

THE JUNIOR TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17th *Walk to School Week*

LAMDA Examinations

All day

Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Assessment & Reports)

4.30pm

Wednesday 19th

Colts A&B Cricket v Moor Park (h)

2.30pm

Friday 21st

PTA Reps Meeting (via Zoom)

9am

U10/11 A,B&C Girls Cricket v Monmouth (a)

2.45pm

Governors General Purposes Committee Meeting

4pm

Saturday 22nd

Chorister Open Morning

10am

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 24th *Y1-6 Junior School Assessment Week*

PTA Bag2School Week

House Point Deadline (First Half of Term)

4pm

Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Planning)

4.30pm

Wednesday 26th

Colts A&C Cricket v The Downs (h)

2.30pm

Thursday 27th *No clubs today*

Y1 Full Reports and Y3 & 5 Progress Grades published

Home Clothes Day

All day

Half Term begins

3.30/3.45pm

Friday 28th

Staff INSET Day

All day

FROM THE HEAD

Frustratingly the Prime Minister's announcement this week and the subsequent revisions to the Government's Guidance for Schools will make little difference to us at the Junior School. That said, and, whilst the majority of our measures must remain in place, the children are learning, and enjoying all that we are able to do, as evidenced throughout this week's Junior Times.

A request please. Parents will have seen in the calendar that we are holding our regular Assessment Week for Years 1-6 in the week beginning 24th May (the week before half term). I should like to ask your support please in ensuring your child's attendance and punctuality throughout this week.



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

On Monday we welcomed Pat Skeet from Christian Aid to Assembly. She told us of this year's Christian Aid Week focus, water provision in Kenya, and we spoke about the importance of water to life. The children will be bringing home Christian Aid envelopes today. Please return any donations to the School Office.

On Wednesday Mr Wright asked how are you today? With reference to Mental Health Awareness week, we talked about emotions, positive feelings and more difficult feelings too. The children responded thoughtfully and maturely when thinking about ways in which we might cope with difficult feelings: talking, hugging, exercise, the outdoors and meditation each got a mention. We spoke about nature particularly, as this is the focus of this year's Mental Health Awareness Campaign. Parents can find more about this [here: Mental Health Awareness Week.](#)



NURSERY

In Nursery this week we have been exploring our five senses.

The children have made some lovely paintings using our homemade natural paints, described popcorn using all our five senses and enjoyed having a guess at what was in our feely boxes. We also enjoyed going on a senses walk.



YEAR 1

This week 1TW went on a tree hunt around Castle Green. We enjoyed looking carefully at the leaves and using our tree identifying sheet to help us work out what trees there are around us. Whilst we were on Castle Green we also thought about our castle topic and had a chat about where the castle could have been and when it was built.

In class we have worked in small groups to retell the story 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. We had to sequence the events in the story and then think about how to present the story to the rest of the class in a fun and enjoyable way.



RECEPTION PIZZA MAKING...

Reception enjoyed an enormous treat this week with making our very own pizzas. We had a demonstration first by Mr Prosser and then rolled out the dough adding the toppings to the cheese and sauce. We then ate them for our lunch....they were amazingly delicious! All of the Reception children and staff would like to thank Mr Prosser and the dining hall staff for the fantastic experience!



..AND CAROUSEL DAY!

We brought the May fair to the Reception garden this week, where they worked in groups of three to rotate around the carousel of activities. They enjoyed tin can alley, pin the tail on the donkey, coin drop and had to unlock the numicon padlocks...it was great fun!

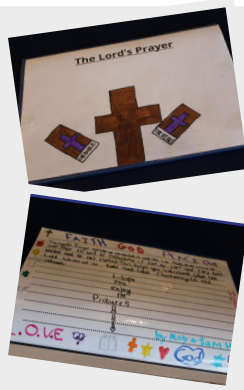


YEAR 6

Over the last two weeks the Year 6 children have been working on the Lord's Prayer as part of their work about 'The Kingdom of God'.

After learning about the prayer, each Year 6 child has contributed to a page in a Lord's Prayer book.

This book is for the younger children in the school and will try to explain the prayer. 6G have made a book for Year 2 and 6J have made a book for Year 1TW. As well as explaining each line, the Year 6 children have also illustrated each line to try to explain the meaning, which has been quite tricky!



FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

Another rather unsettled week of weather has failed to dampen spirits as Games has continued to take place.

On Wednesday, the rain relented and every available boy and girl in Years 5&6 were able to take part in cricket matches against King's St Albans. The girls continued their development with two wins out of three at Wyeside whilst for the boys, it was their first match of the term and for over a whole year. The softball C team had an exciting match winning by just 7 runs helped by some inspired bowling from Jamie Pope. The B team lost by 41 runs whilst the A team won by a convincing 102 runs.

Next week, there are some boys matches against Moor Park on Wednesday whilst on Friday, every girl in Years 5&6 will be involved in matches away at Monmouth Girls.

As ever, all of the details will be on [Firefly](#) and the notice boards in school.

During one of our rain breaks in Games on Tuesday, I went through the equipment people have to wear when they are batting and also wicket keeping. Here are some Year 3 almost ready to play Test matches!!!



YEAR 2

During 2D's recent PSHE sessions the children created their own 'Golden Rules'. The pupils have thought carefully about treating others in the same way they would like to be treated. 2D devised 9 rules to follow, which have a strong theme of kindness, sharing and a focus upon looking after one another and being respectful. Apologising when you have done something wrong was an important issue which was discussed and of course having much fun in the playground with their friends was absolutely essential!



Year 2 children have also been tracking the growth of their runner bean plants. They have been learning about the germination process and the life cycle of a bean! Fingers crossed their plants produce some runner beans during the summer and there is no giant at the top of their beanstalks!



SNACK HAPPY!

A reminder to please pack healthy snacks for your children.

Accepted snacks include: fruit (for Nursery grapes should be sliced vertically to avoid choking), plain biscuits and cereal bars or similar as we follow healthy eating guidelines. We do not allow chocolate or sweets. Please do not put in whole nuts or snacks containing nuts, as we have children with allergies in various year groups throughout the Junior School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Edward Maxted, Sam Vernon, Cillian Aye-Maung, Hattie White and Oscar Freddi.



FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Junior School & Nursery Virtual Open Morning: Saturday 15 May

[Chorister Open Morning](#) Saturday 22 May

ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

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HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Do you know a boy who loves singing?

Chorister Open Morning
Saturday 22 May 2021

EXPLORE BEING A CATHEDRAL CHORISTER

Hereford's renowned cathedral choir offers a wonderful opportunity for boys to receive a unique musical education in a spectacular setting.

All the choristers are educated at Hereford Cathedral School, where they receive substantial scholarships provided by the cathedral, which may be increased to 100% in case of financial need.

Boys aged 6–9 are welcome to attend the open morning from 10 to 11 am. Attendance is free, but places are limited, so booking is essential. Please contact the director of music, Geraint Bowen:

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