

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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This half term has been a short but fun packed one! We hope everyone has a great Easter holiday, and look forward to welcoming you back afterwards as there is so much to look forward to next term!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who are celebrating birthdays in March and April: Mabel, Zayan, Muna, Abi, Ada, Alfie, Owen B, Keely, Luis, Owen J, Emily H, Noah A, Zeb, Naphthali, Thomas, Oakley,



Jessica, Dexter S, Oliver C, Jaxon, Josh, Izzy, Spencer, Alex J, Rueben, Poppy P, Evelyn, Poppy W, Savannah, Harriet, Dubem, Megan, Hollie, Charlotte, Tia, Tommy, Jackson, Phoebe B, Nate, Rory, Keith, Noah J, Georgia-Rose, Ruby, Maiya, Adrian, Angelina, Mrs Clayton, Miss Creed, Mrs Fernandes, Mr Greening, Miss Nicholls, Mrs Self and Mrs Sheen.

Red Nose Day – Thank you to everyone who made a donation to come in non-uniform, we raised over £185 for Comic Relief and had a lot of fun, especially telling our jokes!



Here are some of the Reception children pulling funny faces. The next few items are all about Robin and Wren classes who have had a really busy half term. There are some photographs here,

Diary Dates

April 3rd – 14th – Easter Holiday
Monday 17th April – school starts
Thurs 20th April – Learn Alongside Oracy
Thurs 27th April – Year 5 Skillzone trip
May – Year 2 SATS all month
Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May – Coronation Celebration
Monday 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues 9 – Fri 12 May – Year 6 SATS
22nd – 25th May – Bikeability Year 5
29th May – 2nd June – Half Term Holiday
5th – 16th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tests
Thurs 8th June – Aspirations Day
12th – 16th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

but there are lots more on the class padlet pages on the website – click on these links:

[St White's Primary School - Robin \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://StWhite'sPrimarySchool-Robin(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk))

[St White's Primary School - Wren \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://StWhite'sPrimarySchool-Wren(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk))

Robin and Wren class chicks - in early March we took delivery of some eggs and an incubator, and were really lucky to watch over a couple of weeks as they hatched and the chicks grew! Some of the children had a chance to hold the chicks when they were a bit bigger. You can follow the story of their arrival and growth with photos and videos on the padlets! They have been taken back to the farm now, we were very sorry to see them go!



Robin and Wren trip to Raglan Farm Park

Thank you to the parents who came with us to help – we had a wonderful time at the farm in spite of the weather! We met lots of animals, including some lambs who were born while we were there! We also had some time to play and it was an amazing day!



Special Visitors! This week we were really lucky to have a visit from a fire fighter who talked to us about everything the fire service do, and brought his engine – he gave us a demonstration of the hose and we got a little bit wet!



Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow trip to Gloucester Cathedral

– Last week we had a fabulous trip to Gloucester Cathedral to learn about the Easter story, and to look around the amazing building. We also had a chance to do some Easter crafts.



Puppets in DT – Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow have been learning about all the different



types of puppets, and brought in some from home to show. They also made up and performed their own puppet shows!

There are lots more pictures about everything KS1 have been getting up to on their class padlets:

[St White's Primary School - Kingfisher \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

[St White's Primary School - Nightingale \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

[St White's Primary School - Sparrow \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

Violins – Year 1 children have all been learning the violin this half term, and last Friday we were thrilled to invite parents in to see them all perform. They were amazing!



Cooking – We are very lucky to have a fabulous kitchen downstairs in the auditorium, which we use for wraparound care and also for classes to do cookery lessons. Last half term Skylark, Jay and Swift classes made some delicious carrot and lentil soup!



This term Heron, Peregrine and Woodpecker have



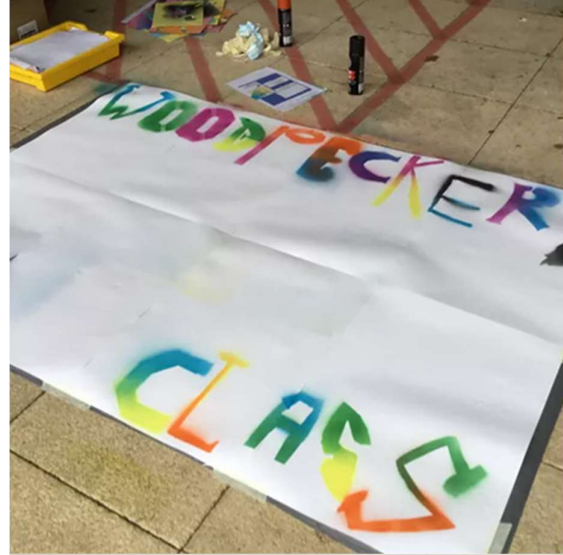
been making pizza (which makes the whole school smell delicious on Friday afternoons).

A really big thank you to Mrs Heyworth for coming in to help.



Graffiti Art - Woodpecker, Heron and Peregrine classes have been making graffiti art this term –

thanks to the parents who sent in old clothes. They had to wear gloves and masks to keep safe, but it was great fun!



To find out more about what KS2 have been up to, see their class padlets;

[St White's Primary School - Skylark \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

[St White's Primary School - Jay \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

[St White's Primary School - Swift \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

[St White's Primary School - Woodpecker \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

[St White's Primary School - Peregrine \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

[St White's Primary School - Heron \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

World Book Day & the Book Fair - Right back at the start of term we celebrated World Book Day by coming to school in our pyjamas with our favourite books, and we made bookmarks!



A big thank you to everyone who came along to the book fair to buy books, and to the librarians

who helped Miss Cinderey to run the fair. Thanks to you, we raised over £300 which we spent on books for the library.

St White's Has Got Talent - the school has been buzzing with excitement about the talent show! The children were a fabulous audience for the heats and all the performers were amazing. At the final, last night, the judges had a very hard



decision! After a lot of deliberation (and an amazing dance performance by the staff), the results were announced. Thank you very much to our fantastic judges for making the difficult decision. Thank you also to our wonderful PTFA who provided tea and coffee, and to all the parents and children who were such an appreciative audience. The winner was Emily from Nightingale class – at only 6 years old she captivated the audience with a beautiful

rendition of "Together we Stand"! The runners up were The Grannies, Bella and Phoebe from Peregrine Class who did a dance routine with a twist! In third place were the dance group from Year 5 & 6 who had performed at the Cheltenham Dance Festival. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part!



Sporting Achievements – there have been lots of trips out for sports competitions this half term, and sadly a couple of fixtures which were postponed due to the weather – we are sure our mixed football team will get a chance to compete next term!

You can always find updates on our sporting achievements on the website by looking on the [St White's Primary School - Club and Competition Updates \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)

Panathlon - on Friday 10th March we competed in the Panathlon challenge at Hartbury College. Our team was amazing, securing medals for third place. Their sportsmanship was brilliant and they were fantastic ambassadors for our school!



Dodgeball – We are really proud of our dodgeball team who competed in the British Dodgeball Championships at Cirencester College. We played eight matches, won four and lost four, and finished in third place, winning more fabulous medals!



Netball - Way back at the end of February, two teams competed in the school games at Newent Secondary School. Both teams did a great job at rotating positions and working well together. After lots of close games, we came third and fourth! Well done everyone!



Girls Football – On 17th March, our team competed in the ProStars Girls Football Tournament at Forest High School. They did a great job finishing fourth and showing their determination and sportsmanship.



More Football! Lastly a big well done to the group of boys who won a friendly match against Forest View last week 2-1. We are really sorry but we didn't get any photos! But well done we are proud of you!

Basketball Trip – on 17th February we were very lucky to get tickets to see a professional basketball match - Bristol Flyers vs Newcastle Eagles. It was an amazing opportunity and we had a fabulous time!



Froglife – well done to Ayrton and Alex who over the last four weeks have been involved with a charity called froglife. Between the months of February through to April, the charity helps toads, frogs and newts to safely cross the road to migrate back to their pond to breed. Our kind-hearted toad-lovers have helped over 60 toads and 5 newts to arrive at their pond safely.



More news from Robin and Wren! A big thank you to the parents who joined us for our spring time walk in the woods this week! It was a bit muddy, but the children had a great time and we found lots of it is really wonderful that so many parents come and get involved!



Aspirations Day We still need lots of parents and friends to join us on 8th June to talk to the children about your jobs. Please contact Miss Underwood on sparrow@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk if you would like more information.

As an end of term treat, we made some delicious Easter nests!



Coronation Celebrations We will send a letter home after Easter about our plans to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May. Parents will be invited to join us from



2.30pm, so save the date!

Allotment – We are really lucky to have the lovely Debbie Knight running our allotment sessions with Mrs Self. The children go out on a rota on Wednesday afternoons to learn all about growing vegetables and we will all get a chance to taste



them in the Summer!

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 5th May. If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 1st May 2023.

