



# St. Michael's CE (VC) First School Newsletter

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We ended last half term with our 'Lost Words' WOW week, focussing on the wildlife of Britain and based on the book of the same name. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents who were able to join us at the end of the day on the Friday to view and celebrate all of the work that the children had completed.

We had a lot of fun on our Barlaston Downs walk and again it was wonderful to have so many families come and enjoy this event with us. We are planning our next 'Muddy Puddles' walk later in the year so keep a look out for details of this next academic year.

Our school grounds are certainly home to a lot of nature and native animals as our visitor yesterday shows. Our 'school hedgehog' is living happily in our nature area!



Mrs J Wass  
Headteacher

## Certificates and Special Awards

### Nursery

James Bella Eliza Will Evie Mabel Evie

### Early Years

George Kai Thalia Heidi

### Year 1

Lucas Katie Freddie

### Year 2

Teddy Alice Rouke All of Year 2 for super behaviour at church

### Year 3

Scarlett Megan Jack Abigail Megan

### Year 4

Theo Henri

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## Nursery



We enjoy art and craft activities and were proud of the scarecrows we created with rice, cereal and pasta. We also collected natural resources from the woods to make the initial letters of our names and animal collages. We have used wax crayons to draw a spring frieze, including spiders, flowers and butterflies, and did chalk art on the playground.

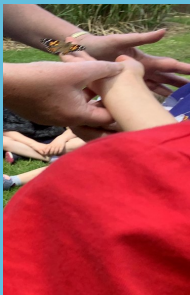


## Early Years

During wow week we explored British Wildlife and enjoyed seeing Tapestry photos sent in of children exploring this at home. We had children feeding lambs, observing blue tits nesting, going on nature hunts and much more. Well done for engaging with our wonderful wildlife.



## Year 1



During nature WOW week we enjoyed being able to set free the class butterflies and we were very proud to be able to set up and show our work that we had done throughout the week to our families.



## Year 2

We have been on a bug hunt collecting data on bugs for our computing topic this half term.



We also had a visit from our very own author Mr Abbott who read us one of his stories about 'Gummy the Goldfish'.

## Year 3

This half term we are looking at 'how does your garden grow?'

This week we have been looking at plants in more detail, we had to carefully remove the soil to uncover the roots. We were able to identify the main parts of a plant and their function.



## Year 4

During our latest WOW week based on the book 'The Lost Words', we studied some of the fantastic illustrations. We did our best to recreate some of the artwork. Firstly, we tried sketching and painting small details from our chosen picture, in our sketchbooks. After that, we created a wash background on a large piece of paper before using water colours to complete our paintings over a couple of days. We were thrilled with the results!



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# Christian Values Certificates

The following children have been presented with a Christian Values Certificate for demonstrating one of our school values

## Nursery

Annabelle          Anna

## Early Years

Jessica    Zack          Kai          George

## Year 1

Alice          Amelia

## Year 2

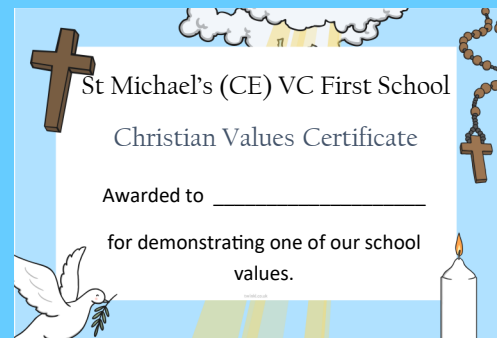
Lilliana    Rosie          The whole of 25

## Year 3

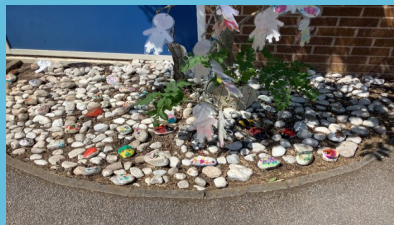
Sophie    Isobel    Poppy    Luca          April

## Year 4

Ginny          Isabelle



## Friendship Club



We have been busy decorating stones.

## House Points

Week Ending 9th June

284

215

207

233

## PTA

We would like to start off by saying a huge thank you for your continued support throughout this year.

We have raised £3652.63 in total, which has meant we have been able to buy Christmas books for each pupil, books for the school reading scheme, partially funded the Stone Age and Viking workshops, Christmas and Easter lollies, geography books, a new shed and contributions towards the cost of coaches for each school trip.

None of this would have been possible without the donations, volunteers and the attendance at events. This has given the children amazing experiences and supplies because of you.

Our next PTA meeting is on 15th June at 6pm, anyone is welcome to join.

Also, a reminder that it is dress down day for summer fayre donations on Friday 23rd June. Please see letter emailed on the 24th May.

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## Gardening Club



The whole school have enjoyed rhubarb crumble, grown in the school grounds by our Gardening Club and baked by Mary in the school kitchen.

It was delicious!

## Diary Dates

Monday 12th June	Year 4 to INSPIRE at Lichfield Cathedral
Wednesday 14th June	Year 2 to Peak Wildlife Park
	Sept 2023 Reception Parents Open Evening 7.00pm
Thursday 15th June	Year 4 Transition Afternoon
Tuesday 20th June	Choir to Stafford Grammar
Wednesday 21st June	Sports Day KS1 (Years 1&2) 9.15-10.30am Early Years 11.00—11.45am
Thursday 22nd June	Sports Day Nursery 9.15-10.15am KS2 10.15 -11.45am
Friday 23rd June	PTA Dress Down to collect donations for the Summer Fayre (letter emailed 24th May)
Sunday 25th June	Stone 10K Road Race
Monday 26th June	Year 4 Transition Day
Tuesday 27th June	Year 4 Transition Day Early Years Visit to Stone library September 2023 Reception Stay and Play 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 29th June	Year 2 to church
Tuesday 4th July	September 2023 Reception Storytime 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 6th July	Year 3 River Trip PTA Summer Fair 5.00-7.00pm
Thursday 13th July	Year 2 to church
Tuesday 18th July	Year 4 Leavers Service 6.30pm
Thursday 20th July	Year 4 Leavers Party 5.00-6.30pm
Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July	Inset Days, School Closed
Wednesday 26th July— Friday 1st September	Summer Holidays, School Closed

*Further details of all events will be sent out in due course*

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