

Date: 8th April 2022

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had some lovely events over the past few weeks. Open House was very well attended and children loved sharing their books and learning with their families. There was a really buzz around the school and it was amazing to allow parents indoors again!

Teachers enjoyed talking to parents about their child's progress at parents evening, we hope this was useful and you are proud of your child. Last week Blue Kite Trust carried out our Health and Safety audit and were very pleased with everything at William Morris.

Our Easter activities were great fun today and all the children will be bringing home a little egg to eat.

### Staff news

Congratulations to Miss Saunders who got married and is now Mrs Weston.

We welcome Mrs Clarke to teach in Bellflower Class from next term, whilst Miss Bailey is on maternity leave.

Mrs Hunt will be moving to work in Nursery next term, as we have new children joining us and Mrs Rawlins will return to Nursery as trainee teacher after Easter.

We hope you all have a fabulous Easter—with lots of chocolate, fun and family time.

Mrs Fraser, Headteacher



### Attendance Policy

We want all the children at William Morris to succeed and to achieve their potential. For the children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend school regularly. This is especially important due to the time lost over recent years to Covid.

Please find attached our updated attendance policy, which has been agreed by Governors. Improving attendance is a focus of our School Development Plan this year and the Government are expecting children to have good attendance again, which is classed as 95% and above.

Please could parents read the attached, so they are aware of the process and when they will be contacted by the school if their child's attendance dips.

### Swindon Council Survey

We are seeking residents views on whether or not the Council further develops our Family Centres to become Swindon Communities Together – Family Hubs with one being at the Everleigh Centre in Penhill and the other at the Lyndhurst Centre in Park South.

The Swindon Communities Together – Family Hubs, will bring together a range of services, for the whole family. Our aim is to see services co-located and to transform delivery so that you will be able to talk to a single professional about your families need, and they will coordinate a response for you, meaning you don't have to tell your story over and over again. We are very keen to receive your responses. Thank you in advance.

Please click on the link below to access the survey <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/>



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## PTA UPDATES

### **Easter Events**

Thank you so much to the PTA for all the yummy Easter eggs for our fun egg hunt on the field and also prizes for the colouring competition. We had a really fun day! Lots of photos below.

### **Jubilee Party**

On Friday 27th May we will be inviting parents in at 2pm for a Tea & Cake Sale. More info to follow.

### **SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Please keep you diary free for our amazing William Morris Summer Festival on Saturday 16th July

## Class Reps

Thank you to the following parents for agreeing to become Class Reps:

### **Nursery**

tbc

### **Sunflower**

Rebecca Davies

### **Bellflower**

Amy Kent

### **Tulip**

Teri Cox

### **Lily**

Emma Taylor & Danielle William

### **Clover**

Danielle Fouhy & Dawn Evans tbc

### **Willow**

Our first meeting will be on Wed 4th May at 2:30pm. If anyone has any general concerns or ideas they would like their class reps to bring up, please catch them at drop off or pick up.

## Nursery Open Mornings

Please share the following dates with anyone who maybe looking for a nursery place for their child next year: 9:30am on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June & Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July. Contact the School Office to book a place.

## Academic Year dates 2022-23 and 2023-24

Please find attached term dates for 2022-2023 and 2023-24

This may help if parents are planning any holidays, which should not be in term time.

## **TD Days 2022-23**

We have 6 school closure days for staff development each year. The ones which are already confirmed for next academic year are:

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023

## Gold Book

Well done to all of the children who were in the Gold Book last week — we are very proud of you and your achievements!



## Usborne Ready Steady Read Sponsored Challenge.

We would like to say a big well done and thank you to Bella, Faith, Aoife in Year 1 and to Ella in Reception for completing the Usborne Ready, Steady, Read Sponsored Challenge for World Book Day. Between them they raised £255 to buy lots of fantastic books for the school library at William Morris. The new books are lovely and will be enjoyed by all pupils.



## Open House



## Nursery—Poppy and Daisy Classes

It has been a busy final two weeks of our term. Last week we enjoyed our final traditional tale of this term 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children impressed us with their mathematical vocabulary when comparing beanstalks using 'taller' and 'shorter'. The children really enjoyed acting out the story and taking on the different characters and playing with our small world area.

This week we have enjoyed lots of Easter stories, songs and crafts. We finished our term making chocolate nest cakes and having an Easter egg hunt on the school field!

Thank you all for coming to the open house and parent's evening and joining us in celebrating all of the children's achievements so far this year. I am sure you would agree they are all super stars!

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you for your continued support,

Nursery Team :)



## Nursery

### Poppy and Daisy Classes



## Reception

We have had a lovely last few weeks of term in Reception and have been super busy. We have been exploring the life cycle of a butterfly where we have been reading the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We created our own story map for 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' sequencing all the food that he ate. We then explored the life cycle of a butterfly a bit further by watching a video of the different stages it goes through before turning into a butterfly.



In Maths we have been making patterns using a range of resources, shapes, numbers and anything we could find. For example, we made patterns that repeated like this, ABABA or AABAAB. We have also been learning our number bonds to 5 and 10. We have become very good at these and have continued our learning by looking into number sentence. We know each of these signs and where to place when within our number sentences = +.

This week we have been busy learning about Easter, why we celebrate Easter and what activities people may do during Easter time. We linked this back to our previous learning about Spring and what we see during the start of Spring. We have enjoyed lots of Easter craft activities, making Easter cards and we have even been doing some Easter baking making our own nests. On Friday we also went on a very exciting trip to the field for an Easter Egg Hunt!

We hope you have a lovely and restful half term, and we look forward to seeing you when we come back to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### Reminders:

- Water bottles, please only fill up with water and do not place them in your child's book bag.
- Reading for pleasure books and reading records – these need to be in your child's book bag everyday please.

The Reception Team





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Reception





## Reception



Easter Baking

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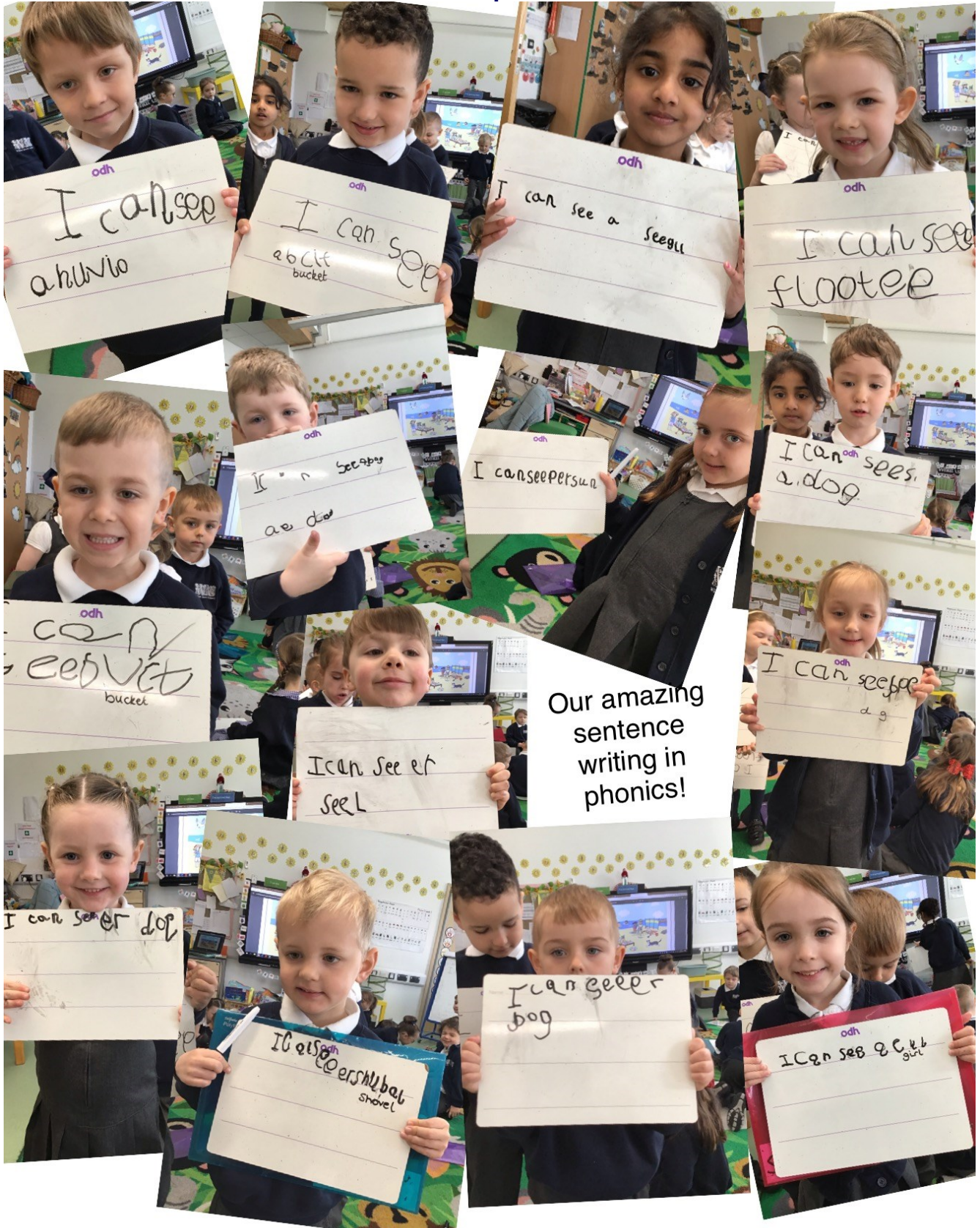


Easter Egg Hunt



Life cycle of a butterfly

## Reception



Year 1

Another great week in Year 1. Teachers enjoyed catching up with parents at parents evening and sharing all of the amazing progress the children are making!

English:

Earlier in the term, we had a special visitor Milo (Mrs Cantillon's dog) come to see us. This week we have been using our innovated story map and boxing up, as well as all the information we learnt from Milo's visit to write a set of instructions on how to look after a dog.

Maths:

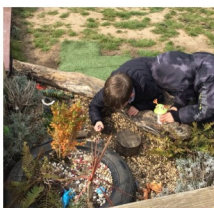
In Maths we have been finding quarters and halves of shapes, amounts and numbers. We have used lots of resources to help us, including pizza! We have also been practicing writing addition calculations.

Easter fun:

This week we have had lots of Easter fun! We have learnt about the Easter story, had a Easter egg hunt on the field and had a colouring competition.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to seeing you after half term!

Please keep up with all your efforts at home with reading and phonics :)

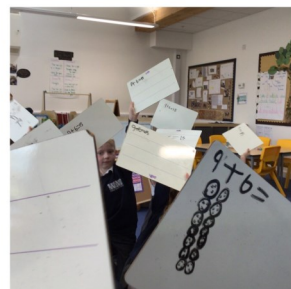
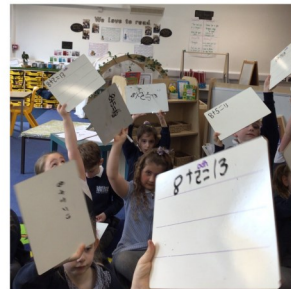


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## Year 1



Year 2

We've come to the end of our Scented Garden topic and to the end of a busy term! We've continued our work in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe and produced some amazing artwork where we have painted detailed, close up pictures of different flowers.

In other lessons we have been learning about:

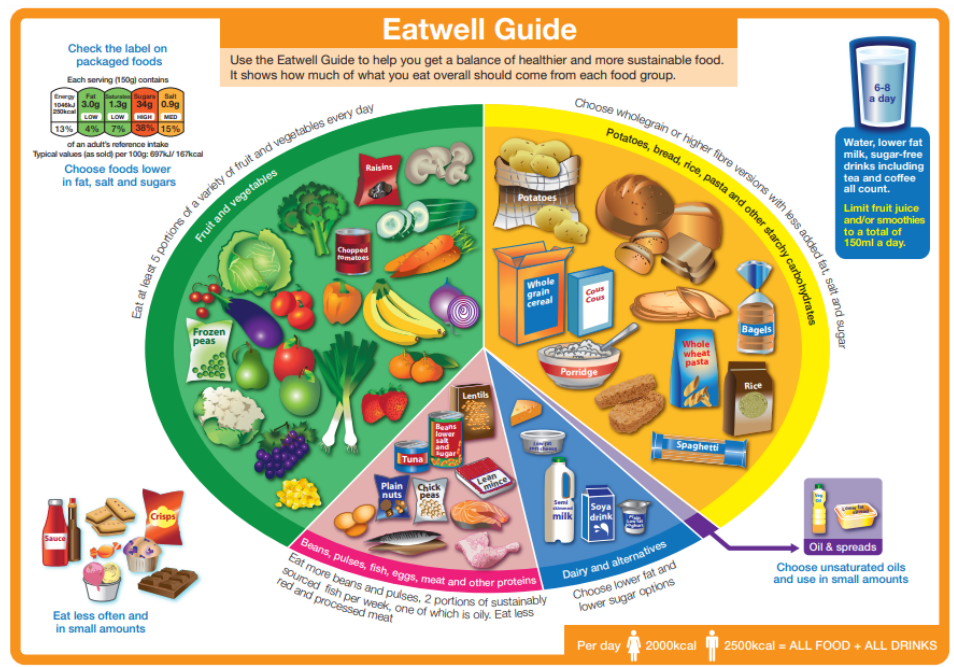
English – We have written our own fairy tale stories about princesses and ogres in the deep, dark forest. We've continued to practice using adventurous vocabulary and using more complex skills such as contractions, possessive apostrophes and commas in a list. The children have come up with the most wonderfully creative ideas and have written brilliant stories as a result.

- **Maths** – We have been telling the time on analogue clocks where we've been reading the time and drawing the hands on to clock faces. We are now able to recognise quarter to and quarter past times, as well as using five minute intervals to help us tell times such as 10 minutes to and 20 minutes past.
- **Science** – We have been looking after our plants in the classroom and talking about what they need to grow. We also conducted a cool experiment to see how water travels through a plant. We discovered that blue food colouring in water is able to travel all the way to the edges of petals and leaves, however, red food colouring in water makes plants die! Now we know!
- **PSHE** – We have looked at the Eatwell plate and talked about the importance of a balanced diet. We had great fun sorting real life food in to different categories.

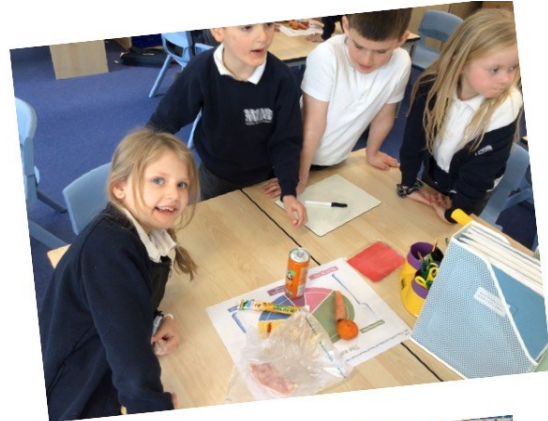
We hope that you enjoyed sharing the work in your child's books and looking around the classrooms at the open house event, thank you to so many parents for coming along. We enjoyed speaking to you all at Parents' evening and celebrating the progress that the children have made too.

Have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

The Year 2 Team



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Year 2—Easter Egg Hunt!





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# School Diary

## April

19th Reception offers day  
25th Children back to school

## May

2nd Bank Holiday  
4th 2pm Class Reps  
12th Governors meeting  
27th Jubilee Day  
27th 2pm Parents tea & cakes  
30th May half term holidays

## June

6th Children return

[New dates in red]

## July

4th TD day  
14th Governors meeting  
16th William Morris Summer Festival  
22nd Children break up

### TD INSET Days:

- 4th July 22
- 25th July 22