride in her work which is always exceptional and well presented. She just puts 210% into everything she does.

Well done Kemi you are an asset to any class. Thank you

6BD

Attitude to Learning award

Mason Archer - Mason has shown dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm when it comes to learning and meeting his goals all year. He can be relied upon to always be focusing, following instructions, and contributing to the lesson. Even when things get difficult, he perseveres which is an admirable quality in a learner. Keep up the great work!

Excellent Progress award

Maxymillian Onyszk - Max has been showing brilliant focus and determination in lessons in order to improve his learning in any and all subjects. He asks for advice in English, he double checks answers in maths, and is also working with others to help progress. All this hard work has paid off this half term, as he gained an extra 20 marks in his maths test! Keep up this amazing attitude and progress, Max! :)

School Values award

Evie Davis - Evie, as always, can be relied upon to be focused, concentrating in learning, and doing her best to seek advice and practise skills to achieve her goals. Not only is she aspiring to achieve, others should aspire to have her dedication and determination. She is respectful to her peers, shows understanding in difficult situations, and most of all, is developing a sense of self-belief which will help her go far:)

6MD

Attitude to Learning award

Bianca Leszczynska

For being organised, determined and purposefully going about work in every lesson with maximum effort. Listening well so steps to success are clear and always being available to help others

Excellent Progress award

Jackson O'Donnell

For working extremely hard in lessons and booster groups to improve results in every subject and always being dependable to give useful contributions when called upon without warning!

School Values award

Rowan Doughty

For aspiring to be the perfect member of the school community – working hard, growing in confidence and maturity every week, always helpful, cheerful, friendly, funny and respectful to all adults and children!

6MH

Attitude to Learning award

Mason Schipke

Mason has an incredible attitude towards his learning. He is always enthusiastic to cover new topics and develop his skills. Mason has shown fantastic determination and resilience through challenging subjects but never looses his positive outlook. He is an inspiration to others around him. A huge well done for being such a positively motivated individual.

Excellent Progress award

Evie Little

Wow! Evie has worked very hard to push through her challenges and engage with her learning. As a result to this she has made some fantastic progress across her subjects. Especially with reading. During the last test week Evie more than tripled her score! A huge well done for proving to yourself and others around you that determination, focus and hard work leads to success. Keep believing in yourself!

School Values award

Charlie Powell

Charlie is an exemplary student. He shows an incredible amount of integrity through his actions and behaviours. He not only conforms to the school values but demonstrates these through his own personality and kind-heartedness, Charlie is a wonderful student who is always polite, kind and supportive of everyone he meets. What an exceptional role model to your peers! Well done for being you!

6JE

Attitude to Learning award

Arthur Parsons

For consistent positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning. He is always listening and taking part and whichever lesson he is in, he is focused and enthused. He is also kind and helpful around the class and is a excellent role model to other students!

Excellent Progress award

Taylah Staunton

For working incredibly hard since September and due to this, she has made excellent progress, especially in maths. She is beginning to believe in herself more and is slowly becoming more confident. I have full confidence in her abilities, and she is becoming a very fluent in her mathematic skills. Each day she impressed me with her skills and I am so proud of the progress she has made! Well done Taylah!

Chanelle King-Walker

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School Values award

Hunter Timbrell

For consistently embodying all of our school values and being an excellent member of the Church Hill community. He is always respectful to his peers, adults and the school environment – his 'have a good lunch' and 'have a good evening' comments always make my day! Alongside this, he shows excellent integrity and community spirit! He is an excellent member of the Church Hill community and is an amazing role model for other students.

Mr Cooke's Year 5 Superstar

Logan Hines

When selecting my Year 5 superstar many names came to mind however there is one who was unanimously agreed upon by all the year 5 team. Logan has demonstrated to all who meet him what a fantastic individual he is and he sets the perfect example of how a Church Hill pupil should be. He excels in every aspect both in the classroom and outside of it due to how hard he works but most importantly of all he is a kind, generous and loved by all.

Mr Cooke's Year 6 Superstar

Thea-Maii Tomlinson

A smile can go along way and make a difference to anybody's day. Thea never fails to spread her positivity wherever she goes and never fails to cheer up anybody she meets. I don't think I have ever walked past her without her wishing me well. You put others first and you are always seen as being a wonderful friend. Everytime I have popped into 6MD Thea is working hard, is on task and produces work of fantastic quality.

Well done Thea, keep it up!

Attendance Prize Draw Winner

Amelie Potts 5MP

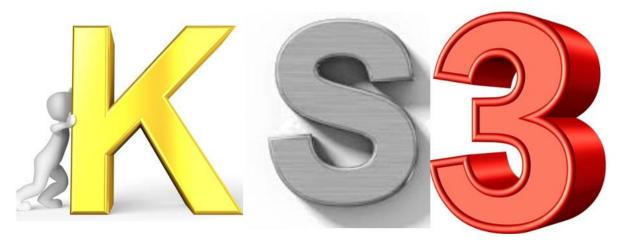
Year 5 Football Success

On Thursday 21st March Mr Benger and Mr Cooke took a very eager and excited year 5 Football team to play on the school wide district qualifying tournament. With some very talented schools to face the boys entered the group stage full of confidence. The first game was an incredible 1-0 win against Birchensale with Jack Nicholls scoring an amazing goal. The next two games were incredibly challenging and the team played well to draw 0-0 with Woodfield and 0-0 with St Bedes. These great games ensured a place in the semi finals against a great Walkwood team. Unfortunately, despite many great chance the team lost 1-0 as a result of an unsavable shot from the other team. We are incredibly proud of this group of boys and it was genuinely the best performance we have seen from a year 5 team ever.

Well done all!



KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS



With many of the pupils on their Condover residential, KS3 Awards have been delayed until the first week back.

The pupils in school took part in a range of activities and worked incredibly hard - well done!

Condover was a huge success again this year. The pupils represented our school well and showed excellent resilience and team working skills. More details and photos from the trip will be shared in the first newsletter back. Watch this space!

Sporting Superstars



Year 5 & 6 Hockey

Last Friday saw some of our Year 5 and 6 students get a chance to participate in a hockey tournament at the Redditch Hockey Club. For many of our students, it was a chance for them to put the skills they have been learning at Miss Cartland's hockey club to the test, competing in a competitive setting for the first time.

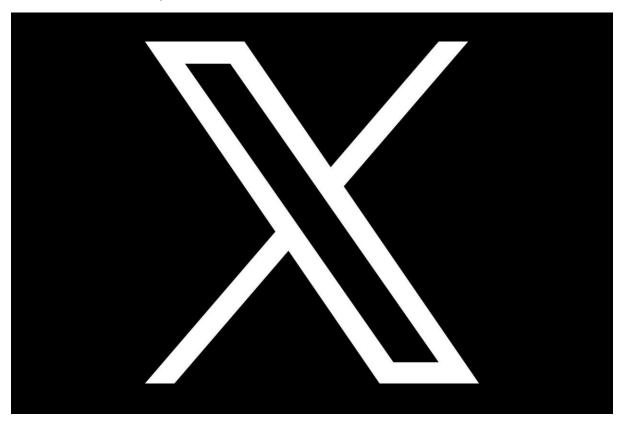
The children did incredibly well and can't wait to get out there again next year. Well done!

Year 6 Netball

This week it was the turn of our Year 6 girls to compete in the Redditch district netball tournament, held at Saint Bede's. The girls found themselves up against some very tough opposition, but they did

not let this dampen their spirits and they fought valiantly to the end. Keep putting the work in at netball club and the results will soon come.

Church Hill PE Department on 'X'



Remember to follow us on 'X' (formally twitter) to keep up to date with all things PE and sport here at Church Hill!

@ChurchHillPE

New Church Hill Facebook Page



1 - Follow us and keep updated

Competition Time

As a school we are looking to rename our school houses so we can relaunch our house competitions. School council have got together and discussed some examples of themes that could be used when we re name the houses.

We have now launched a competition for ALL pupils to enter. They have been sent a link to a form on their E praise which gives them the chance to name the 4 houses under a theme of their choice.

Please encourage your child to enter.



Children's University



I have included below the activities for the Easter Holidays. This information will also be sent out via E praise.

I have recently been in contact with all pupils via E praise to encourage them to continue to record their clubs as we are seeing a number of children achieve their first award.

After Easter through assembly time and tutor times, pupils will be given access to their accounts to update their hours.

I can not wait for graduation time at the end of the school year.



These activities will be valid for credits/stamps until Whitsun, 2024.

Learning can take place anywhere including the home and online with these resources from our network and across the world in order to keep you active, learning and entertained!

Activities to do at home and online can be found on our website.

Why not try something new for 2024!!

Visit <u>www.childrensuniversity.co.uk</u> for full details of current learning destinations locally and nationwide.

ACTIVITIES TO DO

1.	Create a mini-pond	(1 Credit)
2.	Take a tour of a museum or gallery	(2 Credits)
3.	Create a piece of Spring/Easter-themed craft	(2 Credits)
4.	Conduct a Spring-related science experiment	(0.5 Credits)
5.	Create a playlist to lift your mood	(1 Credit)
6.	Learn a new craft skill	(2 Credits)
7.	Bake a tasty Easter/Spring treat	(2 Credits)
8.	Create a piece of rainbow-inspired window art	(0.5 Credits)
9.	Create a family game from everyday materials	(1 Credit)
10.	Design an invention to make the world a better place	(1 Credit)

Create a mini-pond

The RSPB is one of our Learning Destinations and they have lots of activities for families to enjoy together. Here are the details for building a minipond!

Water brings a magical quality to your garden, and is the key to life for so many creatures that live in it.

Create a very small pond out of something like an old washing up bowl. It's exciting to watch pond skaters, water lice (like long-legged underwater woodlice), freshwater shrimps, and if you're lucky, a few damselflies darting around the water. You might even see a bird having a bath.

Spring is a lovely time to create a mini-pond, because you'll see it quickly develop over the next few months. But you can make it at any time of year.

What you will need:

A large container that will hold water Some gravel and rocks

Some small pond plants
Optional: some pond liner or
silicon

You don't need an elaborate pond for it to be a home for nature. Even with a small water feature, you could have dragonflies whizzing over the surface within no time.

Visit the RSPB page and search "create a mini-pond" for details.





Take a tour of a museum or gallery virtually or in person

We live in a country full of beautiful museums and galleries and we would like you to take a family tour then produce a review to encourage other people to take a trip to the venue or website.



Create a piece of Spring/Easter-themed craft

With the temperatures slowly rising it is time to get creative with your family.

Will you make something for Easter or Spring? The choice is yours!



Create a playlist to lift your mood

A playlist is a list of video or audio files that can be played back on a media player either sequentially or in a shuffled order. In its most general form, an audio playlist is simply a list of songs, but sometimes a loop.

Researchers have pondered the possible therapeutic and mood boosting benefits of music for centuries. A 2013 study in the Journal of Positive Psychology found that people who listened to upbeat music could improve their moods and boost their happiness in just two weeks.

We would like you to find 30 songs, in total: 10 songs that make you happy; 10 songs that inspire you and 10 songs that calm you. Turn that list into a poster to keep on a wall or share with family and friends!

Which songs will feature on your playlist?







Learn a new craft skill

Creative activities help make vital connections between the different parts of a child's brain. Here are some of the ways that doing artand craft when you're very young can promote mentalwellbeing, and help children's physical and intellectualdevelopment...

Why not learn how to knit, crochet, papier-mâché or model from homemade clay? You might want to learn to cross-stitch or sew then try to use the skill in real life. What could you use sewing for? You could sew on a button or repair a tear in clothes or a toy.







Darren Henley OBE and CEO for Arts Council England told us that crocheters would make good heart surgeons as they both used hooked needles! Do you have aspirations to become a surgeon?

Make a tasty Easter/Spring treat

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Now is the time to get creative in the kitchen! Will you make something savoury or sweet? Will you make something healthy! Will you make something traditional, such as Hot Cross Buns, or something more modern like flower cake pops?







Children and young people have been putting up paintings and drawings of rainbows in their windows. Rainbows are a symbol of hope, after the storm, there will always be something good.

It is a simple project children can do at home, but also brings a smile to neighbours and friends. See how many you can spot in your community!!



Create a family game from everyday materials

There are lots of ways to make fun indoor and outdoor games for your family to enjoy. These can bemade with everyday items. You could recreate an old classic such as skittles or comeup with a brand new idea to bring activity and smiles to your







Design an invention to mak better place

It's time to get your engineering head on and be as creative as you can!

What will you invent to make the world a better place? Will it be something to protect the environment, improve health care, enhance renewable energy or something different?

Param Jaggi started working with environmental technologies when he was just 13, and a few years later while learning to drive he was inspired to build a device that converted the carbon dioxide emitted from a car into oxygen. His invention - the Algae Mobile!

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Create a "To Do List for the planet" poster or comic

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.





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Looking at these headings for the Global Goals, can you create a poster or comic for how the planet could meet them? For example:

How could the planet end

What could be done to improve water quality around the world?

The role of children and young people in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be summed up as three "A's" -- raising awareness, taking action and holding governments and other stakeholders to account on progress.

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To learn more about the Sustainable Development Goals, please visit:



www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html



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1st Fladbury Rainbows and Brownies
1st Lickey Scout Group
1st Nunnery Wood Rainbows and Brownies
1st Pinvin Guides

1st St Peters Guides 2nd Wythall Rainbows Girl Guiding 6th Worcester Cubs

11th Redditch Beavers

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A Breath of Fresh Air @ Wyre Forest
Abbey Sports Centre
Albion Foundation
Alcoster Rugby Football Club
All Things Wild Nature Centre
All Starz Gymnastics
All Worcestershire Libraries
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Aspire Sports

AT Soccer Camps

Aztec Adventure

Artec Adventure
Acte Water Sports
Beoley Equestrian Centre
Berningham and Solihull Rugby Club
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Bromsgrove Rugby Football Club
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Bromsgrove Sport and Leisure Centre
Brookhouse Familkiling School
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Choirs Connected - Redditch Cobras Tae Kwon Do

Cobras Tae Kwon Do
Contour Outdoor
Cotswold Farm Park
Croome Park
*Dance Challenge
*Defence Lab
Droitwich Spa Leisure Centre
DW Football Coaching
EnviroSort

Everybody Dance

Evesham Leisure Centre Football Fun Camps

*Footie Bugs Forestry Commission – Wyre Forest

Forestry Commission – Wyr Green Frog Pottery Hartlebury Castle Hazelle Stage School Honeybourne Pottery Hon Yoso Kai Wado Karate How to Cook Jamboree Drum Tuitlon **IIMP Dance Academy

*JUMP Dance Academy

Kip McGrath – Bromsgrove Kip McGrath - Redditch

Krypt Youth Theatre - Kidderminster

Ledbury Brownies Lowerwick Swimming Pool *Marathon Kids Marksman Leisure *Master Griffiths Karate

Museum of Royal Worcester Oaklands Outdoor Activity Centre

Ombersley Golf Club Paul Devlin Football Coaching Pershore Leisure Centre

Pershore Leisure Centre
Pershore Rugby Club
Pioneer Centre
Rays Farm Country Matters
Redditch Borough Council Walking trail
Redditch Football Club
Redditch Judo Kwal
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Redditch Tigers Tae Kwon Do
Redpoint Climbing Centre
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Riverside Ballet Shaun Paul Smith Dance Academy

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Shropshire - House on Crutches Museum
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Sudeley Castle & Gardens

The ATE Trust The Commandery

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The Elgar Museum
The Infirmary
The Vale Golf Club
The World Outside Forest School
Lakeside Activity Centre University of Worcester
Tudor House Museum

Typhoon Aquatics Ultraviolet Dance

Vertical Limit Indoor Climbing WadoKai Worcester Karate

West Midlands Safari Park White Lotus Martial Arts

White Socks Theatre
Witley Court
Worcester Cathedral
Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum

Worcester City Art Gallery & Music Worcester Youth Theatre Makers Worcestershire Martial Arts Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Wyre Forest Leisure

Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs will commence W/B 15th April 2024.

Please sign your child up via Epraise.

Monday

Whole School Rounders - 3:05pm - 4:05pm

KS3 Boys' Football - 3:05pm - 4:05pm

KS2 Boys' Football - 3:20pm - 4:20pm

Yoga - 3:20pm - 4pm

Tuesday

Staff CPD (no clubs)

Wednesday

Choir/Talent Show rehearsal - 3:05pm - 4:05pm

Thursday

Athletics - 3:05pm - 4:05pm

Friday

Whole School Girls' Football - 3:05pm - 4:05pm

Whole School Hockey - 3:20pm - 4:05pm

HAF it!



Bookings for HAF Worcestershire Easter are now open. **HAF is a Department for Education funded programme run by Worcestershire County Council, which provides free holiday activities and food for children aged 5-16 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals**. I would appreciate if you could share the following information to parent/carers (shareable image also attached).

We have an exciting range of activities this Easter, with something for everyone - including swimming, horse riding, dance and performing arts, martial arts and more! Lunch and/or snacks are included.

Each child or young person will get 4 credits for Easter. One credit can book one activity session via our booking site.

To book activities, parents will need to be registered and approved as FSM on our new website (even if they were previously registered on our old website).

School Health Nursing Team -



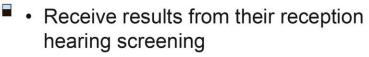


Don't forget to sign up for a SchoolScreener Parent Portal Account



You need a Parent Portal account to:

 Complete your child's health questionnaire in reception and yr 6



 Receive results from their height and weight measurements in reception and yr 6



School Health Nursing Team - SchoolScreener www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/schoolscreener