



## This Week at The Wyche

It's been a foggy, misty week out there, but there's no fog in here at the wicked Wyche! We're crystal clear and focused on learning and the forecast is for bright kids and brainy showers! This week Badgers pondered whether science and faith are in opposition about the origins of the universe, Stoats learned about primary, secondary and tertiary colours as they apply to medieval paintings, Otters were fascinated by the journey of the river Severn from its marshy source to its wide mouth in the Bristol Channel, Foxes love "Handa's Surprise" so much that they are planning their own version set in Malvern and Hedgehogs learned about the parts of the orchestra and the different instruments you might find there.

## Collective Worship

We have continued our meditation on respect this week and looked at how we view disabilities, especially when they affect the way people speak, which might sound different from ourselves. Many of us live with disabilities, including adults and pupils at the wonderful Wyche, and we learned to be curious about the whole person, not just the disability, and look closer to how alike we all are, despite our differences. Watch [Alex Rocha Campillo, who lives with 76% cerebral palsy, smash the Barcelona marathon here](#): Stone cold ledge!

## Online Safety - New Devices - New Start

More and more pupils have mobile phones these days but the internet and social media is less and less safe. If your child has a phone please follow the guidelines on page 4 and talk to them about safety. It's as important as the seat belt in the car and the lock on the medicine cabinet. They are only as safe as we make them.

## Support for Parents

Family Lives (<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>) is an amazing website with loads of support and tools for parents, including a social forum where you can ask questions of experts. Check it out and see if it can give you or your loved ones any answers.



Let's hope the fog clears and we get a lovely weekend. Cherish those kids - they are precious and count your blessings until another Monday comes round and we find more to do, and learn and celebrate.

Always in partnership,

*Mr Murphy.*

We can all play a part in **safeguarding** children. If you are ever worried about the safety of a child, please discuss this with **Mr Murphy, Mrs Baylis or Mrs Charles**. You can refer or get advice yourself from Children's Services on 01905 822666.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

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## In school this week:



## 1st Place for The Wyche!

Today (Friday 17th January) Mrs Baylis took a team of children to Hanley Castle High School where they took part in the Worcestershire West Inter School Boccia Festival. We are pleased to announce that the children came in first place. Congratulations!



“They will soar on wings like eagles.” Isaiah 40:31

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

# Together We Soar



## Get the Attendance “Buzz”

It's been a great start back for attendance. Thank you so much for hitting the ground running guys. This week's whole school attendance was 97.1%, which is excellent and our whole school attendance is creeping back to above national averages, which is where we should be. Please keep bringing them in every day they are well, and on time too. If you need any help or dsupport come and talk to us, there's always a way we can help.



Hedgehogs won Buzz! Yay!

## Exciting News!

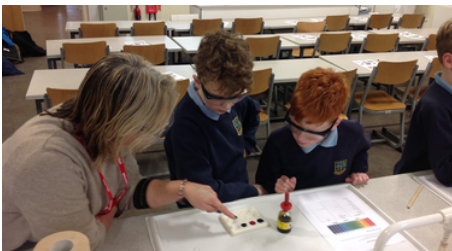
We are excited to announce that one of our past pupils, Phoebe Brett aged 16 is currently in Malaysia representing England in the U19 Women's Cricket World Cup. She will be playing in her first match in the early hours of Saturday morning against Ireland. We wish her the very best of luck and are obviously very proud. Well Done Phoebe!!

## Afterschool Clubs

All afterschool clubs start next week. Club confirmation slips have been sent home with children today. Once again, there have been a huge number of requests for afterschool clubs, (we could have filled Film Society twice over) and are aware there will be some disappointment. Please only send your child to the clubs you have had confirmation for. Any club cancellations will be notified via the 'Wyche Communication' email by 2pm on the day of the club.

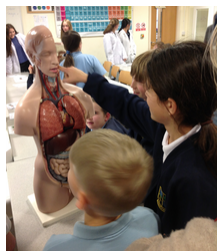
## Medication in school

Can I please remind parents that **all** medications need to be signed in through the school office. Please **do not** send medication with children, in school bags.



## Year 6 Science Afternoon.

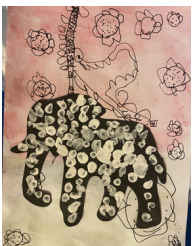
This week year 6 were invited to an afternoon of Science at Malvern College. The children enjoyed learning about the human digestive system and how it works. They took part in various related activities and experiments and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



## NSPCC Number Day 2025

On Friday 7th February all the children are invited to come into school dressed as a number or wearing something numerical. The day will have a maths theme with various number related activities happening.

It's maths but not as you know it!



## Hedgehog Class - Tinga Tinga Art!

This week Hedgehog class have produced some fabulous Tinga Tinga Art. This is part of their curriculum journey which revolves around Tanzanian art & culture.



## Stars of the Week

It is always a delight to award a “Star of the Week” award to a child who has demonstrated the **STRIVE** values in classwork. This week's award-winning superstars are:

**Hedgehogs**  
Ari Gwilliam  
Maeve Green

**Foxes**  
Thea Downes  
Harry Swatridge

**Otters**  
Luna Davies  
Ava Gregory

**Stoats**  
Tilly Clay  
Eve Macdonald

**Badgers**  
Tean Morgan  
Evie Churchill

## Housepoints!

Midsummer took the crown this week with a fabulous 97 points  
**Congratulations.**

By living and learning together through our Christian values of **Safety, Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Value, & Engagement**, with God's help, we will support each other to “soar”, lifting hearts and broadening horizons, so that by giving our best today, the world may be better tomorrow.

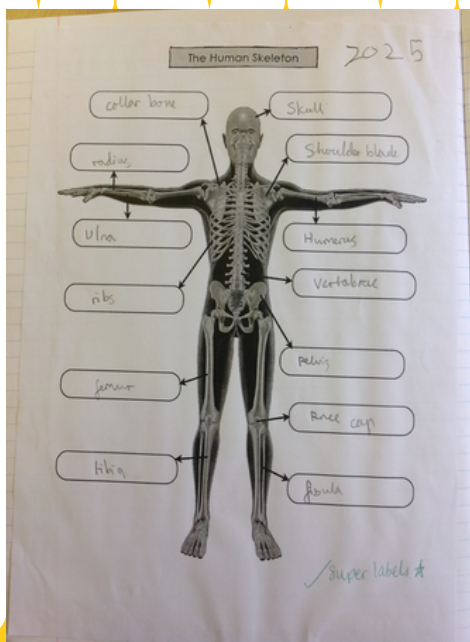


# WHAT'S ON ?

- Mon 20th Jan:** Peripatetic Guitar Lessons  
YR 6 Football at Droitwich Sports Centre, arrive at school 8.35am-8.45am (invited players)
- Tues 21st Jan:** Peripatetic Woodwind Lessons  
Peripatetic Drum Lessons
- Weds 22nd Jan:** Peripatetic Piano Lessons  
FAME for Otter Class
- Thurs 23rd Jan:** Anaphalaxis Assembly for whole school
- Friday 24th Jan:** Stoat Class 2nd Swim

## Dates for your Diary

- Week beginning Monday 20th January - Afterschool clubs start
- Friday 7th February - NSPCC Number Day 2025
- Friday 14th February - Last day of Half Term
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (plans to follow)



### Otter Class

This week Otter class have been learning about moving and growing. As part of this they looked at the human skeleton and explored bones including fractures and repairs. They class did some skeletal comparisons with other animals. The children really engaged with the subject and learning.



# 12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips

## FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device. Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.



### 1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

### 2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

### 3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

### 4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

### 5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

### 6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

### 12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

### 7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

### 8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

### 9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

### 10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

### 11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

