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## Dates for your diary

Monday 16th April - Start of Spring 2

Thursday 19th April - Visit of French Pupils

Friday 27th April - Cluster Music Festival

Monday 7th May - May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May - Hearing Tests for Reception

Wednesday 9th May - Bikeability

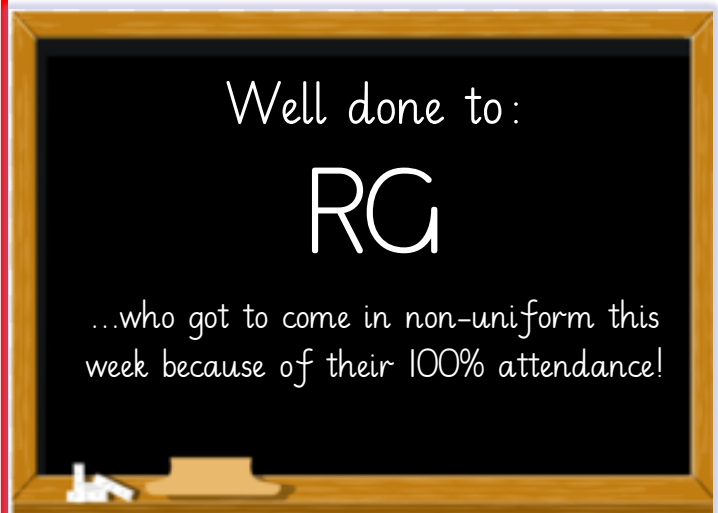
Thursday 24th May - Clive Chandler Punch & Judy Y2

Friday 25th May - Last day of Summer 1

Monday 4th June - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th June - Pupils return for Summer 2

## Attendance



## Happy Easter

Although this term has been relatively short, it has still been full of activity and as productive as usual. We have plenty to report, and plenty to look forward to next term. Thank you for recently completing the parent questionnaire. The results are being sent to you in a separate letter. Have a lovely break over Easter and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 16th April.

## Introduction of Parent Pay

We're pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school. We are hoping to run for a term with a

view to becoming completely cashless in September.

Using ParentPay will bring you a range of benefits:

- it's easy to use and gives you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like
- you can also make payments through PayPoint in a number of local outlets
- full payment histories will be available at any time
- your children won't have to worry about losing money at school
- you can choose to be alerted when your balance is low via email or text
- other local schools such as St. Egwin's and PHHS also use this system

After Easter you will be receiving a unique username and password which will enable you to set up an account for your child. If you already have an account for an older sibling, you can choose to add your child to your existing account.



## A Visit to the Library

The Reception classes went on a trip to Evesham Library. While we were there, the children had a story session, a tour of the library and a chance to explore the childrens' book section. At the end, they were all given a free book and an application form to join the library. If your child is not already a member, why not take them along? It's free to join, they get a free DVD rental and they can borrow up to 12 books at a time free of charge. That should keep them busy in the Easter holidays!



## Science Festival

As part of British Science Week, a number of Y5 pupils were fortunate enough to spend a day at Worcester University to practise and develop their science skills. Children took part in 5 practical workshops investigating an array of science aspects. The day started off with a welcome talk and an introduction to the Science Professors. The workshops consisted of:

Photography – the use of lenses and how a camera works

Coding Animated Stories – creation of a short comic strip with moving characters.

The physics of Sound – children were challenged to create their own sounds waves.

Experimentation – extracting DNA from a strawberry and looking inside the human body.

Forensic Science—children turned into detectives as they were given clues to solve a crime.

The day was a great insight into the world of science and the year 5 students were amazed by the practical experiments. A definite highlight was extracting the DNA and children taking and describing their finger prints. This enabled them to eliminate themselves as a suspect!

*Mr Johnson*



## Malvern Residential



Last week, Year 5 had the opportunity to go on a 3-day residential trip to the Malvern Outdoor Education Centre. The children had been looking forward to it for a long time and were eager to take part in all of the activities.

During the trip everyone had a go at a number of exciting and challenging activities: a night walk on the Malvern Hills, climbing, ziplining, bushcraft, orienteering, archery and tunnelling. Lots of children had to conquer their fears, and in the process learnt a lot about themselves and their friends. It was a wonderful experience enabling the children to challenge themselves in lots of different ways. For some, the greatest challenge was passing the daily dormitory inspection!



Seeing children take responsibility, look after each other and interact in such a polite and friendly way with adults was absolutely brilliant.



Well done to everyone who came and thank you for all your hard work.

*Mr Bowkett*

## Sandfield Farm Trip

Some children from Years 1-4 had the opportunity to visit a farm last week. During the day, pupils got to learn about life on a farm, the potential dangers, and had the opportunity to meet and feed the animals!

Children were put in pairs and set a challenge to create a sculpture from materials they could find in the woods. Everyone one worked tremendously hard in their teams and produced some excellent artwork. In the afternoon, the children could explore an outdoor music area, tyre swings, grass covered tunnels, play houses and a maze. All of the children enjoyed the outdoor environment and explored all areas with great interest.

*Mr Johnson*

