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## Dates for your diary

Please see the 'Calendar' page on our website for a full list of upcoming events.

24th October - 28th October - Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 8th November - 4M Farm to Fork

Wednesday 9th November - 4W Farm to Fork

Monday 14th November - Y3 Trip to Hindu Temple

Wednesday 16th November - 5B Class Assembly

Friday 18th November - Children in Need

Wednesday 23rd November - 5K Class Assembly

## Attendance

The classes with the best attendance so far are:

1. 3J - 98.82%

2. 5B - 98.35%

3. 2B/V - 98.17%

## Notices

### Welly Week

After half term we will no longer be using the field during playtimes and lunchtimes as it becomes too muddy. However, to help provide the children with more space to play on during lunchtime we are introducing "Welly Week" which will run during the winter months. Each week a year group will have the chance to play down one side of the field providing they have brought to school either wellies or old trainers. These need to come to school in a plastic bag with the child's name on. The wellies will need to be left at school in the cloakroom for the whole week. The dates for each year group's welly week can be found below, and on the school website.

These dates may be subject to change as building work begins over half term on a Bathroom



Management Area at the back of the school and there may be times when we cannot access the field. We will notify you by text if there are any changes and also keep the website updated. Thank you!

Mrs Roberts

### Welly Week!

Week of Monday  
31st Oct - Y5

Week of Monday  
7th Nov - Y4

Week of Monday  
14th Nov - Y3

Week of Monday  
21st Nov - Y2

Week of Monday  
28th Nov - Y1

Week of Monday  
5th Dec - Y5

Week of Monday  
12th Dec - Y4

## Staff

We bid farewell to Mrs Morgan this week, who is leaving for a post at another school. She has been an excellent Teaching Assistant, and we would like to thank her for all of her help in maintaining the school website. Good luck in the future!





## Children in Need

This year, Children in Need is on Friday 18th November. This year's theme is 'Spotacular', so we will be asking children to donate to the charity in return for wearing spotty clothing.

# SPOTACULAR



### Swan Lane on Film

Last week, a professional cameraman came in to film us!

You may have seen on our website that we have an 'Introduction to Swan Lane' video, to help visitors and parents know more about our school. We thought it was about time this was updated so that we could feature all of the wonderful activities we do in school every day, as well as featuring our current children. The cameraman, Matthew Langmead, made his way around school filming the children and staff going about their normal day. It was brilliant to see so many engaging lessons and fun-filled activities taking place, and there was a wonderful atmosphere around the whole school. In a few weeks, we should have the finished film to share with you!

*Mr Bowkett*

## Over Farm

Two weeks ago, a number of pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 visited a working farm (Over Farm) in Gloucester. The day started off with a talk about the farm and how it has changed to meet the demands of its customers over the last 20 years.

Children learned about the importance of buying local produce and food miles. The children were taken on a tour of the farm and



allowed to pick and taste a number of vegetables. These vegetables were then used by the children in school the next day to make pumpkin curry and beetroot

and chocolate muffins! After lunch, there was an opportunity to feed the animals on the farm and we all got a chance to look around the farm shop and see the fantastic array of vegetables they have to offer. The day was rounded off with a thrilling tractor ride around the whole farm!

*Mr Johnson*

## Y4 Evacuee Experience

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Y4 took part in an 'Evacuation Experience' which began at Winchcombe station. We dressed as evacuee children and boarded a steam train. On the journey we sang wartime songs and met some people who had been evacuated during the war. We then had the chance to ask questions and listen to some of their fascinating stories. We also spotted a German spy on the train but luckily Mrs Freeman and Mr Warren were on hand to save the day and courageously escorted him off the train.



Once off the train we learnt how fires were put out during war time. Sadly, there were no hoses and it required a lot of elbow grease! Later, we heard the air raid siren screeching so we swiftly made our way into a shelter. This experience was rather frightening as the shelter was pitch black, but we all made it out safely. It was a fantastic day with, an excellent combination of fun activities and lots of learning. Thank you to all the parents who put together costumes, the children looked fantastic! There is a full gallery of photos on our website.

*Mr Warren*

