



# Wistanstow C.E. Primary School's Bulletin



01.03.24

## Head of School's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week say our very first 'Foodbank Friday' collection day. Thank you to all who have donated. The school is now established as a formal collection point for Craven Arms Foodbank donations and we are now able to open our collection point up to the local community - you will see posters popping up in the local area. I met with the organisers this week to discuss how our school can further support in this much needed local cause. Further details and information will be forthcoming in due course.

This week, Class 3 welcomed Canon James Pacey and William Talbot-Ponsonby from the Hereford Diocese Schools and Family Learning, who delivered a drama workshop around emotions and The Passion of Jesus.

A huge congratulations to our Y5/6 high 5 netball team who will be appearing in the quarter finals of the regional competition to represent South Shropshire in the Shropshire Games. The team has worked so hard and are currently unbeaten in all games. Thank you to Miss Pinches and Mrs Pinches who have trained and supported the children, giving their time out of school to ensure that our team has been so well prepared. We wish them luck in the quarter finals.

Next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Your children are invited to dress as a character from their favourite book and bring the book in to talk about.

Sue Phillips

Head of School

**The School Nursing Team will visit school on Friday 22nd February. They will speak to Class 1 about dental hygiene and Classes 2 and 3 (separately) about hygiene. Children in Reception and Y6 will be measured as part of the National Childhood Measurement Programme, unless parents have opted out.**

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday Afternoons	Class 3, Team Talk with Shrewsbury Town Football Club.
Tuesday 5th March	Class 2 Trip to the Discovery Centre
Wednesday 6th March	Swimming gala
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day including Special Menu for Lunch
Monday 11th March	Dental Survey
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief Fun Run at Cardingmill Valley
Tuesday 19th March	Easter Service at Wistanstow Church
Thursday 21st March	Class 3 Trip to Malvern Theatre Class 2 PE Event at Church Preen
Friday 22nd March	School Nursing Team visiting
Thursday 11th-Friday 12th April	Class 2 Pioneer Centre Residential
Tuesday 23rd-Thursday 25th April	Class 3 Residential at Oakerwood

**Thank you all for making payments for school trips and school dinners on time. It is very much appreciated!**

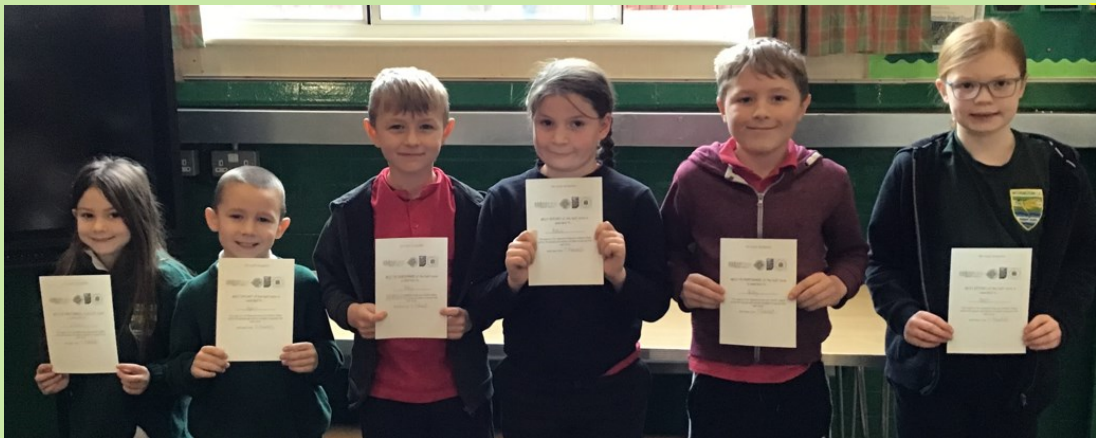


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Well done to all of our Wistanstow Stars!





# Thursday 7th March

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

## MENU

**The Tiger who came to Tea**

Sophie's Sausages (Pork & Vegetarian)

**The Hungry Caterpillar**

Cheese & Vegetable Stackers

**Nimbus 2001**

Garlic & Herb Wedges

**Bertie Bott's** everyday favourite Baked Beans

**Fungus the Bogey Man**

Green Slime Jelly

**Harry Potter's**

Butterbeer (Butterscotch Angel Delight)



[www.shireservices.co.uk](http://www.shireservices.co.uk)

Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

Going forward, Monday in Week 3 of the dinner calendar will now be Battered Chicken Bites instead of Sweet and Sour Chicken.





## Sports

On 29th February, our mixed netball team went to Ludlow to compete in a bee netball tournament.

They played 3 games to start. The first game they won 21-0 against Cleobury Mortimer. The second game they won 8-0 against Bishops Hooper. The third game they won 10-0 against Burford.

We then got through to the final round where we played against Corvedale and Ludlow. We beat Corvedale 8-2. Then we played Ludlow and won 8-0.

We scored a total of 55 goals in this tournament. We conceded only 2 goals!

Now we are awaiting a date for the next round. If Wistanstow win the next round we will be going to represent south Shropshire in the Shropshire games!

We only got these results because of all the hard work and dedication from the players. Players from the boys team on a Wednesday also gave up their weekend and evenings for extra practice to help this team for today!

Wistanstow are so proud of all our netballers and all their hard work is starting to pay off!

Everyone wishes you guys the best of luck in the next round.

Mrs and Miss Pinches



### Comic Relief Fun Run at Cardingmill Valley



[Here is a link to our Just Giving Page for our Comic Relief Fun Run.](#)





# Music



On Wednesday 28th February, we rehearsed for Shropshire Sings at Brockton CE Primary School. It was a lovely atmosphere and the children all sang beautifully.







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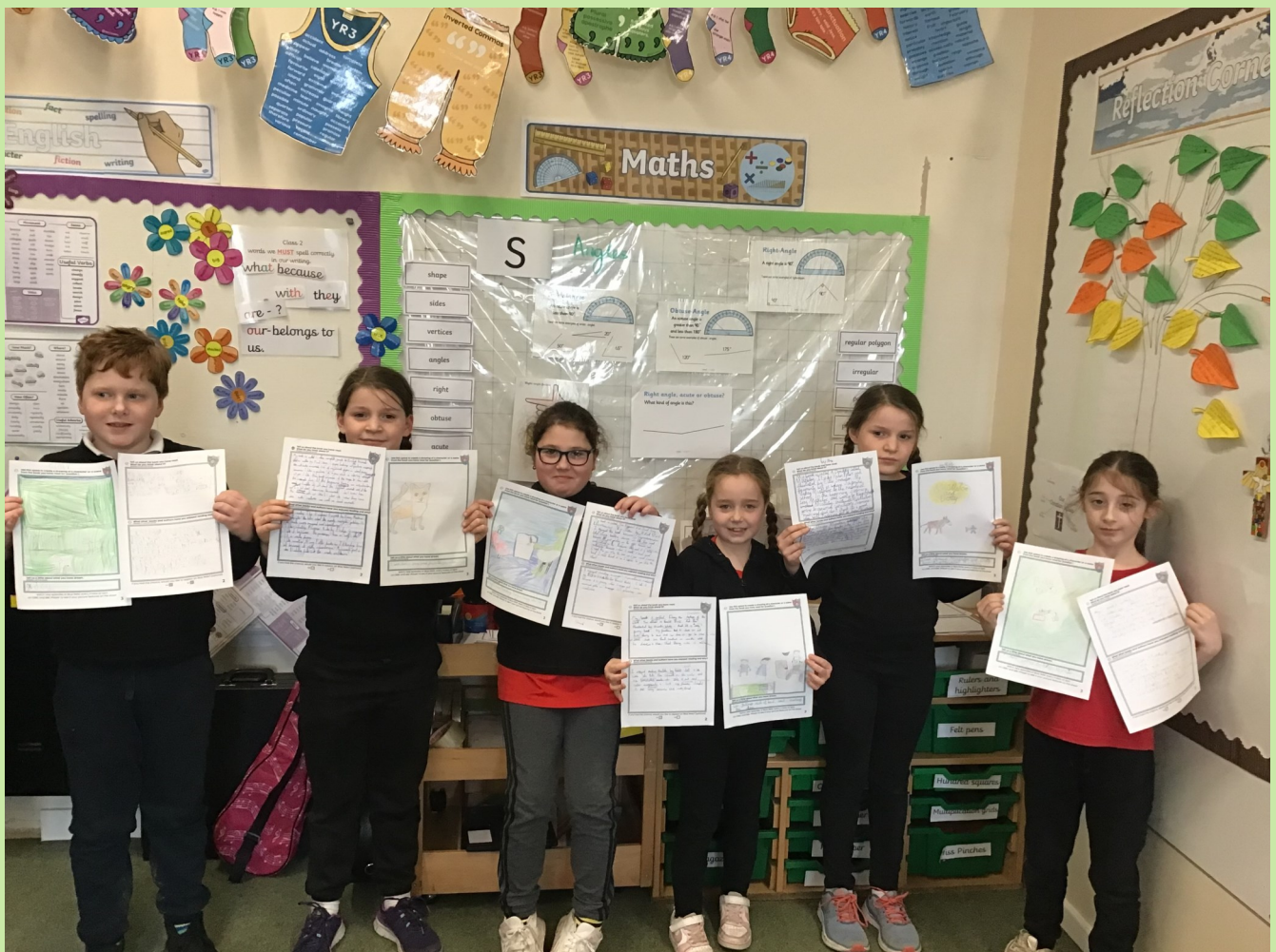
Class 1 enjoyed their trip to Shrewsbury on Wednesday to learn about Charles Darwin. We walked around spots such as his statue, St Mary's Church where he went as a child and the Darwin Gate. We then took part in a workshop all about Charles Darwin at the museum.





## Class 2

Class 2 have been completing their Blue Peter reading badge applications this week. They had to write about their favourite books and authors. We had a great turn out of books on Thursday. Well done Class 2!





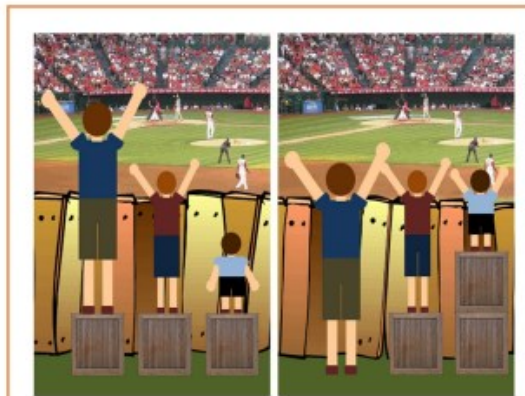
# Class 3

Wistanstow School –  
Growing and Learning Together.

Our Christian value this term is **JUSTICE**



The Parable of the Sower



Fair is not  
always equal.

## Class 3 Science

### Fickle Forces

Aire pressure around the balloons is preventing Charlie from blowing them apart.  
Friction is stopping the tower of coins from falling down when Jack and Riley knock one away from the bottom of the pile.







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## Important Information



### Mobiles/Tablets

You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access.

Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.

Apple devices: [Families - Apple \(UK\)](#)

Android devices: <https://families.google/familylink/>

Further information Internet Matters provide a checklist here: [Set up devices for children - Internet Matters](#)

### New Devices

If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls?

### Consoles

All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with.

Find out the specific settings below:

- PlayStation: [https://www.playstation.com/en\[1\]gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/](https://www.playstation.com/en[1]gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/)
- Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>
- Nintendo Switch: [Nintendo Switch Parental Controls | Hardware | Nintendo](#)

We are very excited about our upcoming residentials!

Pioneer Residential for Class 2 is Thursday 11th April - Friday 12th April.

Oakerwood Residential for Class 3 is Tuesday 23rd April - Thursday 25th April.

Thank you for making your payments on time.



# Health

## Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

For further information about Measles and the MMR Vaccination, please see the NHS website.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mmr-vaccine/)

# Safeguarding

## Private Tutors

We are aware that sometimes parents choose to hire a private tutor for their children. Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that anyone you are "hiring" as a private tutor, has the appropriate credentials and safer recruitment checks in place. Always ask to see their DBS documentation and recent references.





## **CLOSURE NOTICE**

### **from Shropshire Beam and Shropshire Wellbeing Zones Services**


Shropshire Beam has been operating with the BeeU partnership in the area since 2017 and over the years we have supported many fantastic children, young people & parents. Unfortunately, our funding will come to an end in April 2024 and as a result both the Beam and Wellbeing Zone service will close.

Within the past year The Children's Society have had the privilege to work with 1578 young people for individual support and 4607 young people in therapeutic workshops. We recognise the impact this will have in the area once our service closes and are terribly disappointed by the news the funding will not continue.

Our staff have started to notify our children, young people and their families of the closure, with further details to be shared on wider TCS social media accounts. We have also provided links to our website which has a range of resources which will support children, young people and parents whilst identifying other great services across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

There is so much for us to be proud of and we greatly appreciate all Shropshire Beam and Wellbeing Zone teams and would like to thank you for your support over these fabulous years.

The Children's Society Beam & Wellbeing Zone Teams

 @ShropshireBeam

Should you wish to address this closure with comment please do send an email to The Service Manager at [shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk)

