

4th April 2025

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



**Whole School Attendance
as at:**

4.4.25

Target: 97%

Actual: 96.6%

Dear Parents,

With the Easter holidays upon us, your child may spend some time enjoying screen-based activities on various devices. To support safe and positive online experiences, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some useful websites that can help guide children toward responsible internet use.

Check age ratings!

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. Being online can be great but it is important that we set boundaries for our children to keep them safe whilst they explore being online, develop digital resilience and an understanding of what to do if anything negative happens when online.

So how can we keep our children safe?

We can start by checking age restrictions/ratings. It is important that we follow these to ensure that what our children are doing or seeing online is appropriate for their age.

Where can I find these ratings?

Films: The British Board of Film classifications for video games. This page includes a link to a 'Parents Guide to Age Ratings'. <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/>

Video Games: PEGI provides age classification for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as Roblox), or chat facilities within games.

Apps: Check the individual ratings within the relevant app store. It is also recommended that you download any apps and play them yourself to check their suitability.

Social Media: **All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+**

What else can I do?

- ◆ Explain the importance of age ratings to your child
- ◆ Go online together to see what your child is accessing
- ◆ Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing something unsuitable
- ◆ Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and always remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cp440njz78zt>

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday! See you all back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Best wishes, Mandy Ovenden, Head Teacher

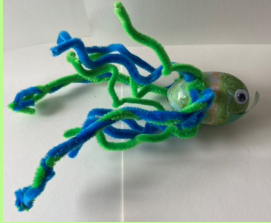


Easter Egg Competition

Our judges were absolutely egg-static to see so many incredibly creative entries in the egg decorating competition. Selecting the winners was no yolk! The winning entries are below, but to see all the wonderful ideas and creations, copy and paste this link to the Art Gallery on our website:

<https://www.wherwellprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=10&gcatid=11>

ROBINS



1st Prize
Gale



2nd Prize
Eliott



3rd Prize
Margot



4th Prize
Daisy

PUFFINS



1st Prize
Valeria



2nd Prize
Kathryn



Joint 3rd Prize
Arnaud



Joint 3rd Prize
Brodie



4th Prize
Henley

KINGFISHERS



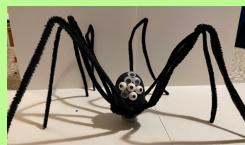
1st Prize
Kayleigh



Joint 2nd
Prize
Leon



Joint 2nd Prize
Matilda



Joint 3rd Prize
Blake



Joint 4th Prize
Florent



Joint 3rd Prize
Charlotte



Joint 4th Prize
Willow

SPARROWHAWKS



1st Prize
Fergus



2nd Prize
Elizabeth



3rd Prize
Emma



4th Prize
Indie

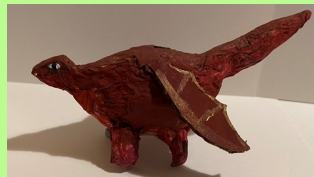
HOUSEMARTINS



1st
Prize
Lucas



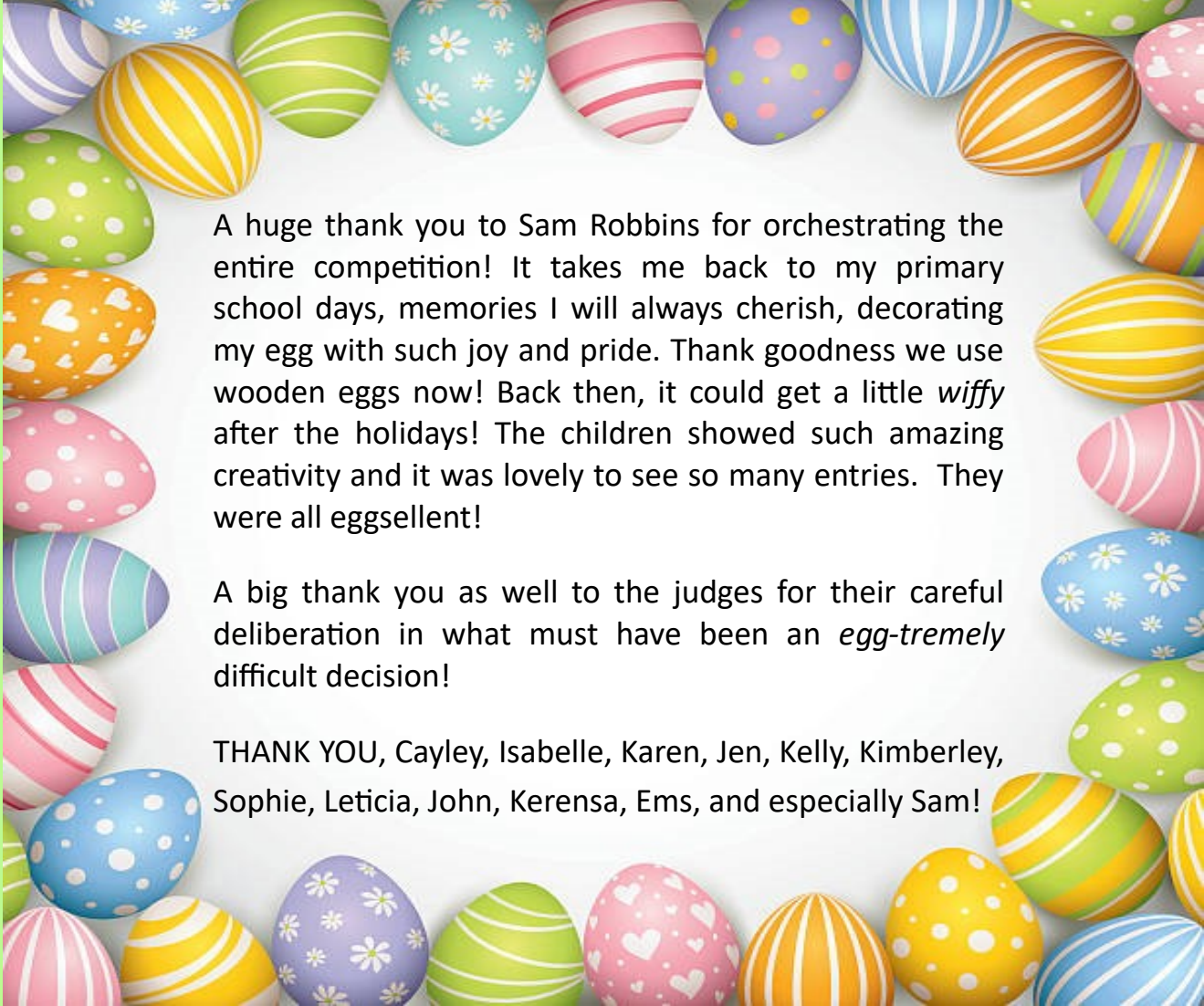
2nd Prize
Elizabeth



3rd Prize
Bertie



4th Prize
Daisy



A huge thank you to Sam Robbins for orchestrating the entire competition! It takes me back to my primary school days, memories I will always cherish, decorating my egg with such joy and pride. Thank goodness we use wooden eggs now! Back then, it could get a little *wiffy* after the holidays! The children showed such amazing creativity and it was lovely to see so many entries. They were all eggsellent!

A big thank you as well to the judges for their careful deliberation in what must have been an *egg-tremely* difficult decision!

THANK YOU, Cayley, Isabelle, Karen, Jen, Kelly, Kimberley, Sophie, Leticia, John, Kerensa, Ems, and especially Sam!

Good Luck Mrs Preston

Sadly we have had to say farewell to our Kitchen Supervisor, Mrs Preston, who is now working at a different school. We are very grateful to Mrs Preston for her dedication to Education Catering and in supporting the school's needs for the last eight years. Her warm smile and bubbly personality will be missed by staff and children alike.





ROBINS

This week, our Drawing Club story in Robins Class has been Goldilocks and the Three Bears. On Tuesday, we drew the woodland that the three bears live in. What better place to do this than in our very own woodland! Robins had a wonderful, sunny and very calm time drawing and writing about the woodland sat surrounded by trees and nature.

In our outside area this week, Robins Class had loads of fun using our mud kitchen pots and pans as musical instruments!

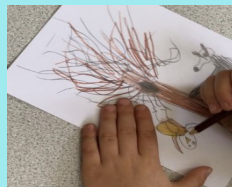


PUFFINS

Thank you to everyone who brought in their home learning habitat posters this week. We have had a fabulous array of habitats from the UK forest to the American Everglades! The children were very proud to share their work.

We have finished off our Design and Technology learning unit this week, which involved the children having a go at making different mechanisms including sliders, levers and wheels. The children designed, made and evaluated their moving pictures.

Finally, we say goodbye to Miss Kirk. She has been with us throughout the Spring term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed having her in the classroom. We all wish her well for the future and thank her for all of her hard work in Puffins Class.





KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have had a very exciting week. At the beginning of the week, we finished and tested our catapults with Mrs Hill. Every single catapult worked and we were incredibly excited!

Our science longitudinal study is all about how plants reproduce so we have planned and carried out an investigation. On Wednesday this week, we planted sunflowers in the playground and we can't wait to watch them grow!

We would also like to say a fond farewell to Miss Thompson who has worked incredibly hard in Kingfishers Class over the last 11 weeks. She has supported each and every one of us to achieve our full potential and we are very grateful for her care and kindness. We wish her well as she completes her studies.



SPARROWHAWKS

Last week, the Sparrowhawks enjoyed the sunshine, taking full advantage of the glorious weather as they embarked on an exciting woodland adventure! As part of our Geography learning, we set off to discover the many ways the woodland can be used and revelled in the joy of being outdoors breathing in the fresh air.

This term, we've been diving deep into the fascinating world of rainforests! In our DT lessons, we brought rainforest creatures to life by crafting incredible hand puppets. The Sparrowhawks showed remarkable resilience with their sewing skills, and their creativity was off the charts as they designed and brought their animals to life in the most imaginative ways!





HOUSE MARTINS

House Martins have been thoroughly enjoying their tennis lessons in the sunshine this half term! We've been taking part in tennis-themed circuits, which have enabled us to practise a variety of tennis skills. We've worked on improving racquet control, ensuring that we have a good grip and technique when handling the racquet. Moreover, we've spent time perfecting our ball toss ready for serving, focusing on throwing the ball consistently in the same place each time. We've also worked on our agility to ensure we're ready to return any shots that come our way!



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Wherwell Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

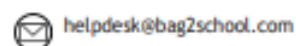
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

***The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit***

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 7th May 2025 by 9am





Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th to Monday 21st April
Return to School	Tuesday 22nd April
Avon Tyrell residential, Years 4 and 5	Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May
Robins, Puffins & Kingfishers—Drama4All 'Jungle Rumble' Drama Workshops (free)	Thursday 1st May
Harewood Run	Monday 5th May
Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 7th May, 9am
SATS Week—Year 6	Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May
Sparrowhawks—Watercress Line Trip	Wednesday 21st May
Walk to School Week	Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May
Half Term holiday	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th June
Inset Day	Monday 2nd June
School Photographer—Class photographs	Wednesday 4th June
Runways End residential Year 6 - details to follow	Monday 9th June—Friday 13th June
Sports Day	Friday 27th June
Speak out and stay safe NSPCC (Year 2) - details to follow	Tuesday 1st July, 1:15-1:45pm
Speak out and stay safe NSPCC (Years 5 & 6) - details to follow	Tuesday 1st July, 2-3pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 2nd July 3:30 - 7pm
Parents' Evening	Thursday 3rd July 3:30 - 5:30
Summer Fete	Sunday 6th July
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins—dress rehearsal to whole school	Thursday 10th July
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins performance to parents	Tuesday 15th July, 6pm
Sparrowhawks/Housemartins performance to parents	Wednesday 16th July, 6pm,
Inset Day	Monday 14th July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, Year 6 parents only	Friday 18th July, 2.15pm
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 22nd July