



EYFS - AUTUMN AND HARVEST



Everyone had a fantastic time on our Topic Day, finding out more about Harvest and Autumn in their imaginative costumes. The children took part in lots of different activities throughout the day, including picking vegetables from the patch and chopping them to make soup, leaf rubbings and observational drawings.

YEAR 3 & 4 - THE STONE AGE



Birch Class travelled back in time for their Topic Day. They constructed some models of typical houses from the Bronze Age and made Stone Age soup.

They worked outside as hunter gatherers and had a go at trying to capture an animal! Everybody looked fantastic and there was a huge amount of effort put into their costumes.

YEAR 1 & 2 - TOYS



Oak Class had a fantastic time exploring toys as part of their topic day. There was a Teddy Bears' Picnic, designing costumes for toys and lots of exploring, comparing and playing with toys both old and new! We were joined for the day by dolls, fairies, Woody from Toy Story and many more wonderful costumes.

YEAR 5 & 6 THE VIKINGS



Willow class had a great Topic Day. Dressed as Vikings, we created our own class mascots Asterix & Obelix. We cooked traditional Birka Bread (which was very popular with extra honey added).

We also had time to practise our names in traditional old Norse and created model longboats. What a fun way to start Viking life in Willow.



THEMED CLUBS

We are delighted at the success of our themed after school clubs and the broad range of exciting opportunities we can offer our pupils. This half term we have Computing Club on Monday, Yoga on Tuesday, Drama on Wednesday, Gardening Thursday and Multi-sports Friday.

We already have some exciting plans coming together for club themes and to enable us to offer other options after half term! All clubs can be booked via School Money.



FAMILY LUNCH - REMINDER OF DATES

It was lovely to be joined by so many family members for our first Tuesday family lunch of the term. We are very much looking forward to more families joining us on Tuesday 3rd and 10th October. Please remember to book via the School Money app. A big thank you to Mrs Alexander and Miss Oliver for preparing our delicious lunches.



PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

[PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO COMPLETE THE FORM AND CHECK ELIGIBILITY](#)

We would encourage all families to check if you meet the criteria for the Pupil Premium funding. Pupils eligible will receive free school meals throughout their time in school. Additional funding will also be allocated to school; this will enable us to provide further support and resources, as well as funding towards clubs and trips for children who are eligible.

The government will continue to provide schools with additional funding to support or enhance the learning of pupils who are currently, or have been, entitled to free school meals within the last six years. It's essential that parents/carers apply for free school meals even if the pupil doesn't wish to receive a free school meal.





FAMILY WORSHIP

We are very excited to be hosting Family Worship at school on Sunday 15th October.

We would love you to join us!

FAMILY WORSHIP

Start your Sunday off right with a community breakfast and Family Worship!

Sunday 15th October

9.30am, doors open at 9.20am

St Lucia's School, Upton Magna

Pastries, toast, tea and coffee, plus activities, songs and Holy Communion.

All welcome!



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUP

In the Spring Term we will be running an Understanding Your Child course, supported by the Parenting Team from Shropshire. It will be a 10 week course, focussed around Child Development and supporting your child.

Further information to follow!

- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?*



DROP OFF / PICK UP

Thank you for the support with the traffic flow in the morning. A polite reminder that we would ask you do not park on, or directly opposite, the zig zag yellow lines. Our 'drop and go' system is helping to reduce congestion and we really appreciate your support, parking and walking to school. The village hall car park is available for parking at the start and end of the school day.



Friends Events and Information



Friends have some exciting upcoming events, which will be really enjoyable for our pupils and families and will raise funds to support school.

25th October - Fancy dress disco - Monsters and Magic!

26th October - Non-uniform day, £1 contribution

Also coming in December... Elf Night, Christmas Fayre, cards and more! Look out for more information!

CLOTHES DONATIONS

Please bring your reusable clothing donations to school on Tuesday 10th October. All donations to be gathered in main reception please, ready for morning collection. All funds raised for Friends.



HARVEST SERVICE

We are looking forward to joining together at Church for our Harvest Service at 1.30pm on Friday 20th October. Parents and Carers are invited to join us. We would be very grateful of donations of tinned or long life food for our collection.





Upcoming Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd October - Families to Lunch - Surnames G-P
Tuesday 10th October - Families to Lunch - Surnames Q-Z
Friends clothing collection

Sunday 15th October - Family Worship to be held at school

Friday 20th October - Harvest Service at Church - Parents/Carers invited

25th October - Fancy dress disco - Monsters and Magic!

26th October - Non-uniform day, £1 contribution

Friday 27th October - PD day

W/C 30th October 2023 - Half Term

Tuesday 19th December - final day of Autumn Term -
Break up for Christmas Holiday.
The full 2023-24 term dates can be found on our website.

Attendance

At St Lucia's we highly value the importance of school attendance and endeavour to reduce the disruption to children's learning through unnecessary absence; we will work with families towards avoiding lateness or avoidable time off from school. In instances where your child is unwell, call the school office by 9am to notify us of the absence. On the occasion where unavoidable medical appointments fall within the school day, please could I ask you to inform the school office in advance and provide a copy of the medical appointment letter, which we will photocopy for our records.

In instances where genuine exceptional circumstances apply, we will of course consider an application and the individual situation. We appreciate your understanding and support regarding the importance of regular, consistent school attendance and know that it is of great benefit to the children. Thank you for your ongoing support!