



Baydon St. Nicholas

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Spring Newsletter 2025

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Newsletter. The past two terms have been packed full of exciting learning, so please enjoy looking back on our achievements before we head into the summer term.

World Book Day

Pupils enjoyed a fabulous time celebrating World Book Day this year. As requested earlier in the year by our school council we held a whole school house day as well as having a whole school book focus for the week - Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister. During the whole school house day pupils moved around the school to different classrooms where they experienced different activities

celebrating books! Activities included toilet roll book characters, making book covers as groups, giant balloons for each house celebrating the books and cooking from Charlie and the Chocolate factory. An amazing time was had by all!

Racing to Schools

Owls class (Year 5 and 6) went on a fascinating trip in January to Newbury Racecourse to learn about careers in the racing industry and how maths is used in real life contexts. The trip, organised by the charity Racing to Schools, meant that children experienced a behind the scenes tour visiting the weighing room, measuring the parade ring and investigating jumps up close. We even had the honour of racing to the finishing post before the afternoon races commenced! It was great to find out more about an industry in which many of our families are involved. As always, Owls were impeccably behaved and were a huge credit to our school.



RACING DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH PUPILS - WE LEARNT SO MUCH



DT IN OWLS THIS TERM (AUTOMATA TOYS) WAS A GREAT CHALLENGE

Respect

Kindness

Perseverance



THE CRAVEN HOUSE RED NOSE DAY CELEBRATION RAISED £107



OUTDOOR LEARNING IS ALWAYS FUN IN ROBINS



COMPOSING A SONG WITH LYRICS TO REPRESENT BAYDON SCHOOL



GOLDFINCHES FOREST SCHOOL HAVING FUN WITH TEAM GAMES

Red Nose Day

Craven Year 6 house leaders took on the challenge of Red Nose Day this year. The Captain and Vice Captains arranged for a non-uniform day, a day of sports activities for all classes and, finally, a cake sale to end the day. Well done to all those involved. Excellent work!

Tom Scade

We were delighted to welcome back Chef Tom Scade from The Vineyard to work with children in school. During his first session Year 4 pupils from Kingfishers class were able to taste test a range of different flavours - yum!



Thinking Music

Owls class have been working with Thinking Music and students from Bristol University to compose a school song. Sessions have involved working with groups of pupils leading to performing the school song in Celebration Worship to the rest of the school! Owl pupils will travel to Bristol University in Term 6 to have a guided tour of the musical department followed by performing their song with other schools taking part in the programme.

Club-tastic!

The range of clubs offered continued into Terms 3 and 4 with Playdough and Mindfulness clubs for our younger pupils and Sewing, Art and Homework Clubs for older pupils. We continue to try and vary the type of clubs we offer. Looking ahead, next terms clubs will include Spanish, Makaton, photography and rounders. We are also continuing to host Karate, Swindon Football Town, and Art clubs for the summer with the addition of Waffle and Whisk Cookery Club led by our former teacher Mrs Yvette Wigglesworth.

Shakespeare Week

Our now annual celebration of Shakespeare Week took place in March. This year we explored 'The Tempest'. Some of our youngest children explored the idea of a tempest and created some fabulous storm art whilst older children have responded through writing, drama and art. Work created is to be displayed in our hall over the next term.



Easter at Baydon

The whole school joined together for our Easter service at the end of term. A few weeks earlier the school participated in 'Experience Easter' at the church where members of the church and clergy retold key elements of the Easter Story.

Wagtails extending hours from Term Five and Electronic Booking

We were thrilled to announce the latest in a stream of improvements for our wrap around care - Wagtails is now available five days a week mornings (7:45am to the start of school) and evenings (3:15pm to 6pm). From May we will also be moving to an electronic booking system which means parents have more control over which sessions you would like to book and when. Any questions regarding Wagtails please speak to Shireen Waterer in the office.



FOBS

FOBS have continued to hold events over the past few months to raise vital funds for our school. From Breaking the rules days to discos, wreath workshops to flowers for mum, and a raffle for a hamper filled with chocolate! Thank you to everyone involved for your dedication to the role and your continued support for our school.

Looking ahead

Next term we head into the summer. The new whole school theme will be 'We Are Britain', and we are all looking forward to celebrating the rich, diverse history and culture of our country.

Finally...

The past two terms have flown by and have been packed full of fantastic learning experiences. Many thanks as always to our staff, parent helpers, FOBS, the church community and governors for contributing in your own ways to make our wonderful school what it is.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term Five on the 22nd April!

Mrs Gilbert and the team at Baydon.



WATTLE AND DAUB WORK IN HISTORY FOR KINGFISHERS



PERFORMING POETRY IN GOLDFINCHES



MATHS GROUP WORK IN ROBINS



KINGFISHERS PARTICIPATING IN EXPERIENCE EASTER AT THE CHURCH



MATHS GAMES - THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL WE ARE INCLUDING FUN MATHS GAMES AS PART OF OUR PROVISION TO WARM UP FOR LESSONS

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