



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

Today we have welcomed the start of Spring! We have daffodils flowering around school, planted last year by a willing team of pupil helpers. After a very wet start to the day, we finally had some glorious sunshine this afternoon too.

As usual, there is lots going on in school and the children continue to work really hard. Bookings are now open for you to sign up for a **Parents' evening** slot in the final week of the term,. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Don't forget, next Thursday is **World Book Day**. Please come dressed as a career of your choice, linked (if you can) to a book you enjoy. Next week, we shall be taking part in National Careers week too, so a busy week in school.

Karen Banford

Headteacher

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
4th-8th March	Careers Week
Thur 7th Mar	World Book Day—come dressed as a career of your choice, linked to a book you enjoy 1C class assembly 8:55am in the hall
Mon 11th-Fri 15th Mar	Science Week
Tues 12th Mar	Y2 trip to Dudley Zoo
Thur 14th Mar	RC class assembly
Tue 19th Mar	Parent Forum in Our Space 8:45am
Wed 20th Mar	Year 5 Hollowford meeting for parents and children 8:45am in the hall
Wed 20th and Thur 21st Mar	Parents evenings <b>NB Bookings will go live w/b 26.2.24 so keep an eye on your email</b>
Thur 21st Mar	10 class assembly in the hall 8:55am Year 5 trip to Malvern Theatre

### Weekly attendance:

Whole school: 94.96%  
(down on last week)

Best year: Year 3 with 97.9%

Best class: 6O with 99.4%

**Well done.**



**Also well done to 3O with 99+%.**

We recognise the additional challenges which some of our families face. Our in-school certificates celebrate the full range of attendance.

### Housepoints:

Severn 362

Avon 499

Teme 539

**Overall winners: Teme**

**KS 1 winners: Teme**

**KS2 winners: Teme**

# World Book Day

This year, we have decided to link our World Book Day dressing-up to our Careers week theme. It's on Thursday 7th March.

Your child could dress up as any career of their choice, whether or not they are thinking of it for their future. See if you can find a book to go with the costume, where the role appears in the story....



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# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

the spotlight is on...



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# R.E. at Cherry Orchard

At Cherry Orchard Primary School, we believe the principal aim of Religious Education is to explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live.

Pupils are given the opportunities to gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief, and to be able to reflect on their ideas and ways of living- regardless of ethnic origin, gender, class, aptitude, or disability and to prepare them for multicultural life in modern Britain.

Our R.E. curriculum is designed around the Worcestershire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and focuses on three core elements:

- making sense of beliefs;
- understanding the impact of beliefs (how and why people put their beliefs into action);
- making connections between pupil's own lives and ways of understanding the world. These elements offer a structure through which pupils encounter diverse religious traditions alongside non-religious worldviews.

We learn about Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism. Each religion is taught in blocks that last a half term or term, but over the course of the year, all four religions are taught in every year group.





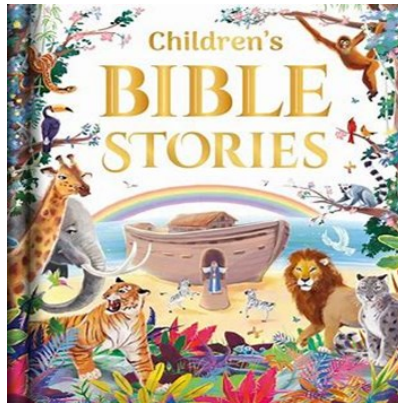
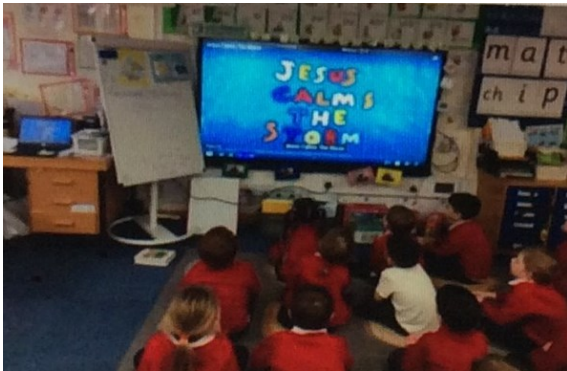
## Year R

Children in Reception enjoy R.E. We have been learning about which stories are special and why.

We started by looking at stories we thought were special and explained why they were special to us.

We have been recognising some religious words about God and identifying the Bible as the Christian **sacred** text.

We have been listening and talking about some of the things stories teach believers. We enjoyed creating sound effects for the story in the Christian Bible, when Jesus calms the storm and learning about what it teaches Christians about having faith in God.



Pitter patter...

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Bang!



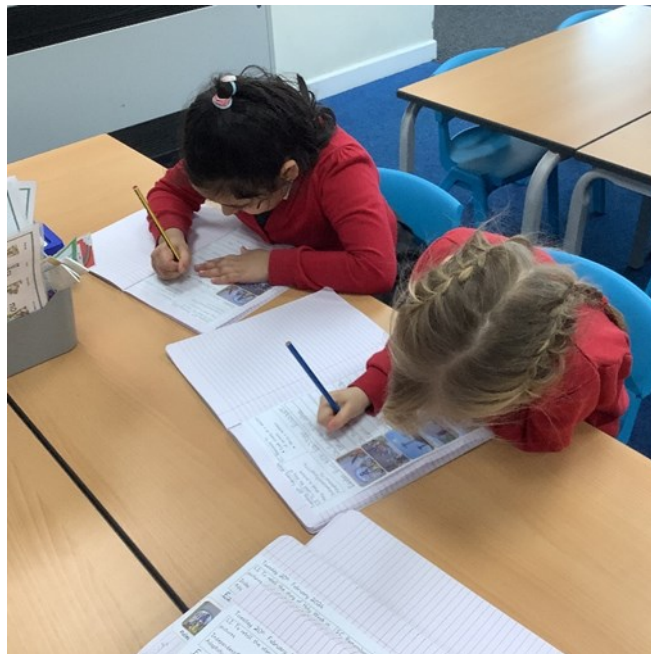
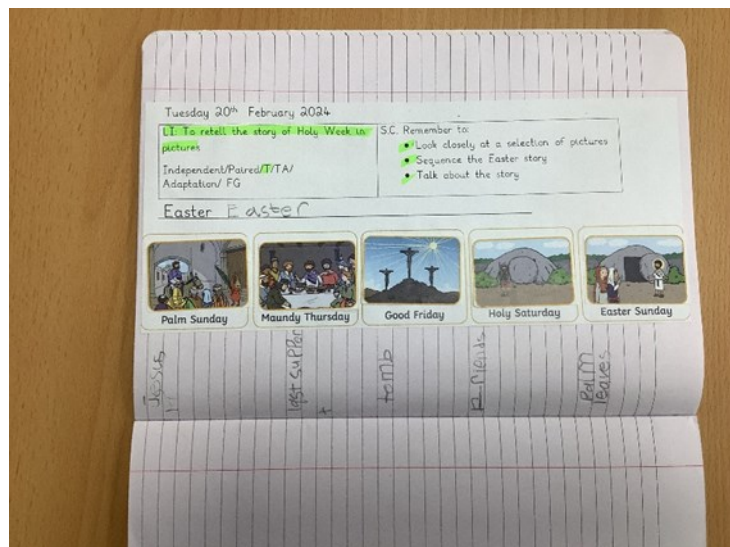
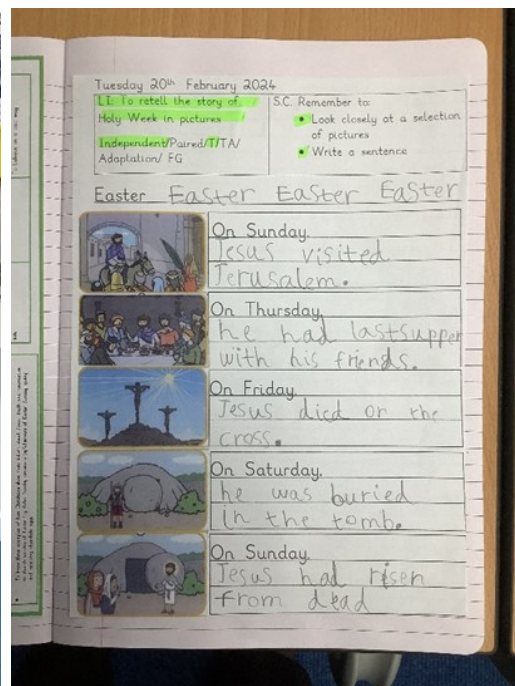
Our next Special story has been taken from the Quran. We have learnt about how the prophet Mohammad re-cited the message of Allah which became the words in the Quran.



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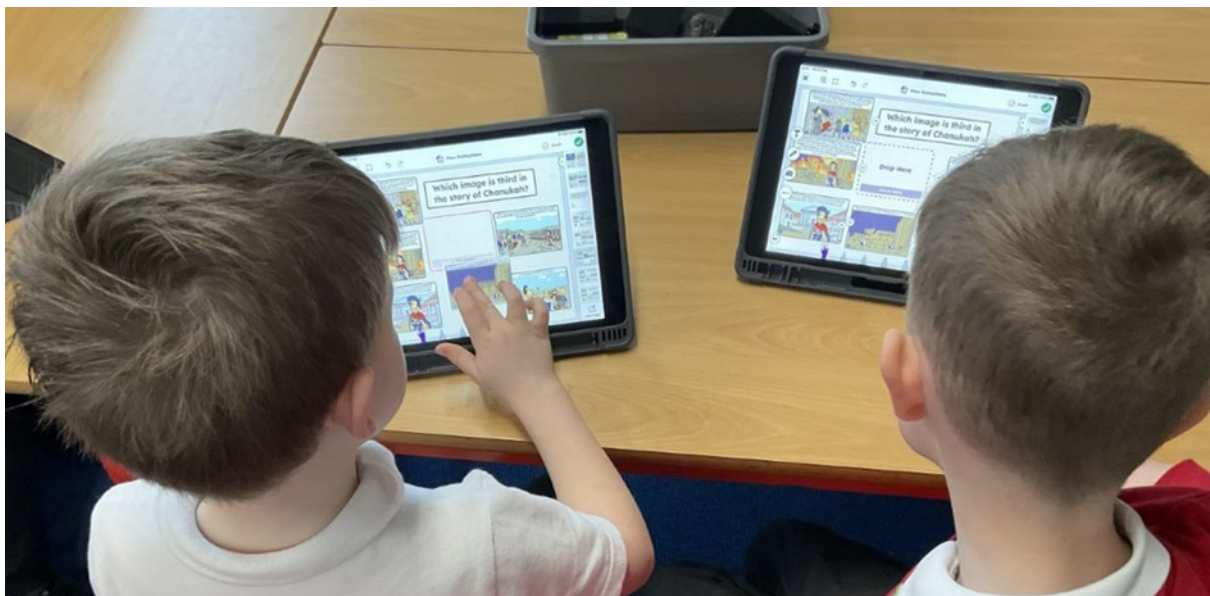
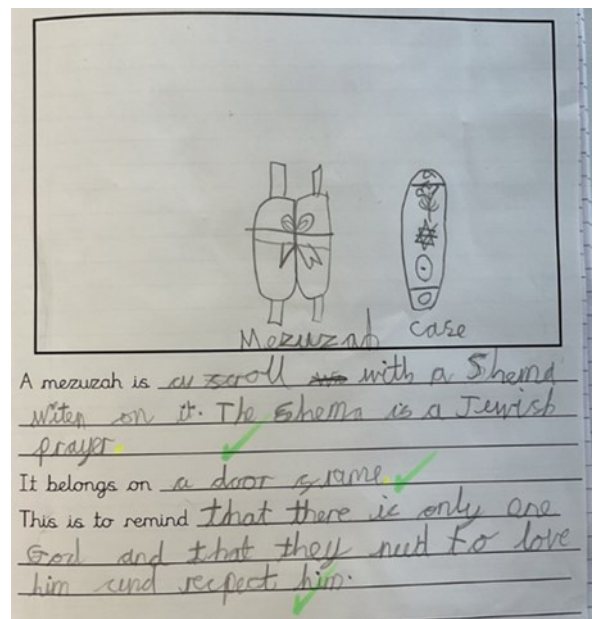
# Year 1





## Year 2

As part of their Judaism topic, Year Two have been learning about how Jewish people live. This has included studying precious items, learning important stories and exploring key traditions within the religion. They completed a variety of activities and even managed to use the iPads to enhance their learning.

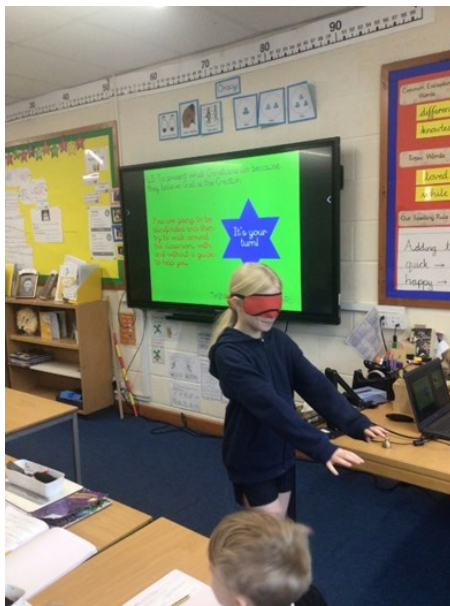


## Year 3

In R.E this term, we have been considering how Christians use the Bible as a guide throughout life, with God being the inspiration for this "Maker's Manual".

We made sense of this by thinking about activities in life that are considerably easier to succeed in when there are instructions, guide books or a designer/creator available. We used analogies including mazes and lego sets to understand this concept better. We then undertook a fantastic practical activity that involved the children trying to make their way around the classroom whilst wearing a blindfold, first alone, then with a guide to help them navigate their way.

The children then made short presentations to the class to demonstrate their understanding of how Christians consider the Bible to be a point of guidance for them, with God as the Creator being the inspiration.

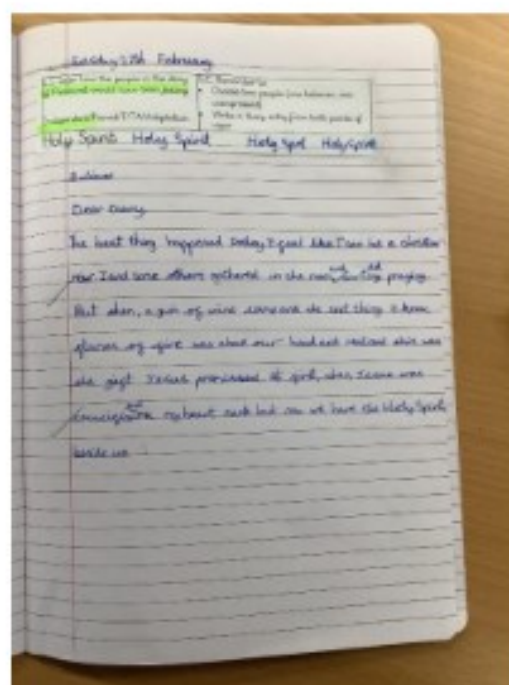




## YEAR 4

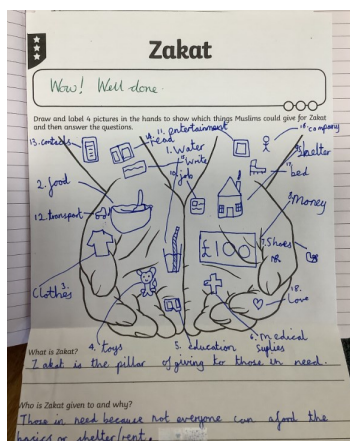
Last half term, Year 4 focused on Salvation: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? We have enjoyed using art and drama to answer the driving question. Year 4 identified the importance of the events of Holy Week.

This half term we are focusing on the Kingdom of God, the driving question is: When Jesus left what was the impact of Pentecost? We have learned about the Holy Spirit.



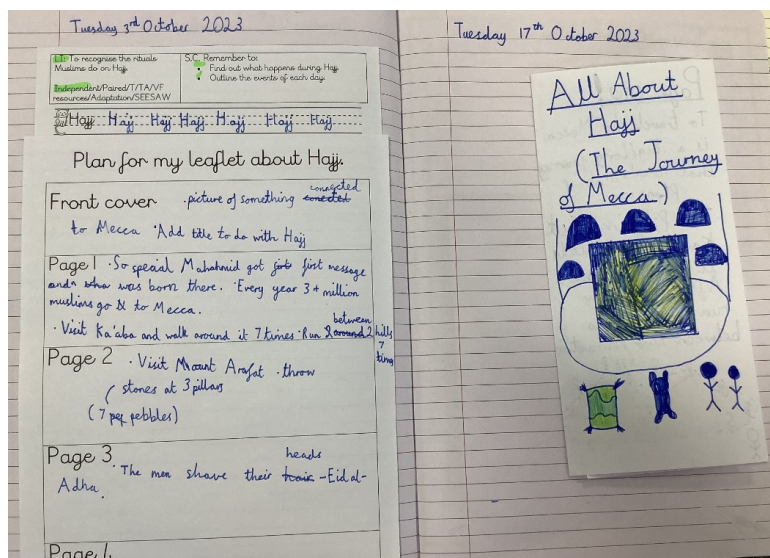


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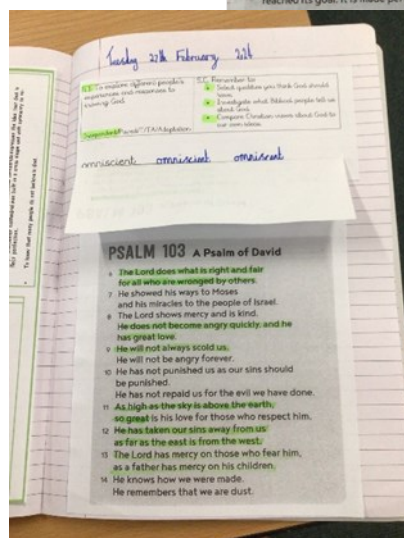
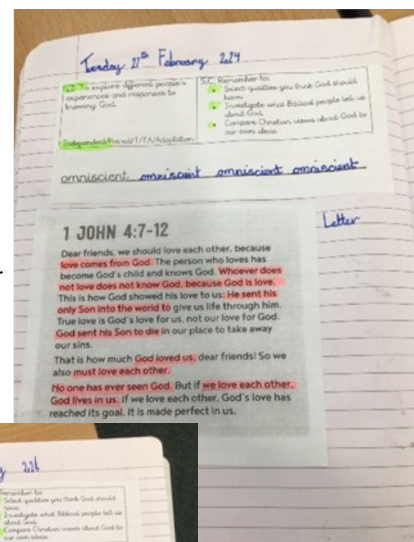
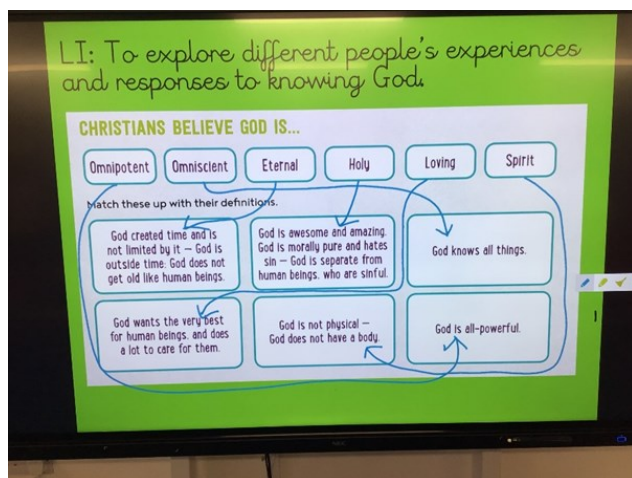


During the first Autumn half term, Year 5 learnt about what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.

We discussed how Muslims use the Five Pillars to guide their lives and thought about how it could affect people's lives in Worcestershire.

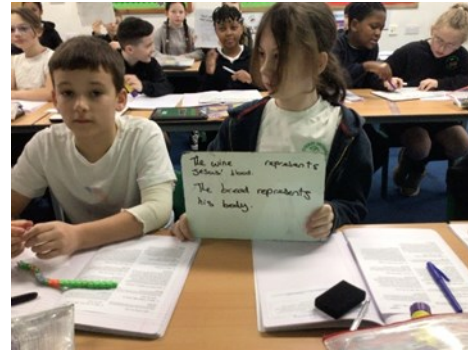
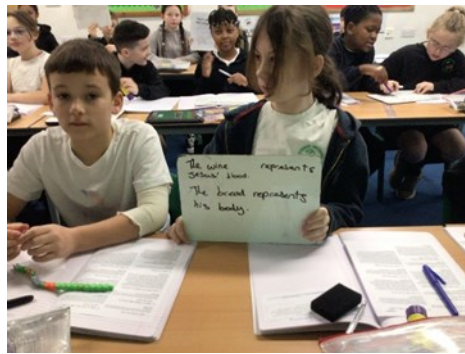
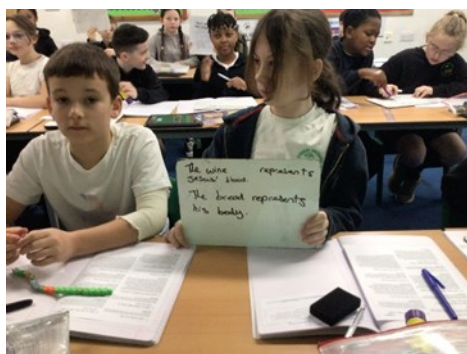


This half term, we have been learning that Christians believe God is holy and loving and found examples of this in Psalms and Bible verses. This has given us the opportunity to learn some fantastic new pieces of vocabulary, such as omnipotent and omniscient!

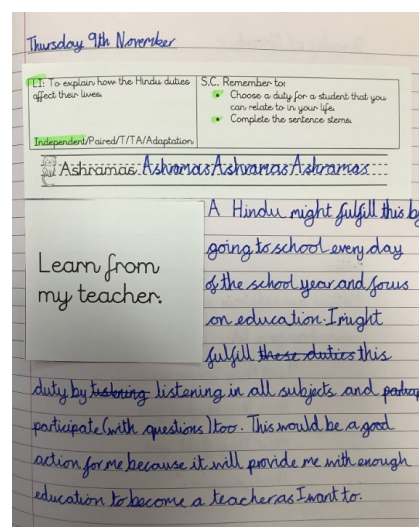
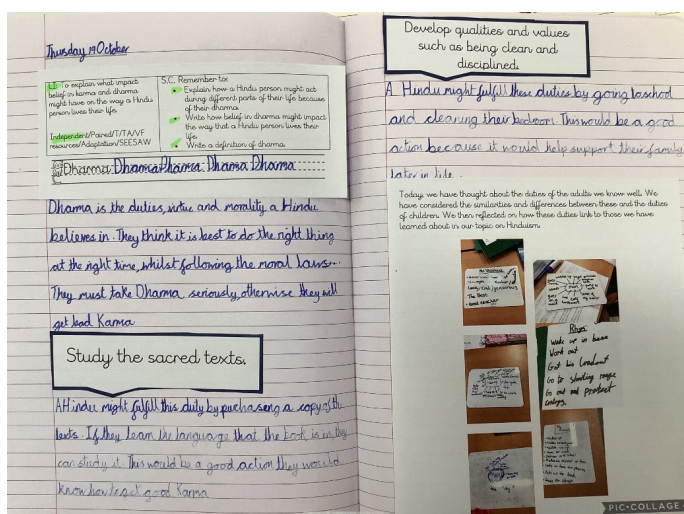


## Year 6

This half term, in Year 6, we have been considering why Christians believe that Jesus' death was a sacrifice, and how connections can be made between this and Holy Communion. The children have learned about the last days of Jesus' life, reflecting on who they can relate to in this story and who they think could be considered responsible for his death. We have looked closely at the aspects of Holy Communion and made mind maps to help us understand what each element represents.



Last term, our driving question was 'Why do Hindus try to be good?' We learnt about Hindu beliefs and the four stages of life and how they are linked, and about how Hindus live their lives putting those beliefs into practice.



# CELEBRATION

<b>Class</b>	<b>Worker of the Week</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>
<b>RC</b>	Elliott	Nora
<b>RO</b>	Laurie	Olivia
<b>RR</b>	Porscha	William
<b>1C</b>	Daisy	Connor
<b>1O</b>	Sophie	Tilly
<b>1R</b>	George	Leia
<b>2C</b>	Van	Ella
<b>2O</b>	Caesar	Lola
<b>3C</b>	Edith	Amelie
<b>3O</b>	Serina	Poppy
<b>3R</b>	Max	Amelia
<b>4C</b>	Millie	Amy
<b>4O</b>	Darcie	Izzy
<b>4R</b>	Marnie	India-May
<b>5C</b>	Tiara-Lee	Uforo
<b>5O</b>	Tommy	Olivia
<b>5R</b>	Isla	Hattie
<b>6C</b>	Kayla	Lily
<b>6O</b>	Esme	Mia
<b>6R</b>	Esme	Jack





## Attendance

This is a screenshot of the Attendance guidance which is on our website, along with our Attendance Policy. Please help support your child's education by ensuring that they are in school, on time, every day. If your child is absent for any reason, please make the office aware of this as soon as possible, as the twice daily attendance registers are legal documents that must be accurately completed and shared with the LA. Attendance is a 'hot-topic' for the school, the MAT, the LA and the Government, as every child has the right to a full education.

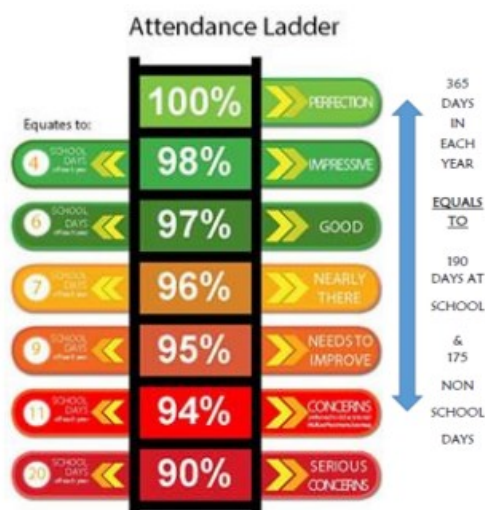
### Cherry Orchard Primary School

#### Attendance Procedures

##### Attendance Matters:

At Cherry Orchard Primary School, we believe that good attendance is vital for all children to be confident, happy and independent learners. Good attendance is 97% or above – no more than 6 days off school in a year. Our aim is to give a clear and consistent message to parents/carers and children in our school, which we will constantly reinforce in our day-to-day work.

Good attendance is a priority at Cherry Orchard and our target is to achieve **97% or above** by the end of this academic year. It is an expectation that all children attend school every day because 'Every minute of every day matters'.



##### What is expected of Parents and Carers at Cherry Orchard Primary School:

- **Good attendance** – Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child/children are in school every day as it is vital for learning and promoting essential life skills
- **Good punctuality** – Parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure that their child/children arrive on time each day in school (so lessons can start at 8:45am) and are prepared for the day ahead
- **Medical/Hospital/Dental Appointments** – Where possible, and unless in an emergency situation, appointments should be taken outside of school hours or in holiday periods. Appointment letters/notifications should be provided to the school office when notifying us of the absence.
- **Absences due to illness** – Parents/carers have a duty to notify the school if their child/children are absent for any reason and this needs to be done as soon as possible and certainly before 9:15am. School will contact parents/carers if notification is not received by this time.
- **Holidays** – Holidays are not permitted in school term time. All holidays are unauthorized except in exceptional circumstances.

## Reminders/information

School gates open at 8:30am and will close when children should be in class at 8:45am. This is when lessons start and the register is taken. The gates will be open again at 3:05pm for a 3:10pm finish for Reception children and a 3:15pm finish for all other year groups. Please try to be prompt in the mornings so that all opportunities for learning are able to be taken and in the afternoons by standing away from the building, close to the areas where your child will be released.

Please try to discourage the bringing of toys/non-school items into school. They can go missing or get broken, meaning the children can get upset. Please keep them for home.



**Please try NOT to drive down Timberdine Close in the mornings unless you have a parking permit for the school as there are not places to turn safely around. We have been asked to pass on that the NHS have had their entrances blocked and there have been some near misses with both children and vehicles, and, as a result, the community police officers will be doing some spot patrols.**

### **Cherry Orchard Primary School and Little Cherries Pre-school**



Our Facebook username is [cherryorchardps](#), as is our Twitter username. Please search us out to see what is going on on our pages. We try to post to both types of media just to keep the world up-to-date with the amazing things going on in school.

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### Spring term 2023-24 clubs

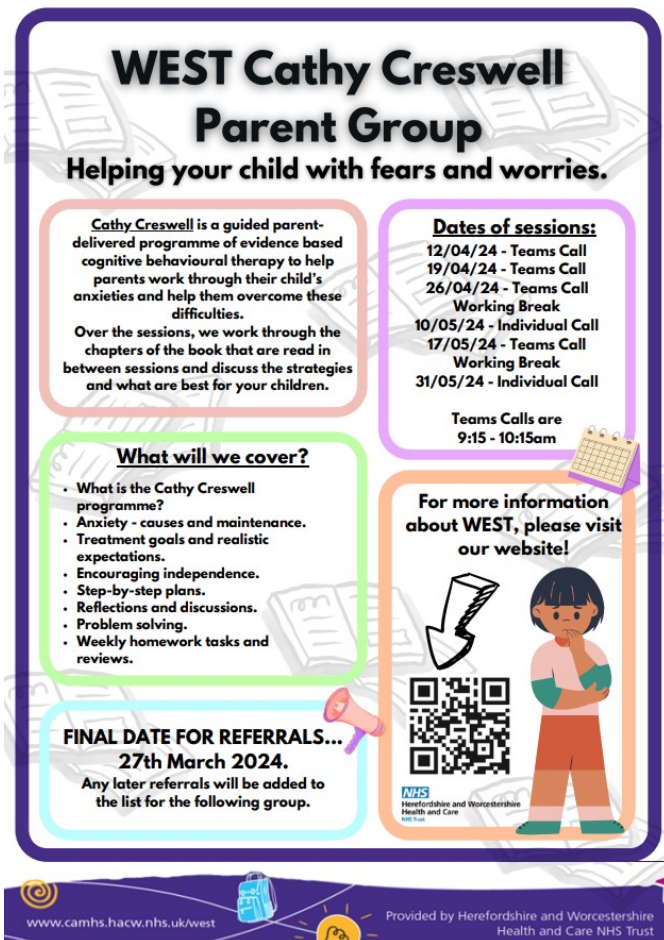
Year group	Clubs	Day	Time
Reception	Choir Games	Tuesday Monday	3:15-4:00 pm lunchtime
1	Computing Colouring and craft Lego Choir	Monday Monday  Monday Tuesday	3:15-4:00 pm 3:15-4:00 pm  3:15-4:00 pm 3:15-4:00 pm
2	Book club Colouring and craft Lego Choir	Monda Monday  Monday Tuesday	Lunchtime 3:15-4:00 pm  3:15-4:00 pm 3:15-4:00 pm
3	Scratch (coding club) Maths games and puzzles Choir Homework Art	Monday  Tuesday  Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	3:15- 4:00 pm  Lunchtime  3:15-4:00 pm Lunchtime 3:15-4:15 pm
4	Times tables Scratch (coding club) Running Maths games and puzzles Choir	Monday Monday  Monday Tuesday  Tuesday	Lunchtime 3:15- 4:00 pm  3:15-4:15 pm Lunchtime  3:15-4:00 pm
5	Running Science Indoor games Maths games and puzzles Choir	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday  Tuesday	3:15-4:15 pm 3:15-4:15 pm 3:15-4:00 pm Lunchtime  3:15-4:00 pm
6	Running Science Indoor games Choir	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday	3:15-4:15 pm 3:15-4:15 pm 3:15-4:00 pm 3:15-4:00 pm

Orchestra will continue to run on a Friday after school for those who are already members.

Photography club is an externally provided club on Tuesdays.

# Need some support? Some helpful places to go....

[The Wellbeing Hub - Schools - Teen Tips](#)



**WEST Cathy Creswell Parent Group**  
Helping your child with fears and worries.

Cathy Creswell is a guided parent-delivered programme of evidence based cognitive behavioural therapy to help parents work through their child's anxieties and help them overcome these difficulties.

Over the sessions, we work through the chapters of the book that are read in between sessions and discuss the strategies and what are best for your children.

**Dates of sessions:**  
12/04/24 - Teams Call  
19/04/24 - Teams Call  
26/04/24 - Teams Call  
Working Break  
10/05/24 - Individual Call  
17/05/24 - Teams Call  
Working Break  
31/05/24 - Individual Call

Teams Calls are 9:15 - 10:15am

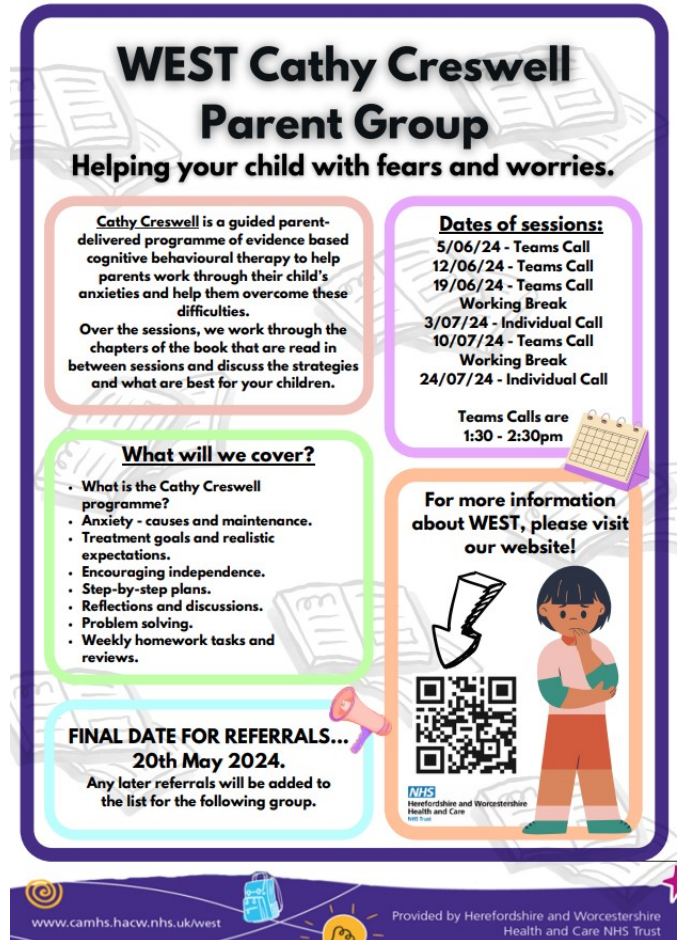
**What will we cover?**

- What is the Cathy Creswell programme?
- Anxiety - causes and maintenance.
- Treatment goals and realistic expectations.
- Encouraging independence.
- Step-by-step plans.
- Reflections and discussions.
- Problem solving.
- Weekly homework tasks and reviews.

**For more information about WEST, please visit our website!**

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Any later referrals will be added to the list for the following group.

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**Dates of sessions:**  
5/06/24 - Teams Call  
12/06/24 - Teams Call  
19/06/24 - Teams Call  
Working Break  
3/07/24 - Individual Call  
10/07/24 - Teams Call  
Working Break  
24/07/24 - Individual Call

Teams Calls are 1:30 - 2:30pm

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The following pages are screenshots of the help and support we can signpost our families to (used to be called our Early Help offer). The links won't work in this format but they can be accessed from our website page (called Supporting Families under the Parents tab at <https://www.cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk/> ) so please visit if you want to find out more.



Cherry Orchard Primary School and Little Cherries Pre-school



## Support for Children and Families

### Key Personnel and job roles

**Karen Banford** - Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Caro Jeynes** - Deputy Head Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Emma Rowe** - Assistant Head Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Clare Spencer** - Assistant Head Teacher, SENDCo, Designated Teacher for Looked After Children and Deputy Safeguarding Lead

## Our Early Help Offer

Early Help is a pathway to supporting you and your child as they grow up when you or they may need further support or guidance.

Providing early help to our pupils and families at **Cherry Orchard Primary School and Little Cherries Pre-school** means we can improve outcomes for children, families, and communities, providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the early years through to teenage years.

### Early Help can support children and their families who may be struggling with:

- Routines and family rules
- Keeping to a healthy lifestyle
- Children who are caring for a family member
- Children who may not want to go to school for different reasons
- Disability within the family including children being a young carer
- Children in the family have special educational needs (SEND)
- Families who may be not be eating healthy food
- Children who may becoming involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour
- Children who go missing from home
- Children or parents / carers misusing drugs or alcohol
- Children at risk of being tricked, forced, or made to work in the criminal world
- Children who may need support because they may live in a home and see drug or alcohol abuse or adult mental health problems
- Children who have parents who argue a lot (and sometimes might hurt each other) whether the parents live together or apart
- Children at risk of being groomed to join groups which support illegal views
- A privately fostered child (a child from another family living within your family home)





Early help relies upon local groups and people in the community, sometimes we work together to help children, young people, and their families.

Everyone needs help at some time in their lives and therefore an ethos of early help is important for any school.

## Help and support at Cherry Orchard

The staff team at Cherry Orchard Primary School and Little Cherries Pre-school, will provide you with support and guidance - please ask one of the team if you need help with issues such as attendance, behaviour, routines at home, financial difficulties, bereavement and counselling etc

Staff are trained to seek further advice and guidance if they do not have the relevant information to hand. The senior leadership team have additional skills and training to help with more specialised situations or levels of support. **Please remember, we are all here to help – just ask!**

## Local Services – useful contact details

<b>Local Children's Centre</b> Saffron Children's Centre Stanley Road Primary School, Stanley Road, WR5 1BD	<b>What's on during the school holidays?</b> Holiday clubs at <b>Cherry Orchard Primary School</b> including provision at Little Cherries Pre-school  <b>Local Sports Centre:-</b> St John's Sports Centre, Swanpool Walk, WR24EL  <b>Worcester Wood Country Park, WR52LG</b> Country side park and café. Admission is free with parking open from 5:00am – 10:00pm.
<b>Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club</b> Perdiswell Park, Droitwich Road, Worcester WR3 7SN 01905 451372 info@pyplc.co.uk	<b>Worcester Foodbank</b> 7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Lowesmoor, Worcester, WR1 2RS Email: info@worcester.foodbank.org.uk Phone: 01905 780400

<p><b>Early Help Family Support District Team – Worcester and Malvern</b></p> <p><a href="http://worcschildrenfirst.org.uk">Request for Early Help Services - Worcester (worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)</a></p> <p><b>Here2Help</b></p> <p>If you need help or advice call <b>Here2Help</b> on 01905 768053. The Here2Help opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.</p>	<p><b>Worcester Library</b></p> <p>The Hive, The Butts, WR13PB</p>
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#### Early Help Family Support Service:

The Early Help Family Support Service is delivered by Worcestershire Children First directly to families permanently living in Worcestershire who have children aged 0-18 years old and need help and support specifically from a Family Support Worker. For more information, please visit: [Worcestershire Children First Early Help Family Support Service | Worcestershire County Council](http://Worcestershire Children First Early Help Family Support Service | Worcestershire County Council)

## Health (including mental health, emotional wellbeing, and sexual health)

The **Starting Well Partnership** offers a range of health services which support both children and families experiencing a range of health issues.

[Worcestershire Health Visiting Service | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](http://Worcestershire Health Visiting Service | Starting Well (startingwellworcs.nhs.uk))

If your child is under 5 years old and you need advice on issues such as feeding, behaviour, or toileting you can contact the **Telephone Advisory Service** on 0300 123 9551 (Monday – Friday 9am til 3pm). A Health Visitor will assist you over the phone with any worries, concerns, or questions you have.

[School Health Nursing | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](http://School Health Nursing | Starting Well (startingwellworcs.nhs.uk))

**School health nurses** offer a range of services such as home visits, health needs assessments, time4u drop-in service, school aged hearing and national child measurement programme to support the needs of children and their families.

[Text service supporting young people | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](http://Text service supporting young people | Starting Well (startingwellworcs.nhs.uk))

**Chat health** is a free and confidential text service for young people in need of advice or support. To confidentially contact your school nurse, text: 07507331750

[Social Prescribing: Onside Advocacy, Worcestershire \(onside-advocacy.org.uk\)](http://Social Prescribing: Onside Advocacy, Worcestershire (onside-advocacy.org.uk))

**Social Prescribers** support you to take control of your health and look after yourself by making connections with the different types of community support available.



[CAMHS | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hacw.nhs.uk)

**CAMHS** provides mental health help to children, young people and their families across Herefordshire and Worcestershire

[Home - Kooth](#)

**Kooth** is an online mental wellbeing community which offers free, safe, and anonymous support.

[Reach 4 Wellbeing | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](#)

The **Reach4Wellbeing** team promotes positive wellbeing to reduce the stigma of mental health by providing short-term group programmes for children and young people age 5-18 experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and low mood.

[Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide \(papyrus-uk.org\)](https://papyrus-uk.org)

**Papyrus** can offer suicide prevent support providing free and confidential helplines, advice, webchats, and resources.

[Home | Healthy Minds \(whct.nhs.uk\)](https://www.whct.nhs.uk)

**Healthy Minds'** 24/7 mental health helpline provides support or advice if you, or someone you know, is experiencing a mental health crisis and needs urgent help. Its available 24 hours a day to anyone in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

[Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](https://www.winstonswish.org)

**Winston's Wish** provide support for children and young people following the death of a sibling, parent, or a person important to a child.

[Sexual Health Know Your Stuff | Sexual health | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Worcestershire Integrated Sexual Health Service \(WISH\) | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](#)

WISH offer friendly and non-judgemental specialist services to support with information and advice, contraception, pregnancy, STIs and screening.

**Under 21 Saturday Service** - Clinic telephone lines are open between 10:00am – 12:30pm on Saturdays - Please call: 01905 681673 for further details.

Young People have a telephone consultation and are asked questions about their relationships. Callers will be advised what to do next and directed towards a clinic if necessary.

WISH have a dedicated Outreach nursing service. Referral forms can be found at [www.knowyourstuff.nhs.uk](https://www.knowyourstuff.nhs.uk). The Outreach team see young and vulnerable people who couldn't otherwise access sexual health services.

Free STI test kits and contraception: [SH:24 Free Home STI STD Test | Sexual & Reproductive Health \(sh24.org.uk\)](https://sh24.org.uk)

## **Bullying (including Cyberbullying)**

If you are concerned your child or a child, you know is being bullied there are several services and useful links which can help you support your child as a parent.

In the first instance if bullying is happening at school, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help.

The following links will provide you with more information if you or someone you know is being bullied:

[Is your child or someone you know being bullied? | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Are you being bullied? | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Cyberbullying | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Kidscape | Resources and Publications](#)

## Online Safety

If you have concerns around the safety of your child or a child you know online, the following links will provide you with information, support, and advice to help understand the risks and keep your child safe online:

- [Think U Know | Information for parents](#)
- [Online safety | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)
- [Educate Against Hate](#)
- [www.internetmatters.org](#)
- [BBC | 8 tips for staying safe online](#)

Sexting is the sending or receiving of sexually explicit images, videos or conversations online.

[Sexting and sending nudes | NSPCC](#)

[Think U Know | Parents Sexting Guide](#)

## Relationships

The following services and links offer information, advice, and intervention on healthy relationships for your family and children:

- [Healthy relationships | NSPCC](#)
- Challenges at home: [Harmony at Home – information and support for parent carers | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- CRUSH is an awareness raising and support programme to help young people make safe and healthy relationships. <http://www.westmerciawomensaid.org/crush/>
- [Relationships | The Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Friendships and relationship in teenagers

Making friends and starting new relationships are a big part of getting older. It's very common to fall out with friends or break up from relationships – which can be very difficult to deal with. You might also be in a relationship that doesn't feel right and need some advice about what to do. The websites below contain lots of information about making friends, peer pressure, healthy and unhealthy relationships, sex and much more. There is also information available for parents around how to talk to your child about friendships, sex and relationships.

[Childline - Friends, relationships and sex \(opens in a new window\)](#)

[Disrespect Nobody - Signs to spot \(opens in a new window\)](#)



[NHS Choices - How to talk to your child about sex \(opens in a new window\)](#)

[NHS Choices - Sex and young people \(opens in a new window\)](#)

## SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

Our SENDCO at Cherry Orchard Primary School and Little Cherries, will be pleased to talk to you in confidence about the needs of your child/family – please contact them via the school office team. We offer telephone, email or face to face contact – we are happy to discuss any concerns however large or small they may be.

If you are looking for information or advice the following links will help you:

[SEND Information | Cherry Orchard Primary School \(cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk\)](#)

[SEND Local Offer | Worcestershire County Council](#) or contact [localoffer@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:localoffer@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)

SEND Information, Advice, Support Service [SENDIASS Worcestershire and Herefordshire \(hwsendiass.co.uk\)](#)

[Social care support for children with disabilities | Worcestershire County Council](#)



Parenting support



Health and wellbeing



SEND Local Offer



Housing and finances

**The Online Family Hub** has been developed to provide you with a range of different types of resources that are available to you online, on the phone or face to face that you can access directly.

The Family Hub can offer you support and information with the challenge's family life can bring.

[The Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)



Relationships



Early Help Family Support



GET SAFE



Early Help Booklet

**Early Help in Worcestershire** have created a booklet to help families find out about the help and support available in the county for children and young people aged 0-18 years old. The new booklet will help you and families find the most appropriate support.

To download this booklet, please visit: [The Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Worcestershire Young Carers

Worcestershire Young Carers aim to identify, and support children and young people aged 7 to 24 years who have a caring role within the home and help look after a parent, sibling, or grandparent due to illness, disability, physical or mental health difficulties or substance misuse.

[Worcestershire Young Carers/Shropshire Young Carers | YSS](#)

[Carers | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Finance, Housing and Employment

If you are facing challenges around employment and income, please contact the local job centre who can with offer support with jobseekers' allowance, incapacity benefit, employment and support allowance and income support:

**[Local] Job Centre Plus,**

**Worcester Job Centre Plus,** Haswell House, Sansome Street, Worcester, WR1 1UZ  
Telephone: 0845 6043719

Citizen's Advice Bureau [Worcester Citizens Advice Bureau and WHABAC \(Worcester Housing and Benefits Advice Centre\) \(citizensadviceworcester.org.uk\)](#)

Building Better Opportunities is a service to help local people move closer to employment. [Building Better Opportunities \(fusionworcs.co.uk\)](#)

For information on what financial and housing support is available in Worcestershire, please visit: [Housing and finances | The Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Parenting Support

The Starting Well Partnership offer a range of parenting support, information, groups, and courses. For information on the groups available please visit: [Parenting groups | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](#)

Parenting Talk is an online hub offering information, advice, and a free confidential online chat with a parenting advisor.

[Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)

Homestart can work with you to provide one to one support in the family home each week. This service provides support tailored to your needs and can help you as parents they learn to cope and build confidence to provide as best you can for your children.

[Home-Start | South Worcestershire \(home-startsw.org.uk\)](#)

### Family Information Service

Do you need advice and support around finding childcare? The following link will provide you with the contact details of the Family Information Service's District Teams: [Family Information Service | Worcestershire County Council](#)



## Substance Misuse

[Swanswell - Cranstoun](#)

Here 4 Youth is support service for children and young people up to the age of 18 who may be struggling with their use of drug and / or alcohol. [Here4YOUth Worcestershire - Cranstoun](#)

## Do you have a family member in prison?

Do you have a family member in prison which is having an impact on your child? Support is available to work with both the person in prison and your family.

[NICCO](#)

Families First provides support and guidance in a safe space, to enable the whole family to cope with the demands of having a partner, and parent, in prison: [Families First | YSS](#)

## Get Safe

If you are worried your child is at risk of being tricked, forced, or made to work in the criminal world please speak to a member of staff and visit [Get Safe](#) for help and information.

***If you are experiencing any of these challenges or issues affecting family life, please contact a member of staff who will be happy to provide you further advice and support.***



# Community News

## Diglis Fields junior parkrun

### What is Diglis Fields junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

### When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

### Where is it?

The event takes place at Diglis Fields, Diglis Lane, Worcester, WR5 3FB. See [Course page](#) for more details.

### What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please **register** before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a **scannable** copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

### How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!



### Thanks to this week's volunteers

Aelwen REES • Alison HIGGINS • Ariane MCGRAHAN  
Beatrice CHAMBERLAIN-FRENCH • Cara MCGRAHAN  
Carole RUDOLF • Charlotte CAPEL • Dave WHITTAKER  
Denise BESSANT • Dylan BELL BALDI • Georgia PLANT  
Gerry RUDOLF • Joyce MORRISON • Karen COOPER  
Lisa ROUSE • Liz JAEGER • Lucy CAPEL • Matthew CAPEL  
Nichola Clair ROBINSON • Nicola BROWN • Phil WOOD  
Richard ELWELL • Ross ROBINSON • Sarah FERNIHOUGH  
Sophie BELL • Steve NICOLL

See our [volunteer page](#) for information on how you can get involved.

[home](#) | [Diglis Fields junior parkrun](#) | [Diglis Fields junior parkrun](#)



## Rainbows volunteers required

Rainbows welcomes all girls from 4-7 years old for play, learning and lots of fun in a colourful, safe space.

We are currently looking for two committed volunteers to run the existing 8<sup>th</sup> Worcester Unit from September 2024.

The unit meets at St Marks Church Hall every Tuesday (during term time) from 4.45pm - 6pm.

If you would like to put yourself forward or find out more details about what the role involves please contact the current leader, Melanie Benson-Stelling on 07825 279418.

Please note that all volunteers within the Girl Guiding programme are subject to a DBS check, mandatory training in First Aid and Safe Space are also required (provided and funded by Girl Guiding).



If you are interested in becoming a teacher, why not go along to this event...





# **Train to Teach Open Event**

## **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

PGCE with QTS one year full-time  
Call in anytime between 11-1pm

**Rivers Teaching Alliance,  
Henwick Road, Worcester, WR2 5NS**

 01905 950700

 [teachingschool@riverscofe.co.uk](mailto:teachingschool@riverscofe.co.uk)



**WE NEED YOU!**



# **WE ARE HIRING**

## **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS**

- MONDAY - FRIDAY
- TERM TIME ONLY
- 1.25 HOURS PER DAY
- PERMANENT CONTRACT

**JOIN OUR  
TEAM**



Pop into the school office or give us a ring on 01905 352787 for futher details and apply via the form on our website:

<https://www.cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk/current-vacancies/>

