

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 8th - 11th Week of Term *Woodall Day*

Staff Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm
Tuesday 9th	
RGS The Grange U8 Hockey Festival (a)	2pm
U9 A Hockey v The Elms (a)	2.45pm
The Elms U9 Rugby Festival (a)	2.45pm
PTA Committee Meeting, No.1 Castle Street	7.30pm
Wednesday 10th	
School Service led by 6J (Y2-6), Cathedral	8.50am
U11 A & U10 A Rugby v The Elms (h)	2.30pm
Colts A&B Hockey v The Elms (a)	2.45pm
Colts C Hockey v Moor Park (a)	2.45pm
Thursday 11th	
Act of Remembrance, Quiet Garden	10.45am
Y5&6 Choir Rehearsal for Words & Music for Remembrance, Cathedral	1-2.15pm
Words & Music for Remembrance, Cathedral	7pm
Friday 12th	
Reception – Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations, Library	am
Governors Finance Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4pm
Saturday 13th	
The Elms U9 Hockey Tournament (a)	10.45am-3pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 15th - 12th Week of Term *National Anti-Bullying Week: 'One Kind Word'*

Pre-Prep (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2) Parent Consultations, The Moat	3.40-6pm
Y4 Focus Meeting for Staff	4.15pm
Tuesday 16th	
Y4 Parents' Evening, Zimmerman Main Hall	5.30-8.30pm
Wednesday 17th	
5L Class Assembly, St David's Hall	8.50am
Malvern College U11 Hockey Tournament (a)	2pm
U11 A Rugby v King's St Albans (h)	2.30pm
U10 A, B&C Rugby v King's St Albans (h)	2.30pm
Colts B&C Hockey v King's St Albans (Bridgeway St., Leominster)	2.30pm
Thursday 18th	
Home Clothes Day (<i>in aid of Children in Need</i>)	all day
6G Design & Technology Workshop, HCS D&T Department	am
6J Design & Technology Workshop, HCS D&T Department	pm
Reception 'Stay & Play' for Nursery Children & Parents, The Moat	pm
School Council Meeting, 5B	3.40pm
Senior School Information Evening for Y6 Parents, Zimmerman Main Hall	6.30-8pm
Friday 19th	
Junior School Open Morning	9.45-11.30am
U9 & U11 Cross Country v RGS Worcester (a)	2pm
Saturday 20th	
U11 Rugby Trip	all day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Edward Whittal, Annie Macklin, Solomon Wells, Harry Coleman and Charlotte Madge.

AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY OVER HALF TERM TO...

Lorena Andrade, Gabriel O'Rourke, Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon, Niamh Jones, Layla Chapman, Ayana Bagul, Tabitha Batchelor and Romillie Sockett.



FROM THE HEAD

The second half of term has certainly started with purpose and it has been wonderful to welcome back all our pupils and hear of their exciting adventures during the half term break. I enjoyed spending some time with the Reception children looking at their half term photos this week - needless to say that pumpkins were front and centre!



The Year 5 and 6 girls and boys performed impressively against Monmouth on Wednesday. This is historically one of our hardest fixtures of the term and therefore the clean sweep of victories for the three U10 rugby teams was particularly noteworthy. Well done to all the boys and girls in Year 5 and 6 who performed so well on the pitch, but as importantly, hosted our guests off the field so impeccably.

Last night, I was delighted that we were able to hold our Year 6 Parents' Evening with face to face appointments. While Zoom has served us so well in the last 18 months, there really isn't any comparison with having these important conversations in person. While I wouldn't quite go as far as one parent who told me it was 'a treat to be out and their social highlight since lockdown', it was definitely a welcome return - long may it continue!

This morning Year 3 and 4 welcomed Dean Sarah, the new Dean of Hereford Cathedral, to our assembly. By the end of the assembly Dean Sarah had all the children (and staff) singing 'Thank you Lord' with actions. I very much look forward to Dean Sarah becoming a regular part of our assembly programme.

Finally, may I wish you all a happy and restful weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at this evening's PTA Fireworks at Wyeseide.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

In assembly on Monday and Tuesday Mr Debenham challenged Pre-Prep and Y5&6 to consider how what we 'give out' to others affects us too. Using the example of a boomerang and spinning a hula-hoop so it came back to them, the children thought about what positive things they could throw out and what they might get in return. Ideas ranged from a simple smile to sitting with someone at break time who is on their own to choosing a different partner when walking to Games. The children summarised the assembly using the phrase 'treat others as you want them to treat you'.

On a similar theme, on Friday Year 3 and Year 4 welcomed Dean Sarah to assembly. Dean Sarah talked to the children about the lethal weapon they all brought to school each day! After a wide range of suggestions, the children worked out that Dean Sarah was talking about their tongues and how they spoke to one another. Using a bible reading from James 3: 7-12 Dean Sarah challenged the children to use their tongues for good. The assembly concluded with some animated singing of 'Thank you Lord' with Dean Sarah leading the actions.

WORDS AND MUSIC FOR REMEMBRANCE

The Year 5&6 Choir will be singing in the 'Words and Music for Remembrance' in the Cathedral on Thursday 11th November at 7pm. Parents have received a letter with details of arrangements. Although the letter states that the event is strictly one ticket per family, the Cathedral have since released a few more tickets and families will be able to have a second if required. (Please book tickets via the music administrator Mrs Turtle – A.Turtle@herefordcs.com)

POPPIES

Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday. They will be available before school at the Number 28 gate and in the Quiet Garden at break times.

MERITS

Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon, Jessica Austin x2, Callum Orme, Vanessa Holman x4, Daisy Hall x2, Florence Brown x2, Ashley Wilson x2, Kensi Stapleton, Amelia Nicholson, Sophie Austin, Finlay Webb, Sophie Pursey, Soli Peppercorn x2, Arthur Chapman, William Milestone, Ethan Aye-Maung x2, Daisy Courtney, William O'Leary x2, Louis Storey, Eva Nash, Willow Jones, George Brown, Amelia Nicholson, Juliette Wood, Solomon Wells, Archie Turtle, Luisa Martins, Freya Webb x3, Sophia O'Leary x2, Annie Macklin, Leonard Ray x3, Anna Lines x2, George Debenham x3, Florence Moseley, Jacob Edwards, Alexander Bozward, Hunter Martin, Jamie Pope, Archie Challis, Max Baillie, Layla Chapman, Aiden O'Connor, Eliza Makaruk, Gauranga Rao, Freddie Clark x2, Guy Coleman x2, George Matli x2, Jemima Hayes, William Morgan, Edward Meadows, Aria Fellows-Butchart and Lily Foster.

NURSERY

It has been lovely welcoming back the children after half term and hearing all about their wonderful adventures. This week in Nursery we have been exploring light and dark in preparation for Bonfire night. The children have made some beautiful firework pictures using different materials. They even made their own edible sparklers which looked and tasted yummy!



RECEPTION

Reception have enjoyed a busy start to the second half of term and have visited the Cathedral already to practise their Nativity. They have also been practising their knife and fork skills with the playdough.



YEAR 3 DRAMA

The Year 3 Sparklers Show returned with a bang for 2021, after a quiet time off during Covid. There was limited rehearsal time due to illness and so Year 3 really did extremely well to produce their excellent presentation for parents. One member of the audience noted how 'well trained' the children were – they certainly watched and listened incredibly well. They should feel very pleased with the pleasure they gave the audience, hopefully helping to remind the audience to remember the magic that is all around us.

YEAR 1 ART

Year 1 have completed their marble maps as part of their Design & Technology project this term.



YEAR 6 ENGLISH

This term, Year 6 explored the poem 'The Highwayman', by Alfred Noyes. They also investigated techniques that helped to create suspense in their writing and produced some incredibly creative work. Their final task was to re-write the poem as a piece of prose and included below are some sample extracts from their amazing work.

'Proudly, without hesitation, he stormed in the old inn door and there she was.' *Jemima*

'In the moonlit inn yard, a stable door squeaked where Tim the green-eyed ostler nosed about. His face was pale and lifeless like a corpse.'

Annie

'As the moon rose cautiously in the darkened sky, he stared into the stillness over the red lit moor.' *Gabriel*

'One soldier saw his chance. His hands shaking in terror, he loaded the musket and fired. A hole pounded through the Highwayman's heart as it shattered. His rotten, red blood settled in the stillness of the winter moor.' *George M*



This week's Words of the Week are:

Year 3 - Build
Year 4 - Consider
Year 5 - Bruise
Year 6 - Controversy

MUSIC

PRE-PREP PERCUSSION WORKSHOP

The Pre-Prep had a lovely day creating percussion music to a Chinese theme, complete with authentic Chinese instruments, costumes and even a dancing dragon!



INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

What a fabulous instrumental concert we had just before half term. It was really exciting to be able to have a live concert after so long and it was the first concert ever for so many of our performers. The string orchestra started us off with two exciting pieces and we also heard solos on the violin, cello, piano, saxophone, clarinet and flute. What a treat for the audience and well done to all the performers.



GAMES DEPARTMENT

Before half term, the U10 hockey team won the RGS tournament beating RGS 4-0, Winterfold 1-0, MSJ 4-0 and drawing with Bromsgrove 0-0.



The Colts A & B hockey teams played RGS and the As won and the Bs drew. All our Y5&6 boys played rugby against RGS with HCJS winning 3 games and narrowly losing the other.

28 schools took part in the County Primary Football Tournament at Wyeside. Despite not being our football term, the HCJS team did brilliantly. After finishing runners up in our group, we progressed via penalties in two knock out games to the cup semi final where we were eventually defeated by the winners Brockhampton.

This week has seen all Y5&6's play Monmouth. The boys U10A team continued their unbeaten run whilst there was a good win for our B team. Our U11A and U10C were narrowly defeated. Our girls came away from Monmouth unbeaten without conceding a goal in the three matches. Jess A starred with 4 goals for the Colts A.

Next week all Y3&4 girls are involved in matches and Y5&6 pupils are playing The Elms.



Congratulations to Poppy D who was selected for England U10's home ponies show jumping competition. Her team finished second. She also finished equal 1st in the U10 style and performance class.



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FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 10th November, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm.
Junior School & Nursery Open Morning - Friday 19th November from 9.45-11.00am

ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

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