



## A small school, dreaming big

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I hope this newsletter finds you well and you have survived the very cold weather we have had recently. School is as busy as ever- do catch up on the class news in our newsletter. We also keep you informed through TAPESTRY, the curriculum app that sends you photos of your child's learning and on our Instagram page.*

*Our website is getting a makeover and should be ready in the next few weeks. As we are launching our new school vision, it seemed a good time to refresh its design. I will let you know when it is ready.*

*In preparation for LENT we will be holding a Prayer Space in the hall on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the morning- each class will spend time contemplating what LENT means to them.*

**Anna-Mai Armstrong**  
**Headteacher**

Christian Values  
Our Value this term is  
❖ PERSEVERANCE



*We have been exploring this value through the Bible story of Jesus in the wilderness and how this links to LENT.*

*What will you give up for LENT? Mrs Armstrong is giving up sugar.....*



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### CLASS NEWS



#### **CHESTNUTS**

This week we celebrated Chinese New Year and made pellet drums. We have also been developing our pencil control by drawing lines to connect the aliens to their spaceships. Thank you to everyone who has donated role play clothes so far - we have had lots of fun trying on the different clothes.



#### **WILLOW**

In English we looked at the story Harry and the dinosaurs go to the Museum. We retold the story. This week our dinosaur egg hatched! We have been sequencing pictures of the process and writing about what happened. In Maths the Year 1s have been practising counting forward and backwards to and from 100. Year R have been partitioning 5 in different numbers and looking at 6 as 5 and 1. They have been singing about 5 little aliens. In Science we have been sorting dinosaurs into a Carroll diagram looking at if they are a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore. In History we have learnt about Mary Anning, the fossil hunter.



#### **SYCAMORE**

Sycamore Class have been thoroughly exploring The Stone Age during their history lessons. We have learnt about the threats and assets during the Stone Age, used natural materials to create cave paintings in Outdoor Learning, sculpted jewellery and explored different types of evidence. In RE, we are learning about the sacred places for different religions, whilst in computing we are learning about IT. We are continuing our English based around the text Stone Age Boy. In maths, Y2 are looking at 3D shapes, whilst Y3 are subtracting with exchanges. We enjoyed our Vision Day, creating our personal life paths and voting for the values we feel most important. Recorder skills are progressing well!



#### **OAK**

Oak class have been busy writing our own Tinga Tale in English. We've written about the star-nosed mole as a class and have just drafted our own stories about African animals. In science we've looked at how we can use classifications and branching data bases to find out about new and existing species, and this week we have compared life cycles of birds and insects.



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### Attendance update

School Target

96%

Whole School: Sept 2022- Jan 2023= **93%**



### Westbury on Severn baby and toddler group

is being held in the school hall on **Friday 27th January** 9:45am till 11:30am. Only £1 per family which includes hot drinks and biscuits for the adults. Can parents/carers please bring drinks and snacks for their children. All proceeds after costs will go towards the preschool (Chestnuts). Come along for a cuppa and a chat while your little ones socialise and play!

#### Dates for your diary:

Willow Class Trip: **8<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents Evening: **22nd & 23rd March** (Mrs Cox will send everyone a form)

PGL school trip for Y5/6: **27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> March**

We are rescheduling **WORLD BOOK DAY** due to the teacher strike days- we will let you know ASAP.



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### VISION DAY

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January we held our Vision Day, exploring our new school vision with the children. Our vision is underpinned by the Bible Verse from Proverbs 22:6 :

*"Start children off on the way they should go and, even when they are old, they will not turn from it."*

We felt this really encapsulated what we are trying to achieve here at Westbury- giving children a rounded holistic educational experience that will set them up for life.

Our new strapline for the school is " *A small school, dreaming big.*"

This reflects our ambition for the pupils of Westbury- that they will become citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our new mission statement reads:

***Our aim is to develop the full potential of each and every child, to set them on a path that will lead them to become confident, self-motivated, lifelong learners. We will encourage pupils to "dream big" within our nurturing Westbury family, so that they leave us ready for life's great opportunities.***

As well as completing artwork for the classroom and holding discussions with their teachers about the new vision, we asked pupils to vote for the values that resonated most with them.

These new core values are: **Kindness, Respect, Hope and Friendship.**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our sharing assembly at the end of the day.

### SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

**Are you aware of the glosfamilies website?**

**<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/home.page>**

**There is a wealth of information there for families in the area- things to do, support services, childcare, SEND needs.**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. **If you have urgent safeguarding concerns for a child or young person**, please continue to call Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01452 426565 and select option 3.

**Safeguarding Leads in School are Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Roseblade.**



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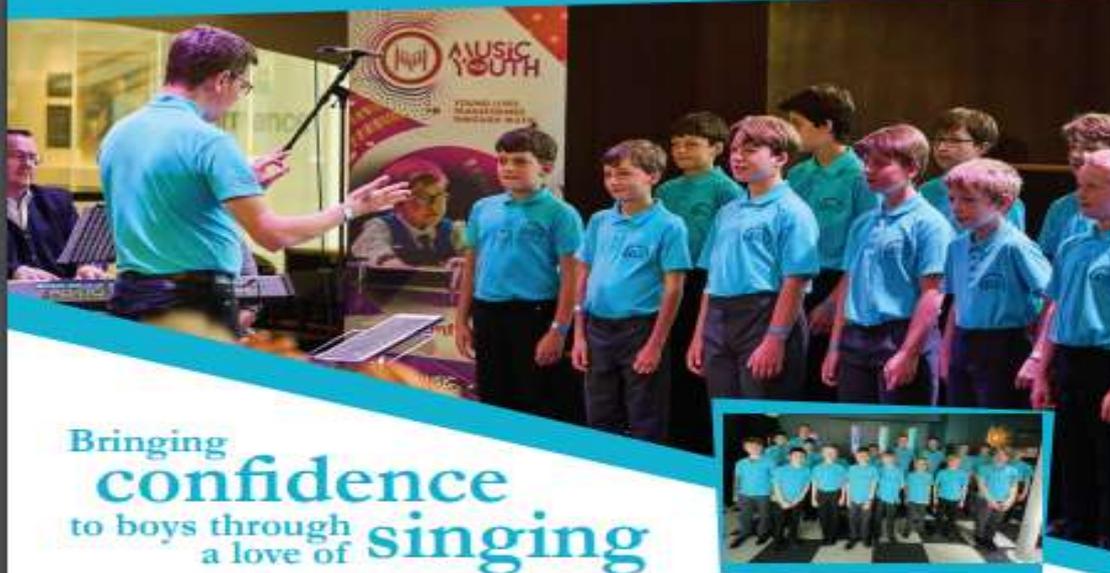
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### Gloucestershire Boys' Choir

will be holding an **Open Rehearsal** on  
**Sunday 5th February 2023**

to kick start the new term.



Bringing  
**confidence**  
to boys through  
a love of **singing**

Open to all boys with a love of singing.

Juniors (years 3-6)    Seniors (years 7-11)  
2-2.50pm                      2.40-3.30pm

**Gloucestershire Academy of Music**  
Barbican House, Gloucester, GL1 2JF

First session free for new starters.

For more details and to sign up visit  
[bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir](https://bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir)

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**OUR POPULAR ACTIVE CAMP IS BACK  
THIS FEBRUARY HALF TERM!**

Forest View Primary School, Cinderford

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Normal Day 👉 9.30am-4.30pm

Extended Day 👉 8.30am-5.30pm

Open to all children aged 5-13.

£20 Per Day (Sibling Discount Available!)

**PREVIOUS CUSTOMERS YOU CAN RECEIVE UP TO 25%  
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**Nerf Wars, Glow  
Games and Colour  
Run will all be back  
this February Half  
Term!**

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