

Kilby St Mary's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter



April 2025

Christian Value Focus: Honesty

British Value Focus: Rule of Law

The last 2 weeks have yet again been very busy here at Kilby. The range of experiences the children have received from ducks and chicks to building electrical circuits has led to great excitement from all. I hope you enjoy reading all our news.

As an Easter treat, we are all grateful to the FOK who organised a wonderful Easter Fair yesterday. It made it even more enjoyable with the gorgeous weather. Fingers crossed that the sun continues to shine for our Easter break.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter and see you all back to school for the start of the Summer term on Monday 28th April.

Miss Hartshorne



Seedlings

- ▶ A big thank you to Olivia's mum who has kindly donated some beautiful doll's equipment to us. It is already being well used and has encouraged lots of role play.
- ▶ As we have been learning more about Easter, we have shared hot cross buns with Oak class - they tasted delicious! We found out that the cross shape on the top reminds Christians that Jesus died and rose again.
- ▶ We would be grateful if you have any spare shorts/leggings, socks/underwear you could donate for times when we get a little muddy or wet!
- ▶ We wish you a very happy Easter. See you next term!



Oak

In Oak we have been enjoying the wonderful weather and having lots of learning time outside. We have been busy looking after our flowers, carrots and potatoes by watering them as we have not had any rain.

We have also had some new visitors...frogspawn! We have been carefully observing them and seen them change into tadpoles. They seem to grow bigger every day and we will soon have froglets!

Happy Easter!



Willow



Willow class have had a wonderful few weeks, finishing off our topics for this half term and sharing all our knowledge through end of unit pieces and quizzes.

I wanted to take the time to wish you a wonderful and restful Easter. Enjoy your break and I can't wait to welcome you back for the summer term. Miss Hyde



Maple

Maple class have had a busy few weeks working hard and finishing off our topics/units of work ready for the summer term. We wanted to share just a few photos; World Book Day, the baby chicks and ducks which they thoroughly enjoyed holding and today's science, which was how they can show how pitch changes using bottles and water, and boxes and elastic bands.

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children as they have worked hard this term.



We wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

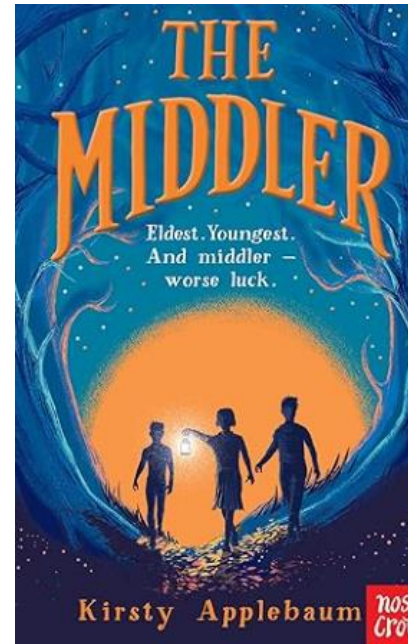
Mrs Connell and Mrs Fielding.

PS Year 4's, keep working on those times tables especially those ones that you may find more challenging.



Rowan

- ▶ In Rowan Class, we have been learning all about electrical circuits: how they are made, series and parallel circuits, how changing one variable affects how the circuit works, and how to use the correct symbols when drawing circuit diagrams. We enjoyed using our knowledge to make our own circuits and coloured card spinners using the motors; some even flew!
- ▶ Year 6 pupils had 'Mock SATS' this week. They all worked really hard, showcasing what they have learnt over the past four years and demonstrating good 'test technique'. Now we're ready for the real thing...! For more information and top tips, see the guides on our website: [SATS Information](#)
- ▶ We also enjoyed our 'free art' session, a reward for filling our Pom Pom Jar for excellent work and behaviour in class.
- ▶ Next term, our novel study in English will be based on *The Middler*, by Kirsty Applebaum.



Aspiration Active

- ▶ A group of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a morning of 'non-traditional' and accessible sports at a celebration event at Huncote Leisure Centre. They tried out blind football, frisbee and played dodgeball.
- ▶ They all had a great time, playing games and meeting people from other schools. Even Filbert Fox made an appearance!





When the chicks and ducklings came to visit!

We were joined by a selection of feathery friends this month when Henry and Emilia's mum kindly brought in some chicks and ducklings from their farm.

Did you know there were so many different types of chicken? There is the Frizzle Pekin, Speckledy, Light Sussex, Bluebelle, Blue Egg Layer and many more!

We were all shown how to carefully handle the chicks and ducklings, with one hand cupped underneath and one over its back, so it felt protected as if it were nestling under its mother's wings.

We are so grateful to the family for sharing a little part of farming life with us - a perfect reminder of the new life we celebrate in Spring and at Easter.

We are a 'Picture News Advocate School'!

For the past 2 years we have been using Picture News to support our collective worship and PSHE sessions. We are delighted that we have been awarded 'Advocate School' status.

The British government requires all schools in England to promote British Values to children, to prepare them for life in modern Britain. The four British Values are:



Democracy



Rule of Law



Respect & Tolerance



Individual Liberty



Picture News packs help us effectively explain British Values to the children, as we demonstrate these values in action in the real world through news topics! See this month's Picture News newsletter for a recap of the stories we've explored.

Attendance

Attendance is a statutory element which staff and governors are required to monitor in accordance with the school attendance policy. The government requirements regarding attendance were updated in August 2024 and our Attendance policy has been updated and shared with parents accordingly. Our whole school target for attendance is 96%.

It is important to ensure that all children attend school in order that they continue to make progress across all subjects as well as socially.

Attendance for the school year until 10.04.25 by year group.

Foundation Stage 95.3%

Year 1 96.4%

Year 2 96.1%

Year 3 94.5%

Year 4 95.1%

Year 5 94.8%

Year 6 96.6%

It is very encouraging to see that many year groups are meeting the 96% target. Keep up the good work!

E Safety



- ▶ This month's E Safety Guide from National Online Safety is all about: 'Group Chats'
- ▶ See the attached guide for more details.



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Happy Birthday from Kilby!

April Birthdays

Bow

Nathan

Bobby

Reece

Esther

Jacob

Dexter

Sophia



Diary Dates

- ▶ EASTER HOLIDAYS - 14th - 25th April
- ▶ Tuesday 29th April - KS2 Swimming starts
- ▶ Thursday 1st May - Maple Class Trip
- ▶ Monday 5th May - School Closed for May Day
- ▶ **SATs Week - 12th -16th May - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL**
- ▶ Friday 16th May - Year 6 post-SATS Party
- ▶ HALF TERM - 26th - 30th May
- ▶ Friday 20th June - Sports Day
- ▶ Wednesday 25th June - Rowan Class Production
- ▶ Friday 27th June - Reserve Sports Day
- ▶ Tuesday 8th July - Break up for Summer.





Easter Holiday Craft

at Leicester Cathedral

Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 April
1.30–3.30pm
Easter cards

Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 April
1.30–3.30pm
Make an Easter egg on a peg!

FREE!
No booking required – just drop-in

Ages 3+
All children must be accompanied by an adult

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Monday 12th May

10.00 am - 13.00 pm

The Menphys Hub, Bassett Street
South Wigston, LE18 4PE

Come along and find out about Local SEND services and support

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

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