

# Kilby St Mary's

## C of E Primary School

### Newsletter



June 2025

#### Christian Value and British Value Focus: Respect

It has been a wonderful month with lots to celebrate. The children are fully invested in trying to achieve the 'Happy Lunchtimes Award'. It has been so nice to go out on to the playground and see the range of activities on offer from target practise, bowling, water painting with big brushes to flying paper aeroplanes. They have also been trying so hard to win pompoms to add to their class jars. The prizes that have been awarded so far have been; an extra playtime, a classroom disco with glo sticks, a bring your teddy to school day and a 'have a break from your work and have a KitKat' session! Who's going to get the next prize....?

The Year 5/6 performed their show 'School-O-vision' this week and absolutely smashed it! It was such a great show, and each child shone out. I was truly proud of them. The Yr 6s are now preparing for their transition days at Secondary School and the Leavers service on Friday. I hope to see you all there.

The FOK pulled out all the stops with a Colour Run fundraising event. It was such good fun, and the children thoroughly enjoyed every minute. Not only did they raise a great amount of money - they also created lots of happy memories the children will cherish. Thank you to all that helped organise the event and the parents who supported. We have included some photos in this newsletter.

Miss Hartshorne



# Staffing update

We would like to invite all the parents to our Year 6 Leaver's service at 9am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July where we shall also be saying a special goodbye to Mrs Turner. Mrs Turner has been at Kilby for over 20 years and will be sadly missed by all.

Mrs Maher, who you will remember was Acting Headteacher for the Autumn term, has been appointed as Kilby's new SENCO. She has been working alongside Mrs Turner for the last few weeks to ensure a smooth transition for those children with SEND. I want to offer Mrs Maher a huge welcome from the team.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Fielding and Mrs Davis who will also be leaving in the Summer. We want to thank you for all you have done here at Kilby.

The children will be visiting their new classes next week and we shall be sending out a letter with our staff structure for the next academic year after that. The classes will remain the same:

Oak - Reception  
Willow - Year 1/2  
Maple - Year 3/4  
Rowan - Year 5/6

# Seedlings

- ▶ Seedlings have enjoyed learning all about the Seaside this half term. We have talked about our visits to the seaside and also learnt some new seaside words - cliffs, harbour, rockpool etc
- ▶ We have had fun in our seaside role play café and got very messy making ice-cream cloud dough!
- ▶ We have enjoyed lots of seaside stories including 'Sharing a shell' and 'Fidgety Fish'. We have made our own sandcastle, as well as some beautifully decorated ones for our seaside wall display.





# Oak

► In Oak class we have been learning all about the seaside! We have experimented to find out the best way to make a sandcastle and found out that if we add a little water to dry sand then it makes a stronger mixture to create our castle structures. We also watched a traditional puppet show then have been making up our own!

► We have had fun reading about the scary Scarface Claw in Hairy Maclary and then writing a letter to Hairy Maclary and his friends to advise them how to brave. Mrs Graves will run out of stickers soon as all the children are writing SOOOO beautifully now!

► After tending to our potatoes and strawberries, we have finally been able to harvest them and couldn't believe how many had grown!

► Finally, our newest members of the class this term have been some teeny, tiny caterpillars - who grew and grew, then each formed a chrysalis... then this week we have watched them emerge as butterflies! We have been so excited to watch them change.

► What a busy half term!!!



# Willow

I can't believe how much incredible work we've already managed to squeeze into our awesome, jam-packed summer term.

We've been reading *Lizzy and the Cloud* by Devin Fan and Terry Fan and have created our own guidebooks to tell new cloud owners how to look after their clouds. We've had to be extra careful though as those clouds are made grumpy easily and that can lead to thunderstorms! We're starting our new book called *A Walk in London* and we've been looking for clues about all the landmarks.

We've been learning about the seasonal changes throughout the year and have done an experiment measuring different temperatures from different times of the year.

In RE we've been learning about how we should care for the world by looking at famous saints including Mother Teresa. We carefully painted pictures showing the world in it's beauty and how we look after it.





# Maple

All the children have been working hard across the subjects in this short summer term. A huge congratulations to the Year 4's results from the times table testing, we are both very proud.

Maple were very lucky to win the lunchtime award for excellent behaviour and this was celebrated with a classroom disco and fluorescent snap band which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

We have recently started our new literacy book, The Baker by the Sea which is set in the past and they are enjoying all the different activities that we are doing. Today they were in the debating chamber delivering a speech in role. Mrs Connell and Mrs Fielding



# Rowan

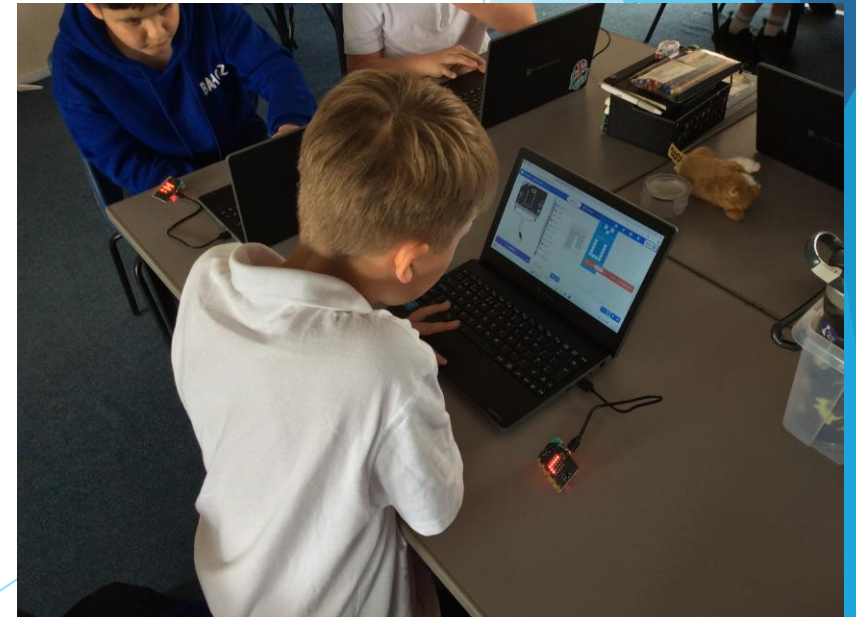
It's a really busy time of year in Rowan, with lots of exciting, end of year activities and events going on.

By the time you read this, many of you will have enjoyed, I'm sure, our fabulous show, 'School-o-Vision'. The cast is excited (and a little nervous) to share their hard work on stage with you.

Children enjoyed learning how to ride their bike safely on the roads during our recent 'Bikeability' sessions; thank you for supporting us with this.

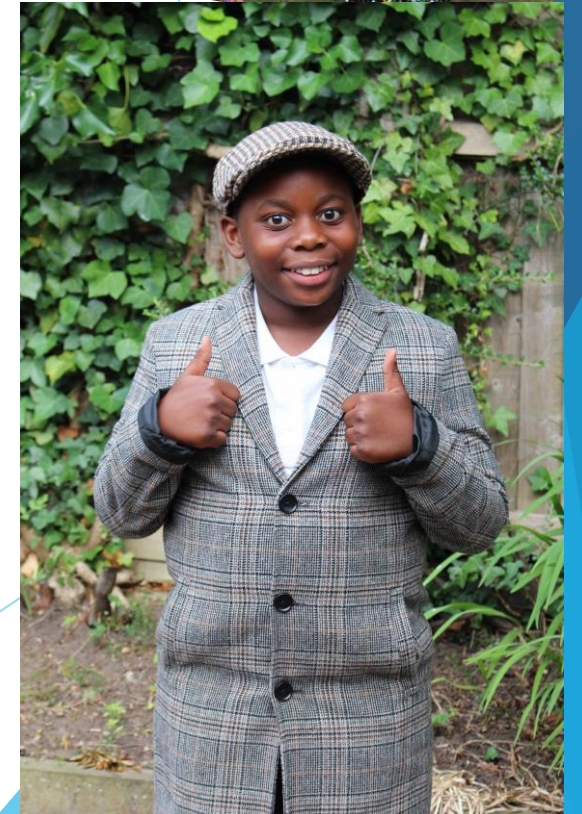
In Computing, children have enjoyed programming 'Micro-Bits', hand-held computers with built-in sensors. Before the end of the year, we are going 'mobile' with them, using them to measure noise, temperature, light, etc.

I hope you're all ready and packed for PGL...!





# School-o-Vision - 'What A School!'





# Colour Run





## What can we learn from the news?

We can learn all about things happening in the world but what can we learn from the news?

- Things that interest us
- Things we want to change and influence
- How we react and respond to different news stories
- How other people react and respond
- How a range of news content makes us feel
- That opinions, feelings and ideas can be influenced and change
- How we feel about something cannot be wrong

How might we hear about the news?



Social Media



News App



Internet



Radio



Word of Mouth



Newspaper



Television



Curriculum

The Daily Courant, published in London in 1702, claims to be Britain's first daily newspaper. This, however, is challenged by The Norwich Post, which first appeared in 1701.



Picture News is used in collective worship weekly.

## Real or Fake News?

Checking that news is real before you share it or believe it is important. Think about:

- Where did you hear the news?
- Has the news come from a source you trust?
- Can you find or have you heard the news somewhere else?
- Does it sound realistic?

## Key Vocabulary

### Biased

Having an opinion about an issue and not considering other options.

### Breaking news

New information about an event that is currently happening or developing.

### Correspondent

A journalist, who works for a media outlet and usually reports on a specific topic such as business, sport etc.

### Coverage

The attention given to a news story by media.

### Hot off the press

Newly printed or published.

### International

Relating to or affecting two or more nations.

### Journalist

A person who writes for newspapers, magazines or news websites or prepares news for broadcast.

### Local/regional

A particular part of the country.

### Media

The main means of mass communication.

### National

The whole of the country.

### Paparazzi

A freelance photographer, who follows public figures to get photos of them.

### Sensationalism

Presenting news stories in a way that causes public interest and excitement.

### Source

A place, person or thing from which something originates or can be found.



We are a 'Picture News Advocate School'!



## E Safety



- ▶ This month's E Safety Guide from National Online Safety is all about: 'Fake News' and how to help your child identify what is fake and what is real.
- ▶ See the attached guide for more details.



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# Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs have been really popular this half term.  
Here's what's on offer for your child

## KS1 Clubs Every Tuesday

Mindfulness Colouring  
Board Games  
Pom-Pom Making  
Ball Skills

## KS2 Clubs

Choir Mon  
Mindfulness Colouring Wed  
Pom-Pom Making Wed  
Lego Club Thurs  
Rounders Thurs



Every Friday is DISCO FRIDAY for the whole school!





# 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 27.06.25 by year group.

Foundation Stage 95.7%

Year 1 97.1%

Year 2 95.5%

Year 3 94.9%

Year 4 95.0%

Year 5 95.8%

Year 6 97.4%

**Well done to Year 1 and Year 6  
who have exceeded the 96% target  
again this month.  
Keep up the good work!**

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# Happy Birthday from Kilby!

## June Birthdays

Lotte

Lucia

David

Arabella

Evelyn

Rosie

Faith

Rory

Darius



What a lot of birthdays this month!

# Diary Dates

- ▶ Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Rowan Class Residential
- ▶ Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Service
- ▶ Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 End of Year Ball (Evening)
- ▶ Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for Summer.
- ▶ **WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

