

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Autumn 1 Newsletter

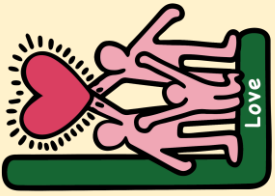
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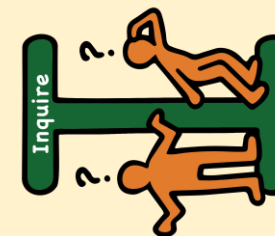
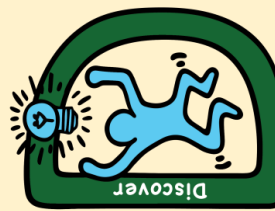
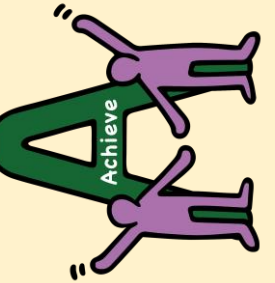
A fabulous half term!

The children have been learning with lots of energy in this first half term of the school year. The buzz that we felt in the classrooms first week back has continued through the half term. The Reception children are settling in really well and have begun to make friends. We have welcomed some new children to the school family – Demi in Year 2 and Lincoln in Year 4 – and it has been brilliant to see them beginning to make friends too.



We have celebrated Harvest at St Chad's church at the start of the half term and would like to thank you all for your very generous donations that Seb and Immy took along to the Warwick Food Bank. The team at the food bank were very grateful for our gifts.

Year 4 led our Harvest Celebration extremely well and we learned a lot about different foods were harvested – either by machine or by hand.





Harvest at St Chad's Church



Delivering our
Harvest gifts to
Warwick Foodbank





Worship Focus

This half term our IDEALS focus has been 'Encourage'. We have heard stories about people who needed encouragement, or have encouraged others. We have also learned about having a growth mindset ourselves.

In our very first worship we explored how geese encourage others in flight – there were six different ways that the group worked to encourage each other on their long flights. Some of these things we could use to encourage each other too.



We then thought about how we all carry with us an imaginary bucket. This bucket needs to feel full for us to be able to encourage others – and when we encourage others it fills both their bucket and our own bucket. We thought about different ways of filling other people's buckets – and made sure we didn't dip into other people's buckets through saying or doing unkind things.

Have you filled someone's bucket today by using encouraging words or actions?

We then learned about Moses, who heard God speak to him from a burning bush. He needed encouragement to go to speak to Pharaoh as he didn't think he was a good speaker. God promised to go with Moses, and we felt that it is easier to do something brave if we have someone to go with us.



We then thought about the disciples in a boat in a storm. They saw Jesus walking towards them on the water and were afraid as they didn't recognise



him at first. Jesus encouraged Peter to have faith and join him by stepping out of the boat. We thought about how we needed to be encouraged to step out of our comfort zones to try new things. Our faith, a friend, or family member can help us to be brave to give new things a go.





We heard how David bravely stepped up to take on Goliath. He was encouraged through his faith – knowing God would go with him, and through his knowledge of how God had helped him to protect his sheep from wild animals in the past. These previous experiences helped encourage David to win the battle with Goliath. Our past experiences can help to encourage us to try new things too.

Towards the end of term, we thought about how we could encourage each other to remember the rules in school that help to make sure everybody feels safe. We all agreed to work together to remind each other about the rules.

Reminders of some of our school rules:

Everything we do, we do with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14

We walk in school – this includes the classrooms, corridors and the hall at lunchtimes and in worship.

We listen when others are speaking – this includes in classrooms and in worship.

We play on the playground, KS1 and KS2 equipment areas and astro turf when it is wet – this is so school is not muddy and slippery after break and lunchtimes.

We keep the floors dry and let adults know if they are wet.

We stay where adults can see us – this is so they can help us if there is a problem.

We play sensibly with our friends and make sure we are keeping them safe.

When things don't feel safe with our friends, and we can't sort it out with words, we ask for an adult to help.

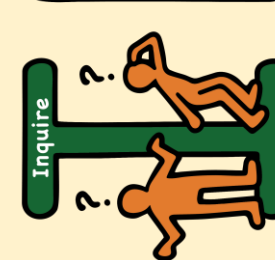
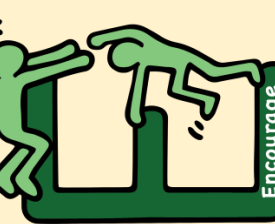
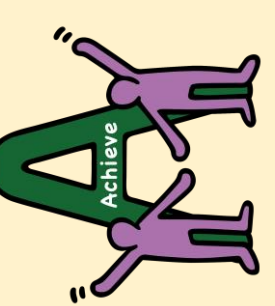
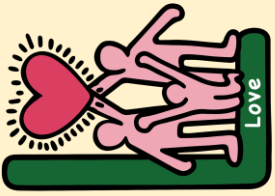
We use indoor voices when we are inside – this is in classrooms and when we are eating our lunch in the hall.



Our Encourage VIPs!

These children were spotted living out our IDEALS by 'Encouraging' others this half term. Well done!





What have the children been learning?

It has been a very long first half term and there has been so much learning happening in school.

Please click on your child's year group to find out what they have been learning this half term. The more you can chat about the pictures, the more they will recall their learning, and the more likely it is to stay in their long term memory. Thank you for your help!

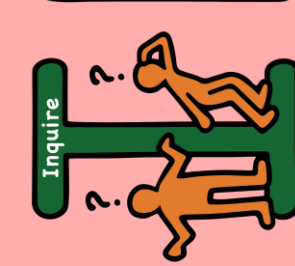
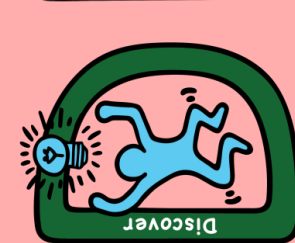
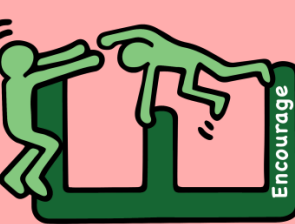
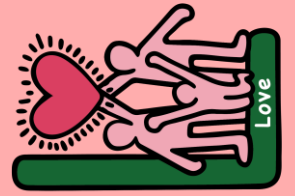
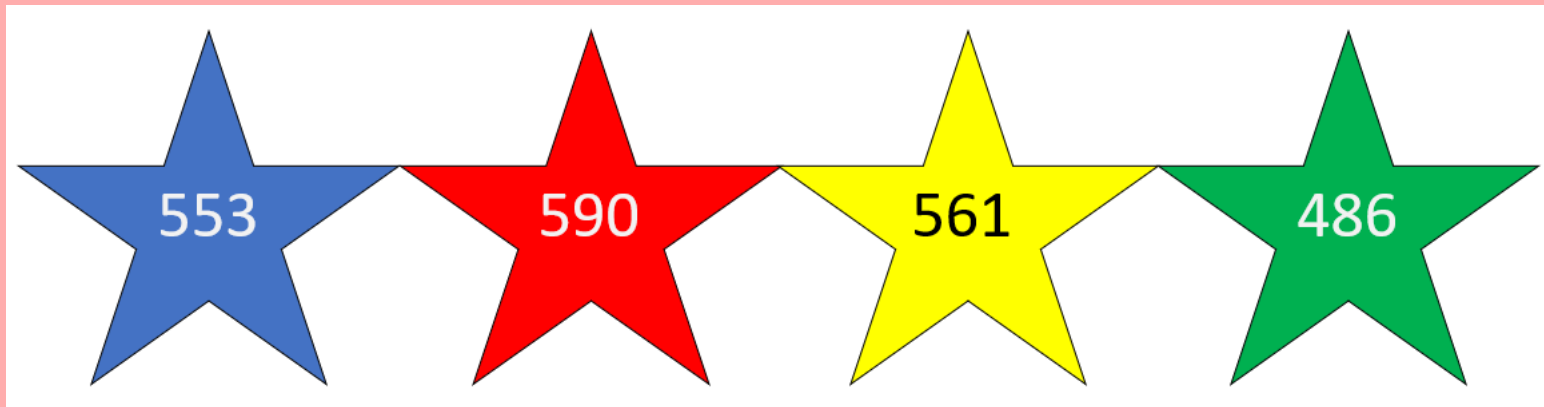


IDEALS raffle tickets:

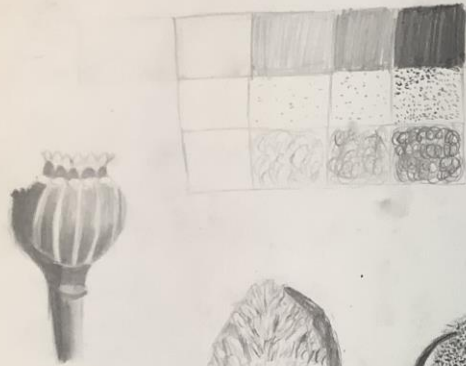
This half term saw the children living out so many of our IDEALS in school. Each week we counted the raffle tickets and the scores were really close throughout.



We would like to say a huge well done to Red Team, who collected the most raffle tickets and will celebrate with a 'Wear What you Want' day on Tuesday 5th November.



Year 6 Observational Drawing



peppy head

fin core



Tones
Edge
Direction
Shadow

Amelia



Henry Moore



The person who made this picture was a famous artist called Henry Moore. In World war II Henry Moore drew this picture in a train.



Art in Autumn 1

The children across school have been working hard in their art lessons this half term. These pictures are a snippet of their work.

[To see more of their learning please click here.](#)





Team Tachbrook in action

Our football teams and netball team have been in action this half term. They have encouraged each other with some fabulous team play!



Expectations for PE kit

From September 2024, I am pleased to confirm the PE kit as:

- Plain black shorts / Plain black leggings / Plain black tracksuit bottoms (a small logo on the pocket is ok)
- Bottle green t-shirt
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo - optional)
- No Hoodies are allowed except for year 6 Leavers' Hoodies.
- Trainers
- White/grey/black socks
- Long hair needs to be tied back.



The options for the PE tops are:

1. PE top designed by Akuma. The fabric of the t-shirt is a sports top fabric. This will be a normal price of £15, with the first t-shirt subsidised for all children this academic year at £7.50. You can see the different sizes available by popping into the school office.

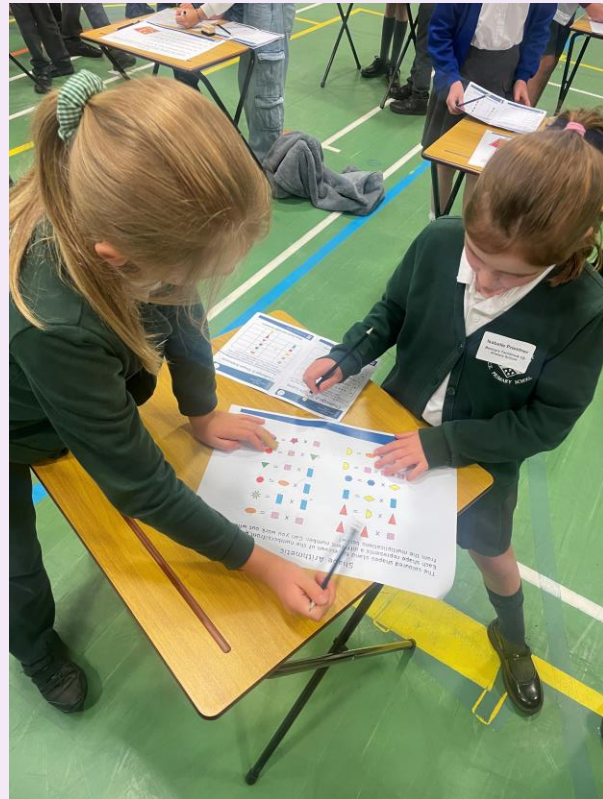
We will put an order for tops in termly. Please email admin3141@welearn365.com if you need to order a top.

2. Bottle green plain cotton polo or t-shirt (these are available from £3 for two from supermarkets)

Maths Challenge



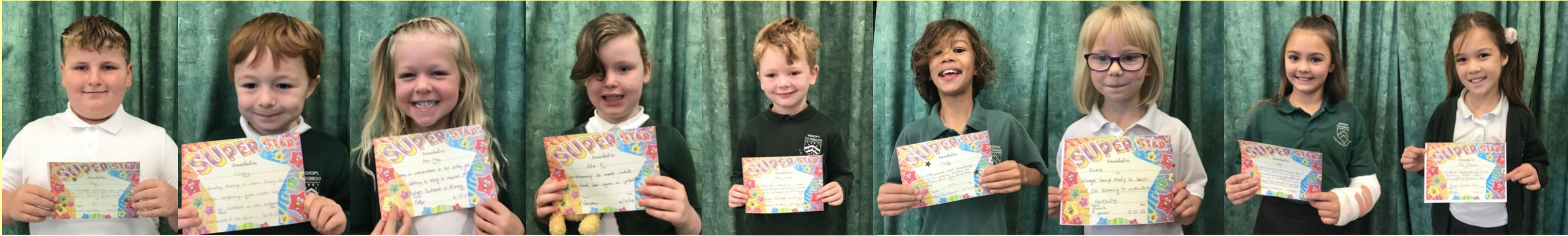
Four of our Year 5 children competed against other primary schools in a maths challenge. They were faced with lots of puzzles and problems, and worked together in a logical way to solve them. They used many of our Secrets of Success to 'Achieve' a great score. We are so proud of them.





Stars of the week

This half term we have celebrated lots of children showing our IDEALS and shining as great role models to other children.



Mighty Writers



Remarkable Readers



Marvellous Mathematicians





Celebrating Awards from home

We have celebrated sports awards, investments to cubs and beavers, a Blue Peter music award, Reading Challenge achievements and many more... It is lovely to see so many children Discovering new skills!





Peace Garden improvements

A team from JLR came to help transform the peace garden into a more peaceful space for children, making it look beautiful and peaceful. They helped to separate the space from the play equipment by creating a tyre fence that Mr Hanson has filled with lavender and other plants.



This half term Jemma came to add some magic to the shed that stands in the peace garden, and the children were taken aback in awe and wonder as they saw it for the first time. We are so lucky to have so many people willing to help make school a special place for the children!

The PTA are hoping to use some of the funds raised to put a pagoda and some natural stained glass windows into the area too. Thank you!

Dates for your diary:

You can find out if we are on Week A or Week B by looking at a [special calendar on the website](#) created for this purpose, and linked to the PE timetables.

- Thurs 7th Nov – Year 2 to church
- Fri 8th Nov – EYFS/KS1 trip to The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Theatre trip
- Tuesday 12th November NSPCC Assemblies in school
- Thurs 14th Nov – Open Morning for New Reception starters 2025
- Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need Day
- Mon 18th Nov – Year 5 trip to The National Space Centre, Leicester
- Wed 20th Nov – Flu Vaccinations in school
- Thurs 21st Nov – Year 3 to church
- 27th Nov – Year 2 trip to The Story Museum, Oxford
- Sat 30th Nov – PTA Christmas Market

Dates for your diary (cont):

- Thurs 5th Dec – Year 4 to church
- w/c 9th Dec – Year 5/6 catch-up swimming starts am
- Wed 11th Dec - ‘Messy Christingle’ in school led by Rev J for Year 1
- Thurs 12th Dec – Road Safety workshop for Reception
- Thurs 12th Dec – EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance for parents 9:30am and 5pm
- w/c 16th Dec – Year 5/6 catch-up swimming continues
- Mon 16th Dec – iRock concert for parents 9:30am
- Thurs 19th Dec – Christmas Service at St Chad’s. KS1 9:30, KS2 10:30 (Year 3 to lead both services)
- Thurs 19th Dec – Christmas Lunch special menu in school
- w/c 23rd Dec and 30th Dec – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- Mon 6th Jan – INSET

We have shared as many dates as we can for the half term ahead, but please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#).

PTA Dates for your diary:

- Friday 22nd November – Non-uniform day in return for donations towards the hampers
- Friday 29th November – Non-uniform day in return for chocolate and bottles for the tombolas.
- Saturday 30th November – Christmas Market 2-4pm
- Thursday 19th December – Sparkle and Shine Day

A huge thank you to all families who supported the school disco this half term. The children had great fun and it was a lovely way to end a long half term of hard work!



If you have any clothes that no longer fit, please use our clothing recycling bin just inside the school gates. The PTA will receive money for the weight of clothes that we collect.

Thank you for your continued support!



SEND Support for families

SENDIAS have a team of local accredited advisors that empower and support families on all matters related to special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This includes, but is not limited to, preparing for meetings, understanding SEND processes or professional reports, as well as knowing your rights in relation to SEND law and local policy.

Over the last 12 months, Warwickshire SENDIAS has helped over 1,600 families, with their caseworkers offering support to help parents, carers and young people with SEND.

Drop-in Sessions

SENDIAS has also been holding drop-in sessions across the county since the beginning of September, giving parents, carers and young people an opportunity to seek advice from their trained advisors about any SEND queries they may have.

The drop-in sessions will continue to run throughout October, November and December at Children and Family Centres (CFC) across the county - planned dates are below:

- 4 November, 10am - 2pm at Atherstone CFC
- 12 November, 10am - 2pm at St Michael's CFC, Bedworth
- 18 November, 9.30am - 12.30pm at Stratford CFC
- 25 November, 12.30pm - 3.30pm at Westgate CFC, Warwick
- 5 December, 9.30am - 12.30pm at Camphill CFC, Nuneaton
- 10 December, 9.30am - 1.30pm at Boughton Leigh CFC, Rugby



Our school has signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme 2024-2025. As part of the programme all children will be receiving age-appropriate road safety sessions, and we will also be participating in and promoting active travel.

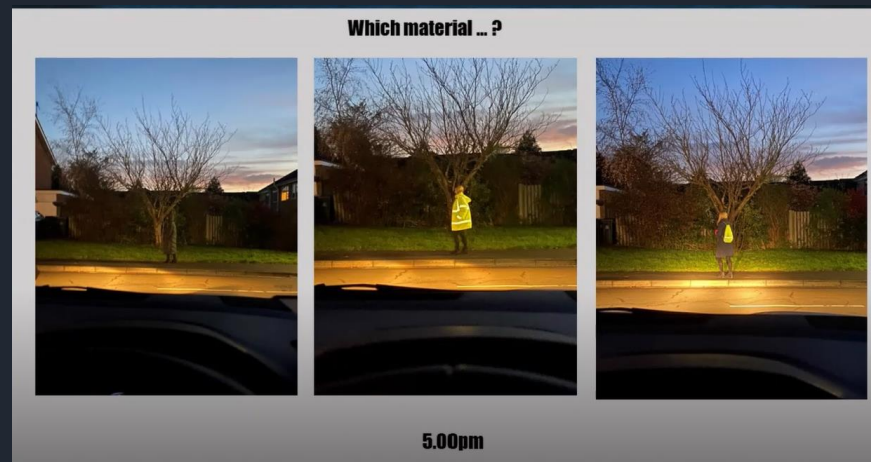
We recognise how important messaging is for our children. Your children copy your actions, and your behaviour serves as a powerful role model. We would like to ask all our families to model the safest behaviours near the road for children to copy and make good choices around travelling actively on the school run.

We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year.

For further information about road safety and active travel you can follow or contact the road safety education team.

X (previously Twitter) -
@WCCSafe_Active
Facebook - **@WCCSafeActiveTravel**

Email -
roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk



BE BRIGHT BE SEEN THIS HALLOWEEN



If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you.

When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road near a streetlight so that traffic can see you more easily.

Parking safely reminder

Councillor Matecki came to visit school as he had heard that we were keen to work with families to make school drop off and collection safer for all. We talked about lots of ideas and are excited about exploring some further. In the meantime, please can we remind all adults that the yellow zig-zag lines are to be kept clear at all times, enabling the children to see if traffic is approaching when they cross. **Please park at the Sports and Social Club or park on Underhill Way where it is less busy.** We would like to remind all parents that the staff

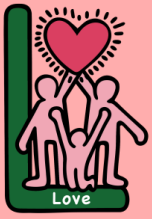


What is a Park and Stride?

Park and Stride is a great way for families who live too far away from school to travel actively as part of their journey.

If you must use a vehicle, try parking ten minutes away from the school and walk or roll the last part of your journey.

car park is for staff and visitors to school only. If you need to use the disabled parking space for any reason please contact the school office and we will ensure it is free for you to use. **Families are not permitted to use the staff car park without prior arrangement with the school office.** Thank you for your support to keep the children safe.



Children in Need – Friday 15th November

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November this year.

To help to raise awareness and money for this incredible charity, we are going to suggest that children wear their pyjamas to school and bring in £1 for the charity in return. If they would also like to bring in a teddy of some sort then they can for an additional donation. (They will need to keep their teddy safe through the day, so it will need to stay warm indoors and not venture out onto the playground.)

Please make sure children have warm coats for breaktime and lunchtimes – they may also want to wear t-shirts and leggings or shorts underneath their pyjamas to help keep warm.

We are looking to find a way of making a donation online rather than finding cash to send in – we will keep you posted...

