

# St White's Primary School

*Always Learning!*



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Welcome to our first newsletter of this school year. It already feels as if we have never been away! Everyone has settled back in so well, and our new starters have had a wonderful first couple of weeks! There is always more information on the class pages on the website too!

**Happy birthday** to our pupils and staff who have celebrated or will have their birthdays in September:

Marley E, Leo J, Max, Grace N, Grace C, Skyla, Melody-Dawn Athena, James, Evie B, Niamh Charlie J, Miquel, Callen

Amber S, Fae, Oscar G, Jacob P, Tiago Ryan W, Tiana, Alexa, Kacie, Oliver W, Emily R, Harley, Ms Buckingham, Mrs M Kibble and Mrs M Williams

**Welcome to our new Robin Class** – they have already learnt so much and are having a great time!



### Diary Dates

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Individual pupil photographs  
**30<sup>th</sup> Sept & 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** – flu immunisation all pupils  
**1<sup>st</sup> October** – PTFA meetings at 2.45 and 3.15  
**2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Read with Me Workshops  
**4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – LKS2 Literature Festival  
**7<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Launch of Always Learning Award 2.40pm  
**8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Parent Consultations  
**8<sup>th</sup> Oct** – UKS2 Literature Festival  
**11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – KS1 Literature Festival  
**18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Harvest Festival  
**21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Year 6 Residential  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** – last day of term



**Year 1 and 2** have been re-telling fairy stories such as Jack & The Beanstalk using oracy, art and puppetry skills!







**Outdoor Learning** - Kingfisher Class are the first ones to have outdoor learning this year and they have been having a fabulous time in the Forest Schools area.



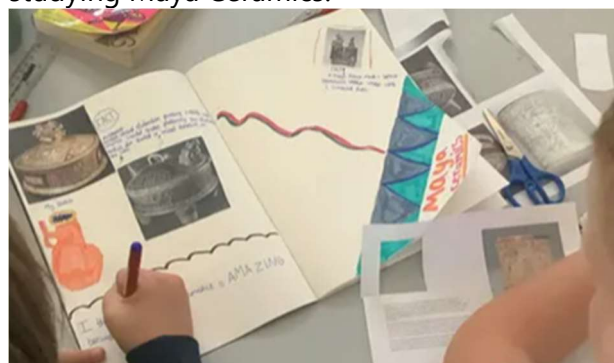
**Swift, Jay and Skylark** have been learning about the art of photographer Robbie Honey and re-creating his work with plants.



**Things which are Important to us** – for RE, Year 1 and 2 brought in items which are important to them and took turns to tell the class about them. There was a very interesting variety of items!



**Heron, Peregrine and Woodpecker** have been studying Maya Ceramics.

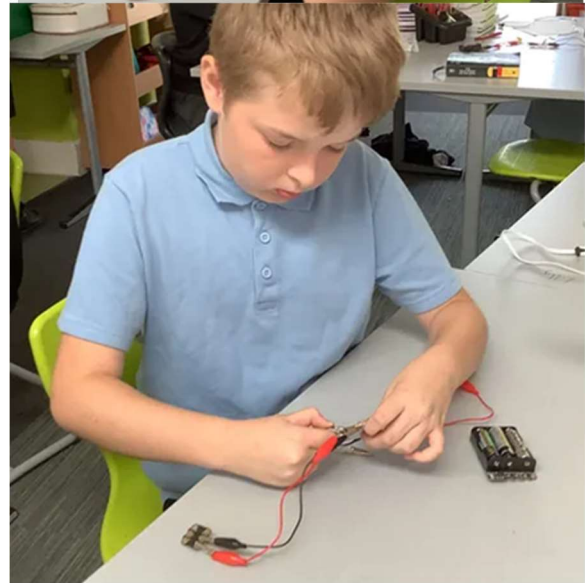
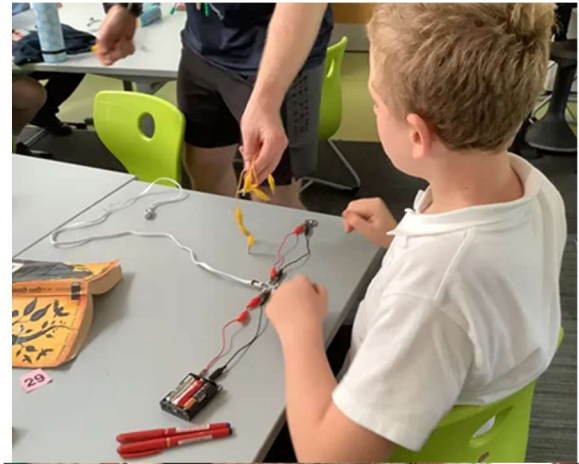




**Class Cookery** has started with UKS2 classes



making delicious apple cake. The smell is wafting through the whole school on a Friday and making us all really hungry!



**Peregrine Class Computing** – Peregrine have been using “crumble” in IT to create circuits.

**Summer Journal Winners** Well done to everyone who completed a summer journal over the holidays! They were really amazing and the classes loved catching up with what everyone had been doing! The winners had a tea party with Mrs Tilling!



**Reading Evening** Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Reading Evening last week! It was lovely to see so many people in school, especially in their pyjamas! The hot chocolate was delicious!





**Phonics with Me** We were really pleased to welcome lots of our new Robin Class parents and some Year 1 as well to our Phonics With Me workshops – we hope you found them really helpful!

**Football** We kicked off our sporting competitions a couple of weeks ago with a friendly match against Forest View. It was a very warm day and the first time this new team played together – they displayed excellent determination and won 3-1! Thanks to all the parents who helped with transport and to everyone who came to cheer them on!



**Thank you to a parent** – A big thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Bevan who has donated lots of brand new school trousers for the uniform shed!

**Uniform** – just to let you know that following requests from parents we have now added pale blue polo shirts to our uniform, and these can either be plain, or can be purchased through [My Clothing](#) with the school logo.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop** – we have had lots more donations, and we are hoping to have the

uniform out at the Parent Consultation Evenings on 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. Don't forget to bring along cash if you would like to purchase items of uniform – 50p an item minimum donation.

**PTFA Meeting** Do you want to make new friends and get involved in supporting the school? If so, we are holding two meeting sessions next Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.45 and then at 3.15 for parents to get information about the PTFA – please do come along, even if you can just spare a bit of time – the more the merrier! We will



provide tea and biscuits while we have a chat! The PTFA raise funds to support the school and provide fabulous opportunities for our children such as the pantomime trip.

**Message from the Governors – Our School Priorities for this Year** Our governors held their first meeting of the year this week, and were very pleased to welcome Nancy Jones as a new governor. We have to say a very big thank you to Fran Palmer and Lynne Adams who have both stepped down from their governor roles – we will miss them. The main focus of our first meeting was to review the School Development Plan and set our priorities for this year, and we thought we would share these with parents. Over the next three years we will be working towards these targets.

***All learners are emotionally intelligent so they can greet challenge with a 'can do' attitude in all areas of school life and beyond*** – this year, we will continue to work on Zones of Regulation, so that pupils will be aware of how they are feeling and what actions they can take to return to the "green zone" which is best for learning.

***All learners are leaders who take responsibility for and commit to providing a high quality, Inclusive Education so that all learners are passionate and engaged in their learning*** – this year we will be working to complete the Inclusion Quality Mark. We will also be continuing staff development and we will develop the role of House Captains to use their role to have a positive impact on engagement with learning.



**All learners use their strong communication skills to make excellent progress, both academically and in the wider world** – this year we will continue to develop oracy skills so that pupils learn to “speak like an expert”.

**All learners can reflect and celebrate that they feel safe and happy so that they can be Always Learning** – this year we are launching the Always Learning Award for pupils (please join us in Assembly at 2.40pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October!) and working towards the Artsmark.

**Wild Boar Chase** Well done to Connor and Harrison in Year 6 who completed the Wild Boar Humbug Chase in the summer!



Mrs Williams

**Next Newsletter** – Our next newsletter will be published on 25<sup>th</sup> October. 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](mailto:admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk) by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

**Photography Competition** – thank you to everyone who entered the summer holiday photography competition – miniature marvels. There were some really wonderful photographs. The winners are Connor, and Mrs Williams – here are their amazing pictures:



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