



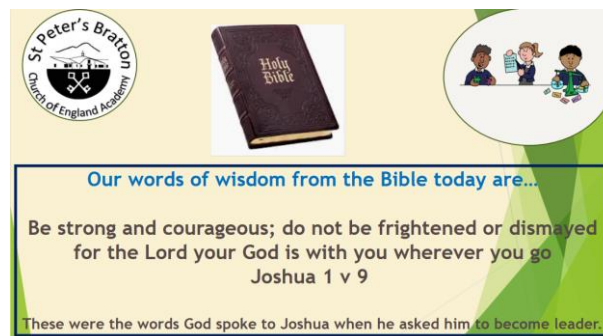
NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th March 2025

Dear families

It has been an exceptionally busy week at St. Peter's Bratton, we have had lots of visitors. Year 5 had a Mayan interactive workshop, during which they travelled to the various parts of Mexico. The whole school was treated to puppets by the wonderful All Saints Church team who were continuing with our theme of courage. Some of our school council participated in the Litter Pick Challenge, we will find out soon if we were successful in our quest (more information to follow). Everyone has been busy getting ready for all our Easter Services in a few weeks. The singing sounds amazing!!

Christian Value - Integrity



Our words of wisdom from the Bible today are...

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go
Joshua 1 v 9

These were the words God spoke to Joshua when he asked him to become leader.

This week we continued to focus on courage and we learned all about how courageous Joshua and Caleb were. In class response pupils designed their own medals of courage.

Year 1



Year 6



Bratton's Bright Stars



Bratton's Bright Star Award



Awarded 28.03.25

Class	Pupil (First Name)	Reason why a Bratton Bright Star
RO1 Academic	Harvey	We are so proud of Harvey for your incredible dedication to your learning! You have shown remarkable determination, using your robot arms to spell and work hard to listen for the sounds.
RO1 Citizenship	Harriet	We are so proud of you, Harriet, for being a truly kind friend and always being willing to help! Your thoughtfulness in keeping the classroom clean and tidy doesn't go unnoticed.
RO2 Academic	Nala	We are so proud of you, Nala, for showing great progress with partitioning to 10! Keep up the amazing work—you're doing a fantastic job!
RO2 Citizenship	Henry	We are so proud of you, Henry, for being super helpful in class and always showing such kindness towards your friends.
1R1 Academic	Michalina	For your concentration with segmenting and blending in Phonics lessons and Phonics Club. Well done!
1R1 Citizenship	Reggie	For using superb integrity in our art lesson by tidying up without being asked. Well done!
1R2 Academic	Bruce	For your outstanding writing about the Gingerbread man in English. Well done Bruce.
1R2 Citizenship	Frankie	For trying really hard to follow our school rules and be ready, respectful and safe. Keep up the good work Frankie.
2R1 Academic	Tommy	For working really hard to improve your spelling scores. Well done!
2R1 Citizenship	Jacob	For being a kind and considerate member of our class. Well done!
2R2 Academic	Lola	You have written a brilliant independent story based on Chapatti Moon. It is lovely to see your progress!
2R2 Citizenship	Ava W	You are always kind and helpful in the classroom. Thank you for offering to do jobs and helping others.
3G1 Academic	Luca	For the superb effort you have been putting in to your maths work - your work on fractions and measuring mass has been fantastic. Well done.
3G1 Citizenship	Maryam	For setting an amazing example to 3G1 - you are inquisitive, helpful and always ready to learn. Thank you and well done!
3G2 Academic	Jacob B	For always trying his best and showing commitment during music lessons.
3G2 Citizenship	Edie	For always following the school rules and being kind and considerate to her peers.



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4G1 Academic	Maheen	For writing an impressively detailed character description including some well-worded figurative language. Well done!
4G1 Citizenship	Finley	For being a wonderful role model by demonstrating classroom expectations to your new classmates!
4G2 Academic	Sophie C	For her focus and hard work during English lessons this week. She has impressed Mrs Poole with her character description ideas and vocabulary.
4G2 Citizenship	Olly	Olly has shown the ENRICH value of integrity this week by always following our school rules to be ready, respectful and safe. Well done Olly!
501 Academic	Emily H	For generating some fantastic direct speech and captions for our newspaper article.
501 Citizenship	Ruben	For working well with others and ensuring that everybody feels included.
502 Academic	Simrit	For your excitement and love for learning during our Maya workshop.
502 Citizenship	Shean	For showing how kind, helpful and considerate you are during our Maya workshop.
601 Academic	Alex	For working exceptionally hard with Mrs Williams on improving his writing by thinking carefully about vocabulary choices and advanced punctuation.
601 Citizenship	Millie	For being helpful round the classroom and school - especially when in art with Miss Richardson.
602 Academic	Molly H	A super improvement in focus and a determination to complete tasks in all areas of the curriculum
602 Citizenship	Alfie	Showing a lovely sense compassion and care for those who need it.

Attendance and Punctuality

St Peter's Bratton
Church of England Academy

Attendance and Punctuality

ON POINT ATTENDANCE

Free Time
3rd Place - 5mins
2nd Place - 10 mins
1st Place - 15 mins

Free Time
Extra 5 mins

Attendance- 28.03.25

Third place- 2R1 -98.15%

Second place- 3G1- 98.75%

First Place- With 99.04%
501

**We have 5 classes with
no lates.**

Well done to...

602

501

2R2

601

1R1

R02

4G2

House Points



4th place
Caer Caradoc
2153
house points!

A landscape photograph of a green valley with rolling hills under a blue sky, representing the Caer Caradoc house.

3rd place
Haughmond
2419 house
points!

A landscape photograph of a green valley with rolling hills, representing the Haughmond house.

2nd place
Stiperstones
2464 house
points!

A landscape photograph of a rocky cliffside with a green field in the foreground, representing the Stiperstones house.

Wrekin
3609
house
points!
1st place

A landscape photograph of a large, rounded hill with a green field in the foreground, representing the Wrekin house.

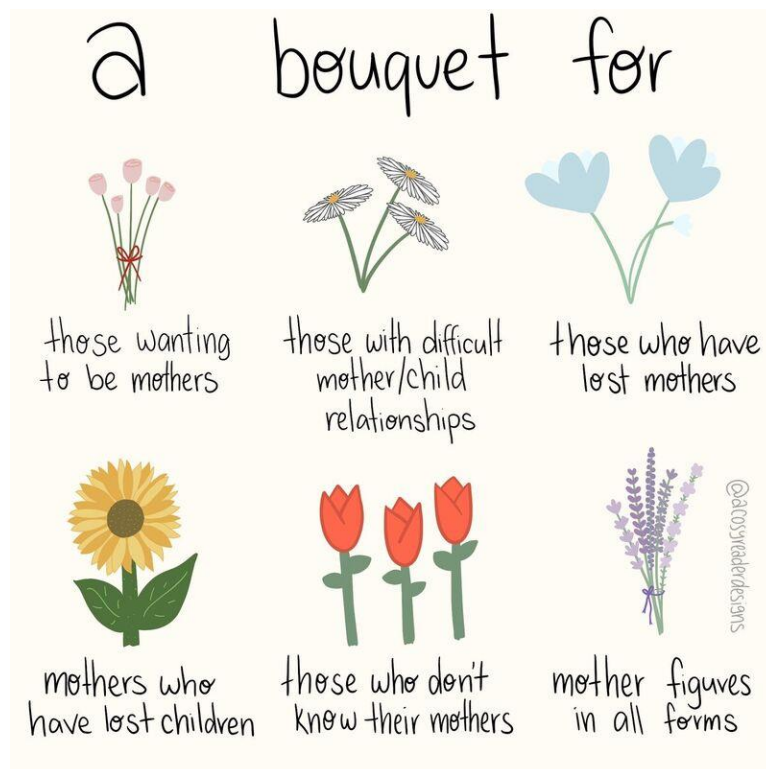
Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is celebrated by Christians in the United Kingdom, falling on the fourth Sunday in Lent, three weeks before Easter Sunday.

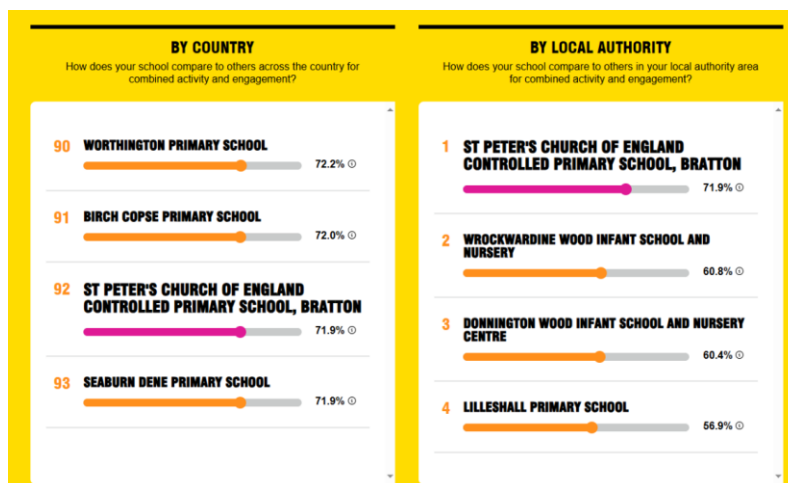
In the 16th century, on that day people went "a-mothering" and returned to their "mother" church - which might have been their local parish church, the church where they were baptised, or the main church or cathedral in the area - for a special service.

Nowadays, many people celebrate by showing appreciation for their mother or the mother figure in their lives. This can be a joyful day of celebration for many but can also be difficult for those who for whatever reason cannot spend it with their mother.

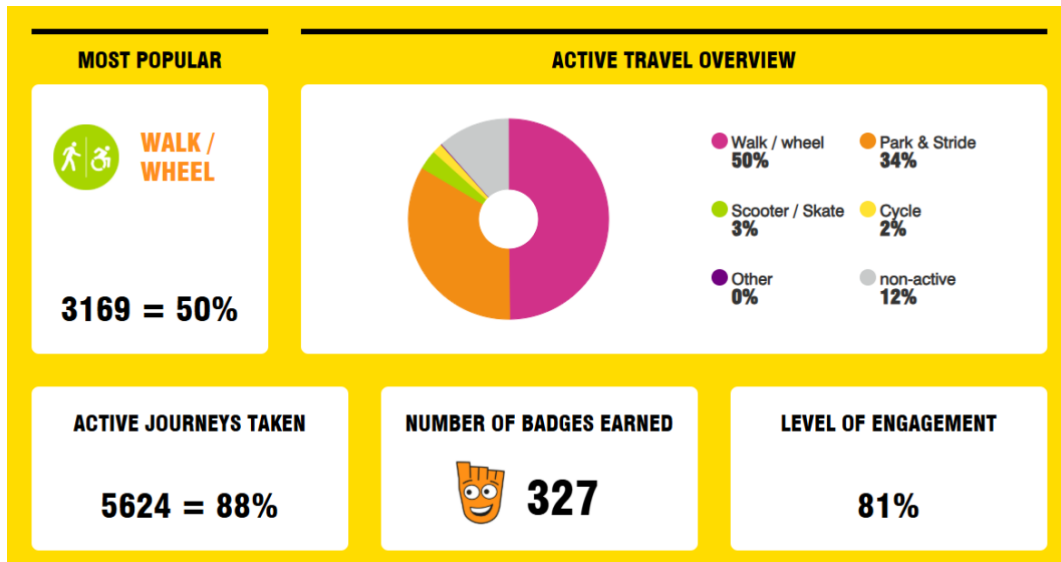
Whatever you choose to do on Sunday we are sending love.



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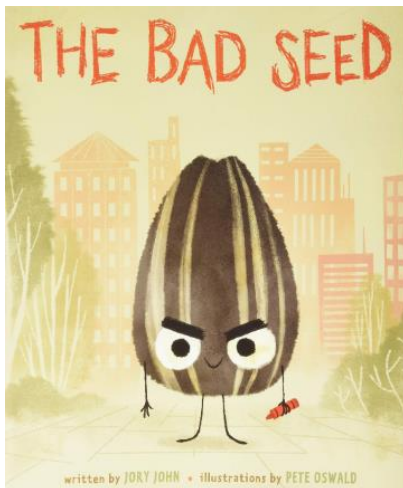


We have done it!! We are officially top of the Telford and Wrekin Leader board (second week now) for our travel tracker and 92nd in the country. Last week we were number 132. Thank you to all those parents who are supporting their children to do this by parking away from school and walking. Not only is walking, cycling and scootering to school good for your health, but you are also supporting the environment. Let's go agents of change!!



Amazing Reception Writers

Yesterday, some of the Reception children came to show me their writing that they were very proud of. They have been reading 'The Bad Seed' book and were writing about the terrible things that the seed did. It is so impressive to see how much progress they have all made in their letter formation and sentence structure. I am very proud 😊



Pupils We Are Proud Of

A few weeks ago, I posted about how pupils could receive a Blue Peter's Badge. Ellie is proudly showing hers off and we are very proud of her. She is on a mission now to earn more Blue Peter Badges. Well done Ellie 😊

Blue Peter Reading Badge



Have you ever received a Blue Peter Badge? All our children have the opportunity to earn one and all they have to do is read. These have been specially designed by Quentin Blake. This will be easy for our pupils who have a love of reading. I have to say that I enjoy the reading challenges KS2 pupils do and listening to the during Book Talk.



If you wish your child to earn this or any other Blue Peter Badge, click this link [How to get a Blue Peter badge | Different types of Blue Peter badge | Find out about Blue Peter badges | Apply for free - CBBC](#)



Don't forget that the clocks spring forward this weekend for daylight saving. Summer is on the way. We will see you all bright and early and on time on Monday. Have a fantastic weekend.



Attendance Update

From the beginning of the year	Attendance rate
School	96.4%
Local	95.1%
National	94.8%

The attendance in school is great news. We are above national and local for school attendance- so thank you. Attendance in school is so important.

As you may have seen in the national press, attendance in schools is a big priority with the Department For Education.

There have been some important changes which we will regularly remind you of. One of the most important is taking time out of school in term time. This is called 'Leave in Term Time' (LITT)

As you already may know the fines and consequences have changed.

Each LITT request is considered individually. However, holidays, in most cases, will not be seen as exceptional circumstances. In most cases- this does also include weddings.

If your request is not authorised, then you are liable to fines and possibly criminal prosecution. We really do not want any of our families to have criminal records.

Key points of the law.

1. Penalty Notices fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent without authorisation. Example: 3 siblings absent during term time, will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.
2. A Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England for: unauthorised absence during a 10 school week period.
 - 5 consecutive days (10 sessions) - one after the other.
 - 10 non consecutive sessions - not one after the other.

Note: The 10 school week period can go across different school terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice issued (after 19 August 2024) for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 calendar days.

Discounted to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 calendar days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 calendar days.

No discount for paying within 21 calendar days.

Third and Any Further Offences

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued.

The case will instead be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court.

Prosecution can result in a criminal record a fine of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in Magistrate's Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Although these fines do not seem much, it does add up.

This is an example:-A family of two parents and two children would have a fine of £720 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £320 if paid before 21 days. The second LITT would automatically be a fine of £720. The 3rd LITT – no fine just straight to court if within 3 Years.

Wraparound Easter Holiday Club

- There's not long left to book spaces for Easter half term, the closing date for final bookings is now Monday April 7th 6pm, once closed we can't accept any late bookings.
- A reminder that children are to not bring in toys from home to club, unless it's holiday club where any toys brought from home are the child's responsibility to look after.
- We also have a no electronics rule during holiday club, so please don't send your child in with any form of mobiles, tablets or game consoles.
- We hope that the weather over Easter holidays will be nice and dry, so we will be making the most of the park & field.
- Children are allowed to bring in a bike/scooter with a helmet to holiday club, again their responsibility to look after & we do say to not let other children on their bikes/scooters.
- Children need to bring their packed lunch and a water bottle, a small healthy snack for morning snack and something for afternoon snack.

WELCOME to Year 2

In year 2 we have been really interested by our new theme of the Olympics. We have started researching facts to use in a report in our English lessons. Did you know that women weren't allowed to compete in the Ancient Olympics? We were also interested to learn about a game called Pankration that only had 2 rules: no biting and no poking your opponent in the eye. In History we are focusing on the lives of significant individuals who have competed in the Olympics and Paralympics. We started by learning about local Paralympian Mickey Bushell.

Wednesday 19th March
to write the similarities and differences between the Olympic Games in ancient Greece and the modern Olympic Games

	Ancient Greek Olympic Games	Modern Olympic Games
Name some events.	chariot racing, horse racing, pentathlon (long jump, discus, javelin and wrestling), sailing events, boxing and pankration	athletics, basketball, football, cycling, gymnastics, tennis, judo, rowing and table tennis
Where was/is it held?	always in Olympia, Greece	around the world each time
How often was/is it held?	every four years	every four years
Who competed/competes?	only free Greek males	both men and women
What was/is the main focus of the event?	religion	sport, competing for your own country and celebrating friendship between nations
What did/do they wear?	nothing	sports gear and clothing designed to include the flag or colours of the flag of his athlete's country
What did/do winners receive?	crowns made of olive leaves, an olive branch and ribbons tied around their arms	gold, silver and bronze medals

Mickey Bushell Paralympian.

He was born on 8th June 1970 at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

He competed in track and field events.

He won a gold medal at the paralympic games in London 2012.

He was honoured with a gold postmark, became an MBE and 5 stamps made of him.

Queen Elizabeth honoured him with an MBE in 2013 for services in Athletics.

Wednesday 26th March
to write a paragraph using key facts.

The Ancient Olympics
The first Olympics took place in Ancient Greece. The games were held to make the powerful God Zeus happy so they held the games every four years. Only men competed in foot races, chariot racing, boxing and pankration. It was a super bad game. If they were second or third you wouldn't get a prize. The first person gets a crown of olives.



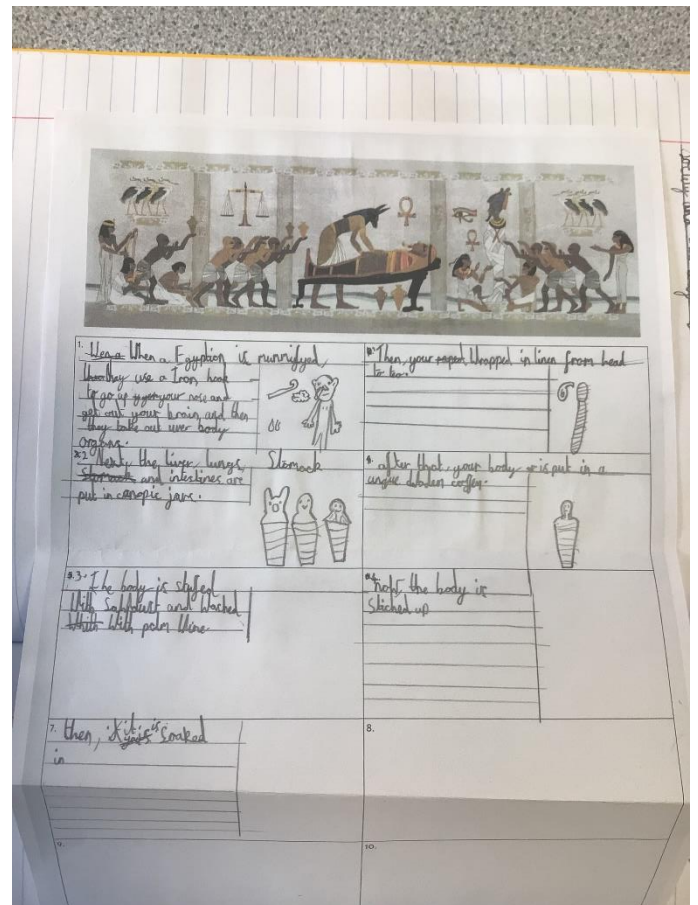
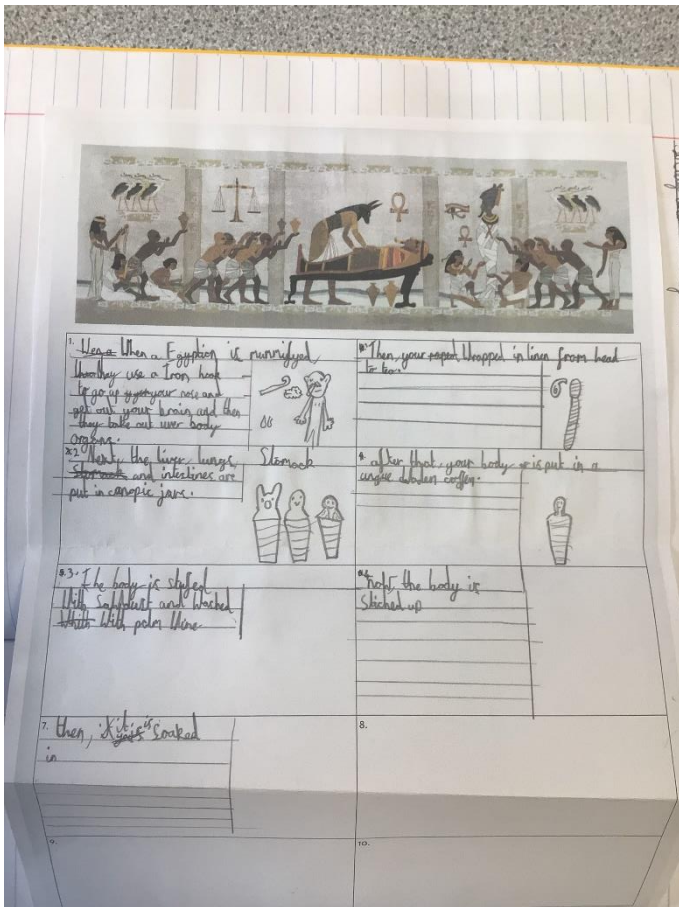
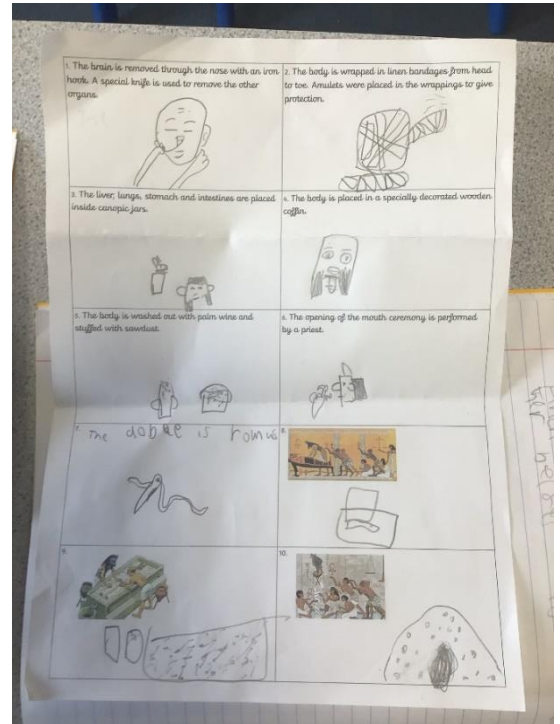
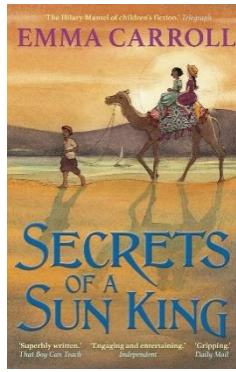
In DT after exploring ways to join fabrics we have designed Olympic Mascot glove puppets and have begun sewing and decorating them. Here are some of our wonderful designs...



Year 3

Egyptians

We've been doing lots of work to do with the Egyptians in Year 3 this half term and we're enjoying becoming Egyptologists! We've been studying 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll in our English work, learning more about Britain at the time of Howard Carter and the discovery of Tutankhamun. This week in History, we have learnt about mummification and why this was important to the Ancient Egyptians. We've learned lots (Why not ask us what goes in a canopic jar?) and completed our own instructions for how to make a mummy!



Telford and Wrekin Community Litter Pick Challenge

School councillors from years 1, 2 and 4 took part in the Telford and Wrekin Community Litter Pick Challenge on Tuesday.

We collected rubbish from around the park and on the Silkin Way.

We did such a good job!



Once all the collection entries are in, we will find out if we have won. Fingers crossed!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 28 th February	Easter Holiday Club bookings open
Monday 7 th April	Year 1 visit – Blists Hill
Monday 7 th April	Easter Holiday Club bookings close
Wednesday 9 th April	Easter Service – All Saints Church – details to follow
Friday 11 th April	Decorate Egg competition & Easter raffle draw – Friends event
Monday 14 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 28 th April	Summer Term Starts
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th May	Colour Run – Friends event
Monday 12 th – 15 th May	SATs weeks
Friday 23 rd May	Year 4 visit to Carding Mill Valley – details to follow
Friday 16 th May	Reception Visit – Shropshire Hills – details to follow
Monday 26 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd – 6 th June	Year 6 – PGL
Monday 9 th June	Class photographs
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day & Family picnic – details to follow
Monday 7 th July	Transition Days – Meet New Teacher
Tuesday 8 th July	Transition Days – Meet New Teacher
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Church Leavers Service – details to follow
Wednesday 9 th July	Meet the new teachers (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
Friday 11 th July	Summer Festival – Friends event
Thursday 17 th July	School Leavers Celebration – in school – details to follow
Friday 18 th July	End of term