



## This Week at The Wyche

WELCOME BACK to you all and WELCOME to our new reception class and their parents, two new members of staff and also to the new pupils who have started with us across the school.

We've had a delightful week and as much as we all enjoy the break, its great to be back! This week Badgers have learned about the growth mindset, Stoats thoroughly enjoyed meeting Percy Jackson for the first time (and were frustrated to end on a cliffhanger!) Otters have begun their topic about Earth and Space with an exciting discussion about what they already know, Foxes have been making collages of wolves and foxes prior to meeting "Little Wolf" next week, and Hedgehogs, as well as settling in and finding their feet, have learned about the four compass points and how to apply this to a map. All this in three days and oodles more to come.

### Collective Worship

As you know August 31st is the Teacher's New Year so with our Christian vision and values in mind we made resolutions to leave behind habits and attitudes which don't serve us and be more and more the best versions of ourselves. We enjoyed some drama from the Worship Counsellors in Badger class about how to share and include on the playground and practised some autumnal hymns in advance of our Harvest Festival (watch this space.)

### Online Safety

With so much free time in the holibobs it can be easy for screen times to extend but now we are back at school it's worth bearing in mind what might be healthy limits. Do you set a screen time limit? Do you have a no-screens at the table rule? Are screens allowed in bedrooms - what bout beds. Health limits and safe access rules are crucial if children are to balance the benefits of digital technology wit the obvious risks and drawbacks. Come an chat to us if you have any questions or need any help or support. There is a handy guide from our friends at the National Online safety centre on P.4

### Support for Parents

Please check out our links and courses to support you through life's difficult times. If you ever feel you are struggling with anything in particular, staff here will be able to listen and we will do our best to provide or signpost you to the best services available.

<https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/support-for-parents>

We are looking forward to a tremendous year and to working in partnership with you, our valued community have a great weekend and we'll see you Monday for more soaring.

Always in partnership,  
*Mr Murphy.*

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**In school this week:**

### Administration!

The first week back always involves sending out a huge amount of letters and correspondance. Can we please encourage all replies to be returned as swiftly as possible.

Many Thanks

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

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

# Together We Soar



## Get the “Be-Here” Buzz

Buzz the attendance buzzard will be spending next week helping Hedgehogs, who have an incredible 100% attendance this week. We really improved our attendance last year thanks to our joint efforts as a community. Remember, education is precious, and by law children must be in school every single day of the school year unless they are too unwell. Let's make this our best year ever. Together we can.



## Welcome Back!

Just a reminder that if you have any queries, concerns or questions for the school - you are very welcome to call, email or visit the office 01684 573205, [office@wyche.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wyche.worcs.sch.uk).

## Music Lessons!

Peripatetic music lessons will begin next week. Just a reminder that these are paid for in arrears and therefore we will be sending out the invoices for these at the end of this term. For anyone who is continuing their tuition the invoice for last Summer term is on its way!

## Afterschool Clubs!

Afterschool club sign ups are due to be posted next week. Please keep an eye out for the email with all this term's club offerings. Please pay particular attention to the Year Groups that are being invited to take part - if your child is not in the correct year group they will NOT be offered a space. As always clubs are offered on a strictly first come, first served basis.

## Swimming.

KS2 classes will this year be invited to go swimming as part of their learning journey. Please be reminded that the cost of the swimming pool is covered by the school, however we require parental contributions for the coach. If we do not get enough contributions we will have to review our travel arrangements to and from the pool.

## Parking.

Please can we ask that everyone ensures they are parking safely and responsibly during the mornings and at school collection time. We have some very tight horse-shoe and hair-pin bends in and around the school - please ensure you are not making these turns difficult for other drivers and residents by parking too close, or obstructing access to properties.

## Colour Run!

Just a small reminder to sign your families and friends up for The Wyche Colour Run, being held on the Three Counties Showground on Saturday 21st September, 12pm - 2.30pm. Sign up information has been sent through Parentmail and also by letter. This promises to be a fantastic event so get your name in asap!

## Uniform / Lost Property.

Can we please encourage you to name ALL uniform. This enables us to return any cardigans/jumpers back to their owners rather than filling up the lost property box!



Welcome back to The Wyche!!



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.

## 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

Gabriel Carpenter-

Peachey

Elizabeth Caffull

### Foxes

Alayna Baig

Lily Teague

### Otters

Esther Downes

Ollie Young

### Stoats

Zara Fowler

Samuel Prince

### Badgers

Elsie Eglin

Alexandra Malik-Gough

## Housepoints!

With a fabulous start to the school term, all are Winners!

# WHAT'S ON ?

- Mon 9th Sept:** Peripatetic Guitar/Ukelele Lessons
- Tues 10th Sept:**
- Weds 11th Sept:** Peripatetic Woodwind, Drum and Piano Lessons
- Thurs 12th Sept:**
- Friday 13th Sept:** Green Class 1st Swim

## Dates for your Diary

- Afterschool clubs commence week beginning 16th September
- Year 6 visit to Oakerwood 1st - 4th October
- School Photo's Wednesday 9th October

## Classes 24/25.

This year it is not only the class names that have changed, we have also had some new additions to the teaching team and some movement within the teaching assistants. Please see below to find out who is teaching and where!!

### Red Class are now **Hedgehogs**

Teachers - Mrs Whitehurst & Miss Battson (a new addition to The Wyche family)  
Teaching assistants - Mrs Vines & Mrs Anderson

### Yellow Class are now **Foxes**

Teacher - Mrs Baylis  
Teaching Assistants - Mrs Brett, Mrs Owen

### Blue Class are now **Otters**

Teachers - Mrs Wilson, Wednesday team - Mrs Whitehurst, Mr Murphy, Mrs Davies (music teacher)  
Teaching Assistants - Mrs Byard, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Myers, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Brett

### Orange Class are now **Stoats**

Teachers - Mrs Watkins (a new addition to The Wyche family), Mr Turley (Thursday am), Mrs Hammond (Fridays), FAME teacher  
Teaching Assistants - Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Parry, Mrs Devo

### Green Class are now **Badgers**

Teachers - Mrs Charles, Mr Turley (Thursday pm and Friday)  
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Green, Mrs Owen, Mrs Byard.



## Top Tips for...

# MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

### GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

### TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

### GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

### AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

### HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

### BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

### 'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

### SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

### TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

### SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

### WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

### Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday