

15th March 2024



Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, Nursery 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

Isaiah 26:3

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

Starting the day with a smile with thanks to Warner's Supermarket.



We have a breakfast club that runs through school starting at 7:30 each morning. We have been supported with this venture by Warner's Supermarket who provide the food for us which enables us to keep our costs down. This morning we invited the team from Warner's into school to say a huge thank you to the company for their valuable support.

A statement from them reads:

'Warner's Supermarket is really pleased to be able to support the Breakfast Club'; store manager Jack and marketing manager Lucy had a great time visiting and meeting the children, Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Furze. 'The children all obviously enjoy their time at the breakfast club and it's brilliant to see them starting their day with breakfast in such a lovely warm and friendly environment.'

We presented them with an Acer tree to say thank you and they have said they will plant this outside the store so the children can see it when they visit the store. As a school, this community support is vital to us and we really appreciate the input from Warner's supermarket team.

There are some places in breakfast club and if you would like to join or try out a session please contact the office for more information. It's a lovely way to start the day, the children are happy and the breakfasts are delicious.

Author visit to school



Years 1, 2 & 3 Author Visit

We have been continuing our focus on the development of reading and this week we have had a unique opportunity to hear from an author who lives locally and offered to visit us. Children's reading for pleasure is so vital to their long term reading success and we need to find different ways to promote this love of reading.

Years 1, 2 & 3 were fortunate to have Sue Yardley visit to read her story 'Cyril the Racehorse'. It was brilliant! Firstly she introduced them to Cyril the racehorse and showed them some pictures of Cyril racing at Hereford racecourse. Then she read us the story and showed us the pictures. Afterwards the children posed her some excellent questions and she answered them and told them what it was like being an author. The children were engaged throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the story of Cyril who eventually won the race! She also told us about her other books and the children were excited to read them. The morning was such a success the children clearly enjoyed hearing the story and all about how she was inspired to write the story. An inspirational morning for our children. Thank you to Sue and we look forward to hearing further adventures of Cyril in the future.

You can purchase her books 'Cyril and the Racehorse' at Upton Post Office and on Amazon.

JOIN THE UK'S BIGGEST PLASTIC INVESTIGATION



This week Year 6 have been taking part in The Big Plastic Count which is a part of their topic on pollution in our oceans. They have been investigating plastic use, monitoring their plastic use at home and submitting our results online. Once this has been completed they will be sent a personal plastic footprint which shows where it ends up.

There is still an opportunity for you to take part in this activity by clicking the link below.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com>

Count your plastic for one week – **11-17 March 2024.**

For one week in March, thousands of schools, households, community groups and businesses will be coming together to count their plastic waste. And we want you to join them.

Almost a quarter of a million people took part in The Big Plastic Count in 2022. Together we revealed that almost two billion pieces of plastic packaging are being thrown away a week. This year you can help build even more evidence to convince UK ministers to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic pollution for good.

Year 5 explore Micro:bits

So the first question will be....What is a Micro:bit? They are tiny pocket sized computers that can be programmed through the use of different software. We have a class set and they are used to develop our computer skills providing exciting and vibrant learning opportunities. By the end of the lesson class 5 had successfully managed to programme the Micro:bits to show differing emojis depending on which button was pressed, create sounds on command and had begun to explore the ability to use them as temperature probes. The pupils were fascinated by the activities and enjoyed the learning experience.



Headteacher's Awards 'Anything is Possible we can all succeed'



In our school we have a number of different awards and the headteacher award is presented to the children for a variety of different achievements. The awards are given by Mrs Wills if children's work is thought to be particularly exceptional and if the children have demonstrated the vision coming to life through the work.

This week we are celebrating the success of Henry in year 3 who achieved some very accomplished painting and sewing around work the class have carried out on volcanos. He worked diligently throughout the project and also offered to help other children with the sewing. Well done Henry.

The Easter Service 9:30 am Friday 22nd March



As we approach the end of term I would like to invite you all to our Easter Service. This will be held at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul's and we are delighted the team at Church are able to facilitate this for us. This year our Open the Book team will be leading the service and key stage 1 and 2 will be taking part in singing traditional Easter songs. The Open the Book team are a dedicated group of people who bring the Bible alive for our children and we are looking forward to watching the team act out the Holy Week. When Open the Book lead collective Worship in school they often have children help with the acting and they are involving us with this too.

The open the book website says:

Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the [Open the Book programme](#) to prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible.

Storytelling teams are made up of trained and safely recruited volunteers from local churches and organisations, who sign up as members and follow the [Open the Book Code of Practice](#).

Come along and we will look forward to sharing our Open the Book Easter service with you. Please sit towards the back of the Church as school will need the front rows for the classes to sit in.

Easter Egg Competition

A vertical poster for an Easter Egg Competition. The top section has a gold background with the Elgar Court Barchester Healthcare logo and the text 'EASTER FUN EGG DESIGN COMPETITION'. Below this, on a white background, is the text 'Win a Chocolate Easter Egg with your own 'Egg-cellent' design on it!'. Three paragraphs of text follow, describing the competition rules and eligibility. The bottom section has a gold background with submission details. The poster is decorated with images of colorful Easter eggs, a chocolate bunny, and a yellow chick.

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EASTER FUN

EGG DESIGN COMPETITION

Win a Chocolate Easter Egg with your own 'Egg-cellent' design on it!

The 'Egg-ceptional' creations will be judged by our residents, and there will be one winner from each school.

The chocolicious designs will be made into chocolate eggs and presented to pupils by our Residents.

Our competition is open to all primary school pupils in Malvern and the surrounding parishes.

To enter, please email or post your submissions to:
Email: naomi.steward@barchester.com Post: Or drop off at the address below.
Closing by Friday 22 March 2024

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