



Newsletter  
Term 4  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has whizzed by and we are now half way through term 4! We have had a week of unusual weather and even the appearance of snow which caused much excitement. Hopefully, we will start to see some warmer spring weather shortly. Whilst the weather is changeable, please can you ensure that all children have a named coat in school so we can make sure they stay warm and dry whilst getting much needed fresh air outside.



The next couple of weeks are very busy with lots of events and trips happening. Please see the information below. We do try to give you as much notice as possible but sometimes unexpected opportunities arise or changes need to be made to planned events which we know can cause issues. We will try to minimise this as much as possible.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you all on Monday!

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**NEU INDUSTRIAL ACTION 15<sup>th</sup> AND 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Please be advised that the school will be **fully** open on these dates with some slight changes of staffing in a small number of classes. In the classes where teachers are not in, children will be taught by familiar adults with little disruption to children's learning. Thank you for your support during this industrial action.

**RED NOSE DAY – COMIC RELIEF FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Comic Relief. Red Nose day will be next **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Children and staff will be invited to wear **red** to support the event and we will be holding a number of activities throughout the day. Donations can be made directly via our Red Nose Day fundraising page which can be accessed quickly and easily by following the link below or by scanning this QR code



[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=cb8e62ff23224a72b88ccddc3d383b00](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rednoseday23-st-annes-church-academy&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=cb8e62ff23224a72b88ccddc3d383b00)

As a trust we split all cash charity donations this year with Foodbank, but if you would prefer to donate an item of food instead that would also be much appreciated – collection points are situated in both of our foyers.



**WALK FOR WATER – KENYA HOPE CHARITY**

We are supporting the Kenya Hope charity through our links with Locking Castle Church. We will be holding a sponsored walk during the day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March to support children in our link school in Kenya. The walk will hopefully raise money so that children in this school can have a school dinner. Only about 170 pupils out of the 500 pupils at Malanga Primary School in Kenya can afford a school dinner and we will be raising money to pay for all children to have a meal at school. The charity has chosen to walk for water because the distance children walk to get fresh water in this area of Kenya is 6km every morning before school starts. As part of our walk, children can choose to walk either 2km or 3km around the school. We plan to hold the event throughout the afternoon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March on both



**Kenya Hope Charity**

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school fields. You should have received sponsor forms in your children's book bags. There is a link on the form to make donations directly. Many thanks for your support

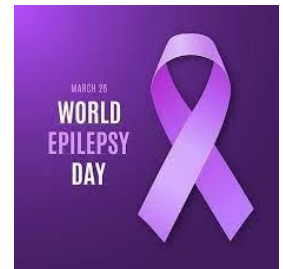
## EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY - PURPLE DAY MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

As a school, we would like to support World Epilepsy day – Purple day- on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We have children in our school who have epilepsy and we want to raise awareness and understanding of this condition among our school community. If children and staff would like to support Epilepsy awareness day, please wear an item of purple clothing with your school uniform – it could be socks, a t-shirt, a jumper, a scarf, a tie, a headband, a badge etc

There are two websites where more information can be found and donations can be made to support Epilepsy awareness, please see the links below.

<https://www.thedaisygarland.org.uk/donate/donate/5/credit-card>

<https://epilepsysociety.org.uk/get-involved/purpleday#:~:text=The%2026th%20March%20is%20Purple,condition%20and%20raise%20vital%20funds.>



## BOOK FAIR

We are very excited to be able to host a book fair on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March for 3 days** – this will be the first one since everything stopped in 2020!

There will be a book fair at both campuses and books can also be ordered online.

More information about how to visit the fair and buy books will be shared nearer the time but we wanted to share the date with you now.



## CAR PARK @ WW

Please can we remind all parents and carers that they should not be using the car park at WW. The car park is for staff cars and nursery parents only (Unless you have been given special permission from the school) The carpark is becoming increasingly busy and hazardous for children who are crossing at multiple sites. Vehicles are being driven too fast and cars are being double parked. This is unsafe for children and their families. Please help us to keep everyone safe. When walking into school, please do not use the vehicle gates, please encourage all children to use the paths and the pedestrian crossings so they are visible. Please keep all children close to you especially younger children and children on scooters. We are going to trial closing the gates at 2:30pm each day to ensure the end of the day is safe for all children and their families when leaving school. The gates will be manned from this time to allow some access.

## NUT REMINDER

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school**. Snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella or peanut butter. PLEASE support us. If it was your child who was severely allergic, you would want everyone to support them and keep them safe. Please consider the safety of others. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 2 trip to Bristol

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Year 5 Aerospace Bristol Trip

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 3 family worship @ WW and Hewish

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Walk for water sponsored walk for Kenya Hope Charity during school time

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Epilepsy awareness day / Purple day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Book Fairs at both campuses

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last day of Term 4

Date for your diary –

**Sports day and family picnic @ WW Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Sports day and family picnic @ Hewish Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**PTFA Summer fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**Priory Learning Trust families!** Some resources & opportunities to consider if you are looking to start work, upskill or career change....



We have a university on our doorstep! Explore their courses here- <https://www.ucw.ac.uk/>

Bridgwater & Taunton College offer loads of free distance learning courses to help upskill or support with career change- <https://www.btc.ac.uk/find-a-course/distance-learning/>

The National Careers Service. Online, phone & face to face careers advice & guidance. Find out more here- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> or call 0800100900

Weston College open evening for adults & school leavers. March 29<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-7pm. Register here to go along & have a look around- <https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/march-open-evening-adults-courses-and-school-leavers>

Most importantly, The Priory Learning Trust has a team of skilled and experienced Career Advisors ready to help our students & families. Drop James Wilmot a line to learn about how we can talk through some ideas & make suggestions- [james.wilmot@theplt.org.uk](mailto:james.wilmot@theplt.org.uk)

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In all TPLT academies, children have the opportunity to learn the skills of reporting and presenting as part of the Jill Dando news centres. The children learn to host interviews and to write news reports and stories and to take photos for an audience. Many of the children's articles are published in the Trust own online newspaper 'The Good News post'. At St Anne's, it is our year 5 pupils who are learning to be Jill Dando reporters. They are incredibly enthusiastic. We thought it would be lovely to share some of their work with you. Check out the link to read the Good News Post including Madison's article about Children's worship leaders.

<https://goodnewspost.co.uk/>

Here is another article written by our West Wick year 5 crew.

### World book day

Last week at St Anne's Church Academy the students expressed their love of reading during Reading for Pleasure week. All week students experienced reading activities and in year 5 they created a recommendation book where each student wrote about their favourite book. One student said "I loved writing my book review especially my illustration of a character".

Key Stage 1 children were lucky enough to come back into school in their pyjamas to hear their teachers read fantastic books and drink hot chocolate. On Friday, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a book character. There were lots of Roald Dahl characters, a few Harry Potters and even an Oompa Loompa. 2023 Reading for Pleasure week was an incredible experience for all!



Written by The Good News Post Year 5 crew WW

Look out for more stories