

St White's Primary School

Always Learning!



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Welcome to our last newsletter of the Spring Term. We hope everyone has a lovely Easter Break. Next term is very short but will be jam packed with excitement!

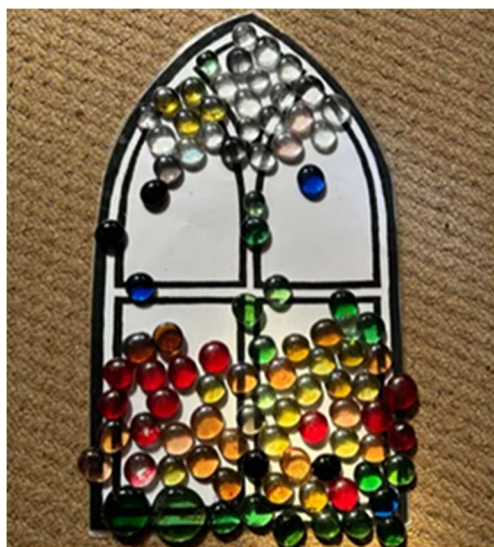
Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have



celebrated or will have their birthdays in April: Alex W, Poppy W, Penny W, Savannah, Harriet, Dubem, Megan, Hollie Ruben, Tia, Theo A, Tommy,

Jackson, Rory L, Daniel, Luna, Isabella, Keith, Rhys, Ruby, Blythe, Miss Creed, Ms Nicholls and Mrs Sheen.

KS1 Trip to Gloucester Cathedral – Sparrow, Kingfisher and Nightingale classes had a great trip



Gloucester Cathedral. They had a chance to explore the historic building, do some craft activities like brass rubbing and making a stained glass window from glass beads, and they also got to dress up!



Diary Dates

12th – 27th April Easter Holidays

28th April – School Starts

5th May – Bank Holiday

12th – 15th May – Year 6 SATS



A really big thank you to all the parent helpers who came with us! We could not do these trips without you!



Lions at Large Fundraising! A huge thank you to all the family and friends who sponsored the children to take part in the Sponsored Bounce. You were absolutely amazing and we raised over £1000 pounds !!!!! A huge thank you to Megabounce who provided the bouncy castle free of charge and also a big thank you to one of our



staff who managed to rustle up an extra bouncy castle at very short notice when the one we were expecting was a bit late arriving!



This was all to raise funds for the Lions at Large Project, for the Gloucestershire Hospitals Trust. We have now collected our Little Lion and learnt about the best materials for applying our decoration. Once it is painted, it will be on display through the summer on the trail in Gloucester or Cheltenham, and then our Little Lion will come back to St White's forever! When we say "Little" – it only just fit in the back of the car!



We can't wait to start our decoration! Well done to Jay and Woodpecker Classes for this amazing project and raising so much money! Once we know where he will be displayed, we will let everyone know.

Ukulele Concert Year 3 have been learning the ukulele since Christmas and we were very pleased to have so many parents come to see them perform in March.



Red Nose Day – thank you to everyone who dressed in red and donated on 21st March. We raised



Look Who's Talking Final Well done to Penny from Skylark Class who represented St White's and the Forest of Dean at the Look Who's Talking Final in Gloucester last week! We are so proud of you!



Photography Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the February half term photography competition – we had the most entries so far and they were all amazing!

The theme was "Spring is Coming". A big thank you to Mrs McDermott for being our judge – it is a very hard job! Here are the winning entries –



the winning child was this beautiful picture of snowdrops by Alex from Peregrine class. Mrs McDermott says 'Not only does it show a tiny and delicate sign of spring, but the photographer has also completely filled the image with them while capturing the sharp (in focus) flowers in the

foreground and blurred ones in the background.'

The winning adult was Mr Bradley with this picture of daffodils – Mrs McDermott says: 'Not only does it show such wonderful fresh spring colours, but the photographer has also taken the image at such an angle that they have created what is referred to as 'leading lines' as the line of leaves, daffodils and the fence, all follow the same direction and disappear into the background.'

The theme for this holiday is "New Life" – entries to be sent in by 30th April to

photographcompetition@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk

Outdoor Learning & Allotment

Robin Class have been out exploring what has



changed in the Forest School area after it was rested in early spring. They took some photographs of beautiful flowers too!

Sparrow Class have been doing Outdoor Learning



this term, they have had a wonderful time building dens, pond dipping and exploring the site, and they toasted marshmallows for their last session over the campfire!



Sports Competitions – Alexa has written a report about ten pin bowling: “Six year six pupils participated at a bowling event in Gloucester. We played with great determination even when the ball got stuck twice in the bumpers! We didn’t come first, second or third but we did get super amazing medals! We played against a lot of other schools and it was intense, but we didn’t let that stop us trying our best. We all had loads of fun and would definitely do it again! Our whole team showed excellent sportsmanship and we were all cheering each other on. We had an incredible time!”



A big thank you to Mr Cassidy for organising some football friendly fixtures between our own teams over the last couple of weeks – firstly for Years 3 / 4 and then for Years 5 / 6. Everyone had great fun!



Year 5/6 Football – last week we took two teams to a Football Competition at Five Acres. They both finished third in their groups, so we did not qualify for the semi-finals, but they showed great sportsmanship – well done to everyone!



Visitors in Robin Class Last week we had a special delivery of 10 eggs for Robin Class and within a couple of days we had 10 fluffy chicks!



They have grown very fast and have now gone off to their forever homes!

History Time Line – Skylark Class are thrilled to show off our new History Timeline on the wall outside the KS2 classrooms – they raised the money to provide this as their class project!



St White’s Has Got Talent A big thank you to all the children who performed in both of the heats and the final – you were all amazing, and it was a very hard job for our judges. A big thank you to Mrs Cross, Mrs Jones and Mr Cassidy for doing this very difficult job! Thank you to the school council for organising everything and their excellent introductions. Also thank you to the

children who read their poems, and to the staff for another fabulous dance performance.



Huge congratulations to Connor who won the final, playing the guitar and singing a song, which he composed himself!

We were also thrilled to have a performance by the St White's Community choir, who practice here on Thursdays at 6.15pm.

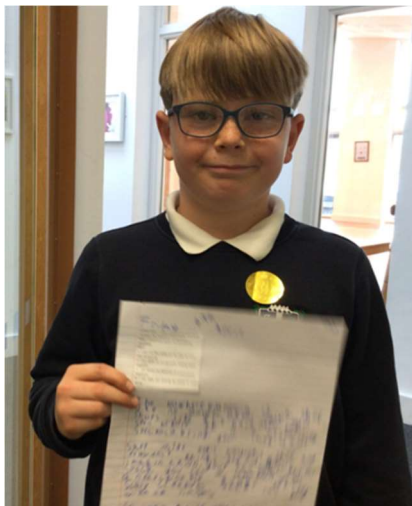
If anyone else would like to join, please email stwhiteschoir@gmail.com

Also a really big thank you to Stacie Adams who came in and sorted out the second hand uniform stall so that it was available yesterday afternoon and evening!

Darts Star! Well done to Ellis from Woodpecker Class who brought in his trophy for winning a darts tournament at Berry Hill Social Club!



Head Teacher's Award – well done to Coby for an amazing piece of writing which earned him a gold Head Teacher's award sticker!



KS1 Plant Sale – thank you to all the parents who came along and purchased plants from Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow Classes. The children were really proud of everything they had grown from seeds and they provided care instructions for their plants as well! Please do keep us updated with photographs of how they grow at home!



Save the Date - Thursday 5th June will be Aspirations Morning. This is when we invite people from our community to come into school to speak with the children (in groups) about their jobs. It's a really important experience for our children and the feedback from our volunteers is always great. If any parents, carers, grandparents or family friends would like to be a volunteer for this year's event, please do get in touch with me (sparrow@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk) or let someone in the office know. Thank you! – Miss Underwood

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 23rd May 2025. 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 19th May 2025.