

## Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers to attended parents evening. We were thrilled with the turnout and hope you are happy with how your child has settled into the new academic year. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher and they will arrange to see you.



Thank you also to all those who were able to join us for our first service in church this academic year; our Harvest festival. All of the children sang beautifully, and we had a super selection of donated food items. We are very grateful for your ongoing support.

The **Book Fair** is coming to Measham!  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November straight after school in the hall.  
A percentage of all the books sold goes back into buying books for our children. Please come and support us!

### Non-uniform Charity Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November to raise money for the RSPCA! Leah in Year 2 and her friends have been working hard to organise a charity day to raise money for this charity. We will be asking children to come dressed in anything that begins with an R, S, P, C or A! For example, you could come as a rabbit, a space explorer or a child (jeans and a jumper)! Please bring £1 to donate for the charity. Thank you!



### Secondary School Applications – DEADLINE – 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

It is fast approaching the time when Year 6 parents need to apply for their secondary school places. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is 31st October 2024.

The simplest way to apply is online at:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place>

Please don't miss the deadline, it could mean that your child misses their transition days or doesn't get a school of your choice. **DON'T DELAY...PLEASE APPLY!**

### Swimming

The 3-week assessment window for children in Year 5 and 6 is now complete. Early next week, you will have a separate email through Arbor informing you whether your child needs to continue working towards the end of Year 6 national curriculum expectations for swimming.

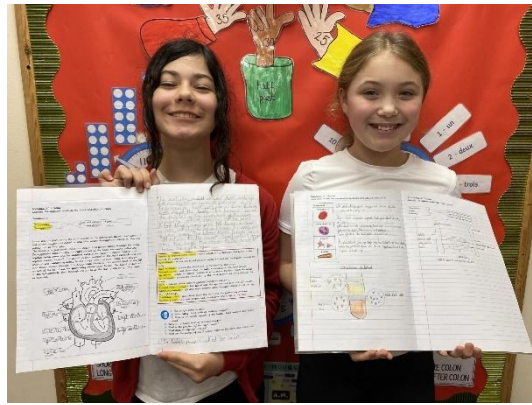
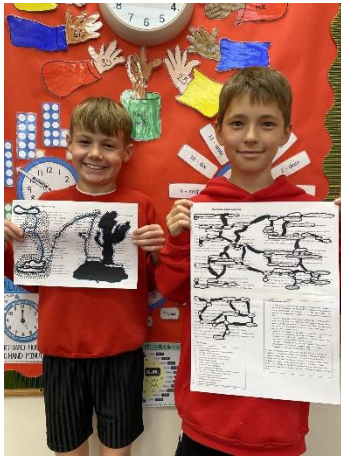
- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively (front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

All of the Year 4 children will start swimming on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. More information will follow.

### Updates from the classes

## Foxes

Year 6 has had a busy few weeks studying poetry, taking inspiration from a range of poets such as Alfred Lord Tennyson - 'The Kraken' and Edgar Allen Poe - 'The Raven'. We began by creating our own poem called The Leviathan and then, with the help of 'The Raven', created 'blackout' poetry. The class looked at the structure, meaning and vocabulary of these poems and used them to support their own creative writing. In Science, we have been investigating the circulatory system, identifying the heart, lungs, and bloody vessels needed to carry oxygenated and deoxygenated blood around the body. Ask the Foxes class what the difference is and what the function of the atrium and ventricles are. Have a great half term.



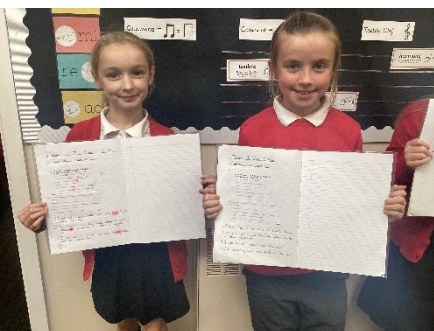
## Owls

Owls have become astronomers recently, dedicating their science learning to exploring many aspects of space and how our Earth fits into the universe. Our English learning has honed in on some character description and we are absolute experts at our sentence structure. Mental methods have been put to the test in Maths and we have been excited to have the opportunity to go swimming over the past few weeks.



## Squirrels

What a half term we have had in Squirrels. Recently in history we have been exploring the Tudors. We have been learning all about Henry VII and Henry VIII moving onto Elizabeth I, not only the monarchs but about the impact that the Tudors had over the whole world, particularly focusing on life at sea and trading routes. In computing we have been learning all about the internet and how it works, looking at routers and pathways that emails must travel to get to the correct place. We also looked at how to explore a website, learning the difference between a website and a web page. In English we have had a big push on handwriting and sentence structure, getting the basics in place so we can continue to improve our writing. We've been able to hand out some handwriting pens to children who have wowed us this term with their presentation. Keep it up! In Maths, we have been learning all about place value, moving on to adding and subtracting four-digit numbers. It's been a whirlwind of a first few weeks in our new class, but we have loved every minute!



Update from Year 3 in the next newsletter.

### Badgers

Year Two have had an exciting and busy few weeks! They have successfully learned a fun dance about magical toys and created some amazing artwork inspired by the artist Rousseau. The Badgers have enjoyed being scientists, exploring habitats and microhabitats. We're now looking forward to diving into our new history topic about the Measham Railway, and we can't wait for our visit to the museum after half term!



### Rabbits

Rabbits have had a great ending to a jam-packed first half term. Everyone has been working hard on settling into the routines and expectations of year 1 and should be very proud of all that they have achieved. In Science we have been learning all about the seasons and how the weather changes throughout each one, showcased our painting skills and understanding of colour in Art, started the extended code in phonics, expanded our knowledge of place value in Maths and learnt all about Italy on our language's day. Also, writing our own riddles in English, learning all about the creation story in RE and practicing our dance skills in PE.

Well done Rabbits, what great work!



### Butterflies

EYFS have been enjoying learning about autumn over the past two weeks! They have been exploring nature in autumn time and went on an autumn treasure hunt! They have also had lots of fun making autumn play dough and have explored what we find inside squashes and pumpkins.



### Caterpillars

Update from Pre-School in the next newsletter.

### Attendance

All parents should have now received an email regarding a new law regarding Penalty Notices which are now in force across the country. The Government have introduced a new national framework for schools and Local Authorities. All schools are now required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 school days) or more for unauthorised reasons. Fines are issued by the Local Authority and with effect from August 2024, the fine for school absences for each parent will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

Children should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Schools are required to consider requests for leave of absence in term time. A family holiday is not an acceptable reason for a child to miss school. If a child is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the matter for the consideration of a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

### Parent readers

We are always on the lookout for parent or grandparent helpers to come and listen to our children read in school! Please come and speak to Miss Moore if you are interested!

### PE

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit. Our school PE kit is black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie. Trainers can be worn.

**Foxes** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Owls** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Squirrels** will do PE on **Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Moles** will do PE on **Tuesday and Thursday**

**Badgers** will do PE on **Thursday and Friday**

**Rabbits** will do PE on **Tuesday and Wednesday**

**EYFS** will do PE on **Tuesday and Friday**

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Hannah Carter  
Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

HALF TERM	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Inclusive multi-skills Y1-Y4 @ Ibstock School
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Book fair in the hall – please enter through hall doors next to the EYFS playground – All welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Y4 and some Y5/Y6 swimming
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Family Group photos
	2pm PFA AGM – please come to the office
	Open Evening for new Pre-School and EYFS starters for 2025
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 and some Y5/Y6 swimming
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country @ Sir John Moore School, Appleby Magna
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 and some Y5/Y6 swimming
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y4 and some Y5/Y6 swimming
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 and some Y5/Y6 swimming

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am Nativity performance to Pre-School and EYFS parents/carers
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Nativity performance Y1 and Y2 to parents/carers
	Christmas @ Measham/Christmas light switch on in the village
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Fun Run
	Y4 and some Y5/Y6 swimming
	PFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisations – more information to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 and some Y5/Y6 swimming
	ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Christmas service in church Everyone welcome!
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish for the Christmas holidays
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Return to school