



Friday September 13th 2024

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, pre school and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

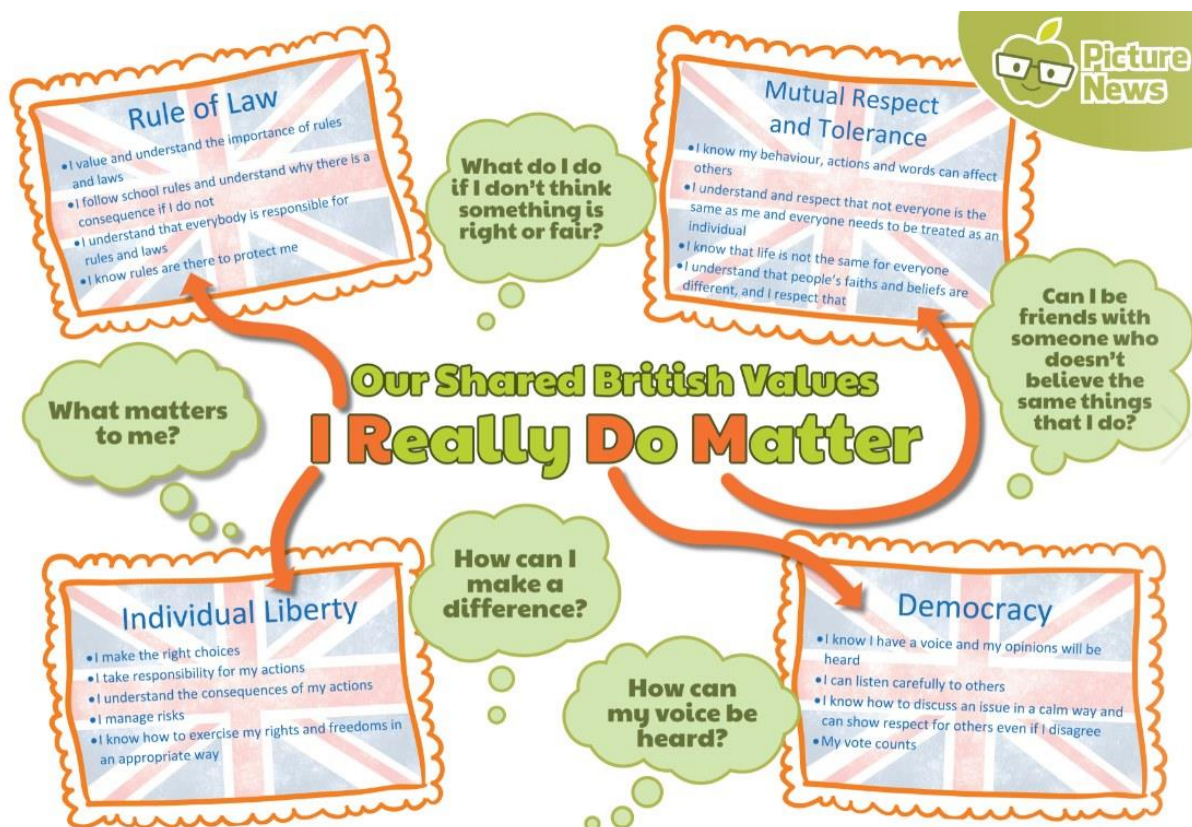
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

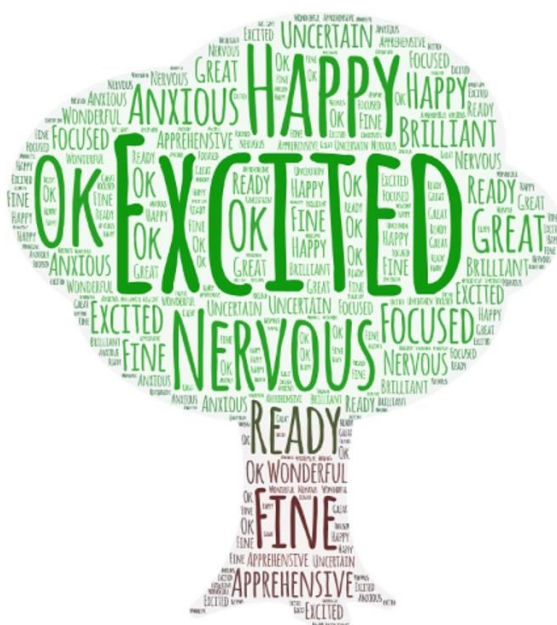
Bible Quote Ezra 10

"Get up, for this matter is your responsibility, and we will support you. Be strong and take action!"

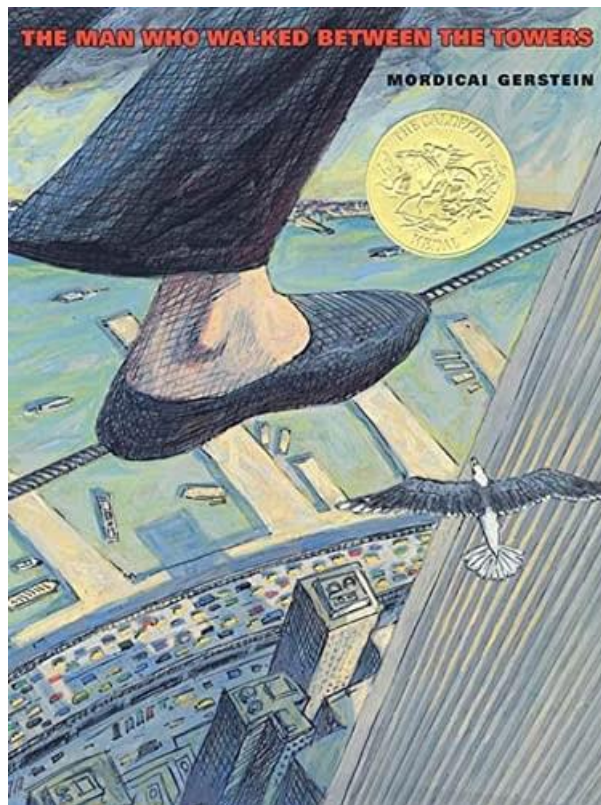
Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year 2024-2025



The new school year is a positive chance for everyone to reflect on what they have as their aims and aspirations for this year. We looked in our worship at how we were feeling and came up with our lovely tree of hope. We have thought about our first value for this year, Responsibility and will be seeing how this ties in with our British values that are so important to us. We are all responsible for our own feelings and for ensuring that together we work as a team to ensure our school is a happy and positive place to be. This value can embrace all the British values and we will be finding out why over the coming weeks.



Class 5 read the author [Mordicai Gerstein](#)



Year 5 have started to read **'The Man who walked between Two Towers'** as part of their English work.

This moving book is based on a man called Philippe Petit who once did a tightrope walk between the two towers. On Wednesday 11th September it was 23 years since the attack on the World Trade Centre in New York. Class 5 investigated the history of this. They found out that over 3000 people lost their lives on this day, and as a class they held a moment of quiet reflection to remember all of these people. The classroom atmosphere was quiet and focused as the children worked through the moving story.

In our English work we have learnt that the Twin Towers were built by more than 10,000 workers, they cost 2.3 Billion to build and that they were 110 stories high. Some of the pupils shared their thoughts...

Sophie

The air bumping Philippe like a crowded city

Rae-Anne

A spiraling pang of beauty in my heart

Finley says he is enjoying the book as he is enjoying learning about events in history.

Hollie said that she likes the book as she liked how Philippe walked across the two towers.

Attendance all day every day



Our Children's attendance in school is very important and each day that a pupil misses will impact their education. We have a very strict protocol on the attendance of our pupils and you have been sent the new attendance policy. [Here](#) is the link to make it easy for you to check our new regulations.

To remind all parents on the impact of children missing time from school the following information shows in percentage terms what happens to education when there is absence. We do understand that from time to time we may all experience illness but there are many absences that are not linked to illness and we want to ensure that in our school attendance these are not evident.

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for their future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils may achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who miss 2 weeks across the year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

85%: 29 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they are unlikely to achieve their potential.

80%: 38 days absence a year

The Government classes young people in this group as “Persistent Absentees”, and it will be almost impossible for a child to make up for lost learning. Parents of young people in this group could face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority. Letters will be sent to all the parents/carers of children who are classed as persistent absentees under the above criteria.

Our Attendance for this week

Congratulations to year 1 and 2 who have had the best attendance this week.

- 93%Reception
- **97%Year 1**
- **97%Year 2**
- 96%Year 3
- 96%Year 4
- 95%Year 5
- 95%Year 6

Whole School: 95%

Clubs to support children's personal development

We run a wide range of different clubs throughout the year and are looking forward to the clubs starting again next week. We aim to ensure there is enough variety to suit all children and the lists for attendance have gone out this week. For this term we are running:

Adventure

construction

Netball

Film

Choir and musical theatre

Family Learning to support our parents

We have been asked to share a list of the new **FREE** Family learning courses for September. If you click on the booking link it will take you to a page with more information to book directly onto the course.

[English in School for Parents/Carers Booking](#)

Starting on 25th September online Wednesday afternoons 12.30 – 2.30pm

[Maths in School for Parents/carers Booking](#)

Starting on 15th October Online Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30pm

These are courses to help parents and carers to understand more about what their child is learning in school. If you have any questions or would like help booking on you can call General Enquiries for Adult Learning Services or Support: 01905 728537

Important Dates

More information regarding the events will be published closer to the time.

Friday 20th September: Cake Sale, 3:15pm - 4pm, Playground

Wednesday 25th September: Meet the teacher evening, 3:15pm - 4pm

Friday 27th September: Harvest Festival, 9:30am at Church

Monday 30th September: school photos

Friday 4th October: Open day for new students

Friday 18th October: Disco, KS1 3:15pm - 4:15pm, KS2 4:20pm - 5:20pm

Wednesday 23rd October: Parents evening

Thursday 24th October: Parents evening

We have a range of dates set for this year for a variety of events. At the start of each term we will send you the dates in advance to help with your planning. Further details will be sent closer to the actual events. We hope that you find this half terms dates useful.

Our Friends association Annual general meeting on Friday 20th September at 4:00pm

In every school one of the most important elements for fundraising is the parents teacher association which is a charity based committee who fundraise for our school. We are very reliant on the Friends association and it is through this group that we raise money to support our children to enhance their educational experience. There have been many events that Friends contribute to over the years but one that is always very popular is supporting the whole school visit to the Christmas pantomime that widens children's personal development.

Our current Friends Chair, Rachael Barker, (Year 6 parents) has informed me that she will be stepping down at the next AGM. I would like to thank Rachael for her continuous support for the friends association since her eldest child started with us many years ago. Rachael and her committee will be hosting the AGM at school on 20th September at 4:00pm. We would like to invite ANY parent who wishes to support the school Friend's association to raise funds to join us on this afternoon to find out more about the Friends. Everyone is welcome and we do hope to have a strong committee going forwards to develop our school fundraising.

This weekend there is a free heritage open day with many differing activities to suit all ages. The event is being held St Mary's Church in Ripple and the attached poster has the details.



Red Eagle Martial Arts



The red eagle Martial Arts runs at our school each Monday evening. If you would like to be involved in the Martial Arts or would like your child to join here is the website link:

redeaglemartialarts.co.uk

Nikki runs both adult and children's classes and these can support mental health and wellbeing as well as keeping our bodies fit and healthy.

