

NEWSLETTER

We are continuing our value of nurture



Friday 11th July 2025



Firstly, I wanted to thank the Friends for the fantastic summer fair last week. I saw lots and lots of smiling faces and an amazing total of £2533.82 was raised. Keltruck have donated an additional £500 bringing the total to £3033.82. This will make a big difference to the children and a HUGE THANK YOU to the Friends who made this possible.

We have a lot to look forward to in the final week of term – not least the Rock Steady Concert and the Year 6 production. I can't wait to see the children shine!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Gordon

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Values—Integrity.

It has been our Integrity Value Day today, where we were able to award our final ambassadors. Congratulations to:

Nursery: Ellie

Reception: Rogue and Emma

Year 1: Thomas and Arthur

Year 2: James and Henry

Year 3: Jenson and Koben

Year 4: Niamh and Orla

Year 5: Jack and Ava

Year 6: Leo and Daisy

Here is a reminder of our nurture value story:

Our compass gives us our direction and helps us with our decision making. We use it to guide us to stand up for what we believe in and what is right. It takes us on our journey and creates a map for us all to follow. Those times when we are tested to go off the beaten path, our map ensures we pull together on the correct track. We are committed to our own compass so that we reach our individual, and shared, destinations.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 96.1%. It would be amazing to see this figure continue to rise in the final week of the year – we have lots of fun planned for the children!

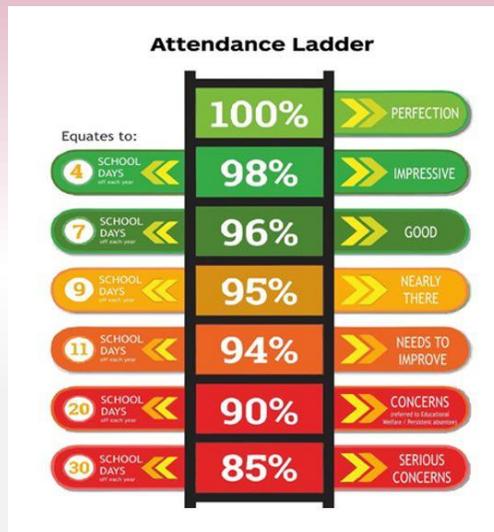
Congratulations to this week's Attendance Cup winners:

RHH with 99.2% - 2 marks missing 🏆

Silver: GMM with 98.6% 3 marks missing

Bronze: 3KG & 5EC with 97.7% 6 marks missing

Well done all!



Save the Date



Friday 11th July – Integrity Value Day – Integrity Ambassador Assembly

Friday 11th July – Y6 Charity cakes on sale

Tuesday 15th July -5.00pm -Year 6 Performance

Tuesday 15th July – Year 5 Greek Day (dress as a Greek)

Wednesday 16th July - 5.00pm -Year 6 Performance

Thursday 17th July -10.10am -Rocksteady concert

Friday 18th July – 2.00pm Year 6 Parents and Children Rounders Afternoon

Friday 18th July – End of Summer Term
Reception children pick up 3pm
Years 1 – 5 pick up time 3.05pm



OPAL



WOW! WOW! WOW! What a week we have had. On Wednesday, we were visited by our area OPAL mentor. She came in to carry out our final audit and award us with either a silver, gold or platinum award for OPAL. The criteria focused solely on our play offer to the children. It considered; how the culture of play is now integrated within school to benefit the children, how we plan to continue to progress the offer and how we manage and access the 16 different types of play now on offer. After just over a year, it really is amazing to see how far we have come as a school. The bare, single playground, with the occasional ball flying around, frequent arguments, fallings out and minimal mixing of age groups; seems a distant memory compared to the wonderful playtimes, full of laughter, creativity and imagination that now take place.

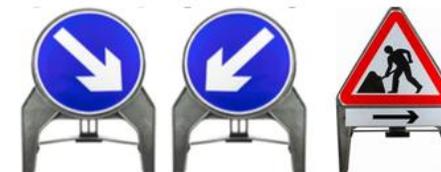
It is with great pleasure that Myself (Miss Evans, Curricular Lead for Play) and Miss Pinfold (Play Coordinator) can announce that we received the top award and are now officially an 'OPAL certified Platinum School'. This means we are now within the top 1% of schools in the country for the quality of play offered! This really is such an achievement and something, that we as a school, we are extremely proud of.

Myself and Miss Pinfold would like to thank both the amazing 'Friends' association and the wider school community for all the amazing donations, that we have received to make this fantastic achievement become a reality.

Please remember our journey does not stop here. With us now utilising our field more and more, the continuous flow of donations is extremely vital. Some of the items we are most in need of include; small toy cars, wet weather clothing (waterproof trousers, raincoats, puddle suits), arts and crafts and wheel play items (scooters, trikes, balance bikes etc). In addition to this large loose parts are always needed and are our most popular resource. Please see the poster to the right, to see some examples of what this includes.



Our new plaque and certificate, that we will soon be showing off, in a place for all to see!



We are always on the hunt for large loose parts to progress on our OPAL journey. If you can get hold of any of the items shown, we would be extremely grateful. Please drop any donations off in the bottom car park, on the grass area. All items will be risk assessed before adding them to our existing resources, thank you!



Year 2 Dudley Castle Visit

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to the castle last Friday. The children loved the castle workshop where they learned about life in a motte and bailey castle built by the Normans. Being told heads were chopped off for not doing their work, and knights pouring their wee through the portcullis onto their enemies were just some of the gruesome facts they remember!

The whole year group were a credit to our school.



Year 5 Enterprise Week

Year 5 participated in an enterprise week where they created a product or activity to sell. Some groups borrowed £10 from Friends to start them off. The children worked really hard at planning, marketing and creating these independently, and their sale on the playground on Thursday was a huge success!

Year 5 raised a total of £288.08. Friends have also very kindly donated the £80 they lent groups too, giving them a grand total of **£368.08** raised for 'Acorns children's hospice'. This is a charity that the children chose. Acorns offer a network of specialist palliative nursing care and support for local children and their families.

As well as thanking the children and Friends for their kind donation, thank you also to the parents and carers who supported the children in their enterprise. This was an excellent personal development opportunity for our pupils, and we are very proud of their effort and commitment. 😊



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Stalls

- Guess what's in the box
- Bracelets and arts/crafts
- Face glitter and hair tinsel
- Sweet party bags/cups
- Penalty shoot-out
- Lemonade/ smoothies
- Basketball hoop shoot out
- Obstacle course race
- Glitter tattoos
- Personalised bags/bookmarks
- Cakes



Friends Annual Summer Fayre

Thank you for supporting Friends Summer Fayre 2025. It was so lovely to see so many of you attend and join in the fun last Friday. Friends have shared that £2533 was raised through your support! This is an extraordinary amount, and it will make such a difference to our school and children next year.

As a school, we would also like to thank Friends for their hard work, dedication and effort in organising and hosting this event. Lots goes on behind the scenes and we are so lucky we have a fantastic group of Friends who are willing to give some of their time to fundraising for our children.



Last day of Term finishing Time amendments

Please be advised that on the final day of term, Friday 18th July, school will finish slightly earlier for most year groups. Pick-up times on the last day will be as follows:

- Reception: **3:00 PM**
- Years 1 to 5: **3:05 PM**

This will enable the Year 6 pupils to be cheered out on their final day, through a guard of honour on the service road.

Community



Redditch Library is hosting brilliant children's book illustrator Becky Hardy on August 30th, 11am until 2pm, as part of a fun day for Redditch Astronomical Society. Becky worked on a book with an actual astronaut, so it might be of interest to any children who are learning about space. It's a completely free event and I was hoping it may be of interest to some of your children.

P&E Holiday Camp Paid and HAF places

P&E Holiday clubs have asked us to share some information with you about new camps they are running in the summer, with the new addition of a less sport focussed 'creative camp'. Flyers attached with more details.

We're running both a Football Camp and a Creative Camp over the summer, and we have spaces available for both paid and HAF-eligible children.

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a government-funded scheme offering free holiday club places to children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

For paid spaces:

Parents can book directly at:

www.pandesports.com

For HAF-funded spaces:

Parents need to register at:

<https://register.bookinglab.co.uk/worcestershire/37001/register>

Once registered, you can select the camp you'd like your child to attend.

Inkberrow Girls Football – Wildcats

Please see attached flyers for Inkberrow girls football.

Big Bounce event

Attached you will find full details for a Big Bounce event in Redditch on 17th August, including a discount code if you book before 21st July.



We look forward to seeing you all on Monday for the last week of term

