



Newsletter

3rd October 2023

Harvest Festival: Wednesday 11th October

Please join us for our Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church from 2-3pm.

Any donations please bring in to the school office by Monday 9th. A list from the Foodbank can be found on Class Dojo or please ask at the office.



Dates for your diary:

Harvest Service: Wednesday
October 11th
2-3pm St Peter's Church

Parents' Evening: Tuesday 17th
& Wednesday 18th October

**Festival Of Stories-Malvern
KS1- Wednesday 25th October
Years 3/4/5- Friday 27th
October**

**Year 6 Residential at The
Pioneer Centre:**
25-27th October

Half Term-
30th October-3rd November

Carol Concert in Church:
Thursday 21st December

End of term: 22nd December

Helping People in Crisis

Latest Shopping List 2023

Our top priority is Supermarket Gift Cards: Supermarket gift cards allow us to purchase the items that we need, when we need it. If you are purchasing food items please use the list below:

Our Storehouse needs:	For our cooking packs we need:	For our comfort packs we need:
Cereal	Mixed Herbs	Small Washing Up Liquid
Tinned Potatoes	Sugar	Unisex Deodorant
Tinned Vegetables	Cooking Oil	Anti Bac Spray
Tinned Fruit	Packet Seasoning	Single Adult Toothbrushes
Tinned Rice pudding	Tomato Puree	Shampoo
Tinned custard	Tomato/Brown Sauce	Hair Conditioner
Tinned meat & fish	Salt & Pepper	Toilet Roll
Noodle Pots/Mugshots	Hot Chocolate	Tampons
Treats & Crisps	Instant Coffee	Soap
UHT Juice	Tea	Shaving foam/gel
UHT milk		Nappies size (5,6 & 7)
Cream crackers		
Wet & Dry Dog Food		

We also accept **money and gift cards** to enable us to buy what we need when we need it. Or **donate online** at www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

Thank you for your support. Please note: We are very grateful for your donations. However, we can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods which are still within their "use by" date.

Donate to: Worcester Foodbank, Unit 7, Lowesmoor Wharf, WR1 2RS, OR your local participating food store / organisation.

Foodbank Opening Times: 11-2pm each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (Not Bank Holidays)

Telephone 01905 780400
Email info@worcester.foodbank.org.uk
Internet www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk
Twitter @Worcs_Foodbank
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WorcesterFoodbank/>

Parent Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parents to come and help with some weeding around our school site. Please inform the school office if you have a couple of hours that you could spare. Many thanks.

Our School Vision and Values

“Our vision is that everyone will know that they are loved by God. We nurture all children and adults so that they flourish as individuals and make the best of their God-given talents, through embracing our diverse world.”

At Martley, we endeavour to provide opportunities to share and celebrate our God-given talents. In Collective worship, we regularly celebrate pupils' achievements in a variety of areas from musical talents, sporting achievements, dramatic performances or artistic talent.

Each Friday in our celebration assembly, we showcase children's musical accomplishments whether they are novices or more experienced musicians. However, we know that our children have a wide range of talents that they develop out of school and would love to hear about them. To this end, we would like the children to share their talents with us.

Please help your child to think about what talents they have and select one to either write about or draw a picture of. For example, it could be a talent for writing code, the ability to crochet or even a budding star baker!



Attendance

Further to the information shared at the start of term, we would like to reiterate the importance of booking medical appointments out of school hours wherever possible. We appreciate that hospital appointments may have to take place in the school day but would urge all parents to try and arrange dentist, optician and GP appointments after school.

In line with DfE drive to further improve attendance, we will now be referring unauthorised absences due to family holidays to the Local Authority. These referrals will then be assessed, and decisions made for penalty notices to be served. The Trust have recruited a Welfare and Inclusion officer who will be liaising with families where attendance is below the national average. Please speak to us if we can help in any way.

Hot Dinners

Please ensure all hot dinners are booked on ParentPay by Thursday evenings the week before. The cut off is midnight. If you are having any problems please email the school office at Office@martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk or pop in.



Foundation Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. If you would like to find out more about this role, please email the Local Academy Board Clerk, Mrs Tracy Barnes, tracyb@martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Lisa Watson lisaw@martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk.

Preschool

The children in Preschool have been looking at the topic 'All About Me.' They have been taking part in lots of different activities around this and have been having great fun! Our current topic is 'All about people that help us'.



Holly

Holly Class have had a great few weeks. They are doing lots of activities in their lessons to encourage different ways of learning. Some of the activities they have done so far are: Making cupcakes in maths to learn about measuring, role playing in RE to learn about the Bible stories.

Holly class also take part in weekly rugby sessions and have been learning the fundamentals of catching and throwing. In games they have been learning how to make decisions and avoiding getting caught. Forest school is also a firm favourite where they have been making mud pies and exploring!



Willow

In RE Willow class created nature colour bracelets as they marvelled at the wonders of our world. We are certainly very lucky to have a school with such beautiful surroundings.



Rowan

Rowan class have been doing lots of exciting things!

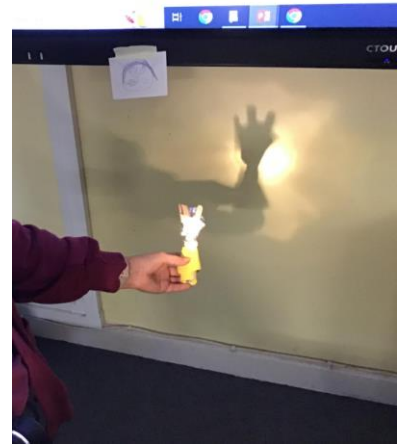
One of the science experiments they have done is to test the effect that different substances have on our teeth. The results are in: The egg in water cracked, the egg in the coffee was very badly stained and the egg in coke had cracked and rotted! They then had a look at the egg left in vinegar over a weekend. It had grown in size, went very soft and we could bounce it on the playground!



Oak

Oak Class have been keeping busy so far this term. They have been taking part in Rugby sessions and have had some great game play putting their passing skills to the test!

They are learning about light in their science lessons and have been making shadows on the wall by creating puppets.



Young Voices

Choir are going to be attending Young Voices in Birmingham at the start of next year! The last time we took part was in 2020 so all of the children and Mr Prince are extremely excited and very much looking forward to this event!



After School Clubs

After school clubs have started with a bang! We have had great uptake with our after school clubs so far this term: Multi-sports, Rugby, Choir and Outdoor Activities. Look out for Orchestra after Christmas!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to send a huge 'Thank you!' to everyone who supported our MacMillan coffee morning this year, either by baking, donating or coming to enjoy tea and cake with us in school.

Our fundraising this year raised £273.65. We are very proud of everyone's efforts and grateful that so many families set aside the time to attend - the atmosphere in school was lovely.

Thank you to Mr Garness and the School Council for organising the event.



Grass

Please can we make sure that children are not running on the grassed areas at the front of school. As the weather deteriorates there is an increased safety risk and we want to avoid mud being brought into school.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

Our outgoing Eco-Committee have been working with Julie Grainger from the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust to develop our school grounds to encourage wildlife to flourish. Year 6 pupil, Cosima has been given the role of Eco-Committee lead and has been working closely with Julie to develop the small forest school area at the bottom of the school field.

The children have litter picked the site and moved the broken goal posts. They have also made bird feeders and hung them in the trees. The Eco Committee discussed what they would like to do next and have decided to update the minibeast hotel and make bird boxes.



In addition, we are planning to do some community work with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust in December, with some of our older pupils planting trees at Monkwood Nature Reserve.

Help needed!

For the minibeast hotel, they need your help in finding the following resources:

- 2 pallets,
- bricks,
- sticks / branches
- pipes(clay would be best)
- bamboo canes



The first four days of this year's programme will be aimed at local schools, followed by a family programme on Saturday and Sunday which includes both ticketed and free events, open to everyone.

This year the likes of expert stop motion animation filmmakers **Aardman** will be **holding workshops** and *Horrid Henry* author **Francesca Simon** introduces her newest book. Fantastic storytelling and puppetry will take place in a variety of venues including the Storytelling Tent in the Priory grounds, Lyttleton Well and even inside the **belly of a whale!** As well as ticketed events there are free storytelling sessions, art activities, film screenings and stalls by local authors across the weekend.

Tickets are available to pre-book only via Malvern Theatres Box Office.

