



# Lilleshall School Newsletter



**Year R** This week we have had a wonderful time on our walk up the monument. We saw early signs of spring and we took a risk by walking up the steep and challenging side of the hill. While we were up there, we found an enormous golden egg. We know we would never take eggs from a nest but this one looked lost and cold so we brought it back to class to look after. We are now learning about which animals lay eggs and which animals do not. We are looking forward to seeing if the egg hatches soon. The children learned that birds lay eggs, snakes lay eggs, and alligators lay eggs. We know that horses, cows and pandas do not lay eggs.



**Years 1 & 2** The children in Year 1 and 2 have had a fabulous time in D&T making their own healthy gingerbread people. Their healthy creations looked brilliant, and they all agreed they tasted delicious! We are now moving on to our new D&T topic, 'Structures', which continues our exciting work on the Great Fire of London. The children will be applying their design skills to create strong, stable structures that will then become houses inspired by those from 1666. We are excited to see their designs come to life over the next few weeks!

In English, we are continuing to explore Fabulous Fables and Traditional Tales. We have been looking at the fable, The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse. The children have enjoyed comparing the two settings and discussing the differences between town and countryside life, and exploring each character's personality. Soon, we will begin learning about the features of a letter and the children will have the opportunity to write their own letters from the viewpoint of one of the mice.

A wonderful start to the term, and an exciting few weeks to look forward to!

**Year 3** have been busy recently with lots of practical activities to support learning. As part of our DT curriculum, we have been practising our sewing skills, designing and creating Stone Age bags. We have enjoyed making them although the stitching was a bit tricky at times!



In science we have been learning about rocks and soil. We went on a walk to the village church to look at effects of weathering on stone. We found lots of different examples. We have also looked at soil formation and permeability. We learnt about soil using biscuits, chocolate mousse, green coconut and jelly worms to represent the different layers. It was a fun way of learning about soil!



**Year 4** have had a busy month preparing for our upcoming production of *Jill and Fred's Most Hysterical Historical Adventure*. The children have been learning their lines, practising songs and starting to develop their acting on stage. They're making brilliant progress and we look forward to sharing it with everyone! Before half term, some children also took part in Bikeability where they worked on cycling skills and learnt important road-safety techniques.



**Year 5** We have had a great few weeks studying the Harry Potter story and doing lots of work around the book and film. We were inspired by the Hogwarts song so we decided to write some of our own versions. We hope that you enjoy reading the featured selection and of course you can read your child's version at the upcoming Parents' Consultations! We are also very excited about the upcoming trip to Harry Potter World!

**Year 6** have been thoroughly enjoying the Harry Potter book and have produced some fabulous writing as a result; we are very excited about our trip which will bring the book to life. We have plenty to look forward to this half term, including: World Book Day, an NHS careers day, a visit to Newport Girls High to see their production of Frozen and a STEM engagement activity provided by Telford Sea Cadets. In preparation for the SATS, we are very fortunate to have Mrs Balderson with us three mornings a week so that we can study in smaller, focused groups. I will arrange a date for a parent's meeting about the SATS in due course to answer any questions you may have.

## Hogwarts Rap 2.0! ⚡

Welcome to the castle where the staircases shift,  
Magic in air is like a natural gift,  
Wands at the ready when the duel gets loud,  
House pride and strong, yeah we're standing real proud \*



Charms class popping with a flick of a wrist \*,  
Potions in the dungeon with a foggy twist \*,  
Right now we're rapping this ~~is~~ crazy song \*,  
Using Harry Potter's amazing wand \*



The famous game at Hogwarts is quiddich,  
Malfoy should really just quit it,  
So come to Hogwarts, witchcraft and wizardry,  
Get sorted and fill your head with ideology!

-Sanjorg and Joey ⚡



## The Hogwarts Songs!

Hogwarts, Hogwarts, school of magic,  
The stuff you teach us may be tragic,  
When you give us food to eat,  
We are always sitting in our seats,  
The Forbidden Forest is dangerous and dark,  
But we don't care as long as we get a good mark.  
Welcome first years to a wonderful place,  
Where sometimes potions gets in to an irritating race,  
If you're in Gryffindor, that means you're brave,  
While Hufflepuff is loyal and will give you a wave,  
If you're in Slytherin, I don't know about that,  
While Ravenclaw is smart and would act like a cat.

## Hogwarts Rap.

Hogwarts is a place we love to learn  
There are lots of housepoints you can earn.  
We stay with classmates in a dorm,  
And wake up early in the morn.

Hogwarts is a giant castle,  
Which causes lots and lots of hassle.

In Hogwarts the staircases shift,

Magic is a natural gift.

Hogwarts is a place of magic,

Sometimes it can lead to tragic.

Playing quiddich is so much fun,  
Flying on brooms in the midday sun.

## Celebrating Success

**Year R** – Robbie Hicks, Dawsey Owen, Felicity Secker, Albie Hodgson Smith

**Year 1** - Moses McNally, Max Rouwenhorst  
Brooks Thompson

**Year 2** – Maddison Gregory,  
Isla Hadebe-Chapman,, Edith Wood

**Year 3** – Annelle Owusu-Ansah, Evie Rose Collier, Dylan Kennedy, Saroop Kaur

**Year 4** – Eliza Jones, Evie-Rose Collier

**Year 5** - Kabir Dool, William Giles

**Year 6** – Scout Stanley, Isabella Merdita



## Sports



Well done to our Year 5 cricket team who took part in a tournament at Telford College and were unbeaten in their group and just narrowly losing in the quarter finals.

A massive well done to our Year 5/6 football team who won their quarter final against Priorslee and are now through to the Village Cup Semi final.



Another special well done goes to Ethan in Year 2 who had some very exciting news to share this month. He has been selected to represent Shropshire County at tennis. No mean feat given he is only 6 and is playing against 7 and 8 years olds in the U8 selection. Well done Ethan we are all very proud of you.



We're thrilled to share some fantastic news from our Eco Committee!  
Our dedicated pupils have officially achieved their Level 3 RHS School Gardening Award. This is a brilliant accomplishment that recognises their hard work, creativity, and commitment to improving our school environment.

# RHS School Gardening Awards



Congratulations

**Lilleshall Primary School**

- You grow and can name a range of plants
- You keep your plants healthy
- You are planet-friendly gardeners

Date: 11 December 2025

**Alana Cama**  
Schools and Groups  
Programme Manager, RHS

**Clare Matterson CBE**  
Director General, RHS



## Headteachers Comment

Dear Parents,

This is a short half term with a lot going on. We are hoping for some sustained sunshine soon, but the lighter evenings are helping. I hope that you are able to join us for the Parent Consultations on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March when we can share your children's attainment and progress. As many KS2 parents will be aware we have introduced a new spelling scheme in KS2. Our new spelling scheme, *Super Sonic Spelling Stars*, is off to a fantastic start! This dynamic and interactive approach is all about helping our pupils learn new spelling patterns and also deepen their understanding of spelling rules. The wide range of activities are designed to keep the children engaged while expanding their vocabulary and knowledge in a fun and supportive environment. We're looking forward to our Parent Consultations on **March 4th**. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their attainment and progress. Before we know it, Easter will be here! This year is flying by.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the consultations.

Christobel Cousins  
Headteacher

## Governors Corner - February

This month was an opportunity to attend a staff meeting reviewing the guidance for schools within the Department for Education's new Writing Framework. The school is keen to ensure that we remain up to date with new developments in the teaching and learning of writing and that writing as a subject remains Outstanding. We heard of the recent school review of children's writing books which was very positive. The standard of books was found to be excellent and the evaluation also found that there are no reluctant readers anywhere in the school. Experiential learning methods such as drama activities also complement more traditional learning methods. Governors were pleased to hear that high standards have been set for everyone, including vulnerable groups of children, with lessons being adapted to help those that need more support.

Christine A Raper  
Chair of Governors



A huge congratulations to our Year 5 team. They competed in a Spelling Bee at Haberdashers' Adams and came back winners. Well done !



**Dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 4th March—Parents Day  
Friday 13th March—Mufti for Easter Bingo Chocolate  
Monday 16th March—Thursday 19th March—Bikeability Year 5  
Tuesday 17th March—Year 6 at Newport Girls' High School for a performance of "Frozen".  
Thursday 19th March—Easter Egg Hunt  
Thursday 19th March—Year 5 & 6 Cadet Workshop  
Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day  
Tuesday 24th March - Year 3 and Year 4 Production PM  
Wednesday 25th March—Year 3 and Year 4 Production AM  
Wednesday 25th March—Year 2 Big Sing  
Thursday 26th March—Easter Extravaganza Orienteering Event  
Thursday 26th March—Easter Bingo  
Thursday 16th April - Image Theatre  
Tuesday 21st April - Year 2 Pedestrian Training  
Monday 11th May—Friday 15th May—Year 6 SAT's Week  
Friday 15th May - Summer Disco  
Monday 18th—22nd May - Walk to School Week  
Monday 1st June—Friday 5th June—Year 4 Multiplication Checks  
Friday 5th June—Grandparent's Tea  
Monday 8th June—Friday 12th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening  
Monday 15th June—Friday 19th June—Sports Week  
Wednesday 17th June—Sports Day  
Thursday 18th June—Bikeability Year R and Year 1  
Monday 22nd June—Thursday 25th June—Bikeability Year 6  
Friday 26th June - Summer Fayre  
Thursday 2nd July—Year 6 Transitions Workshop  
Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July—Burton Borough School Transitions Days  
Friday 10th July— School Reports Out  
Tuesday 14th July—Year 5 and Year 6 Production ( Year 5 Parents Only)  
Wednesday 15th July - Year 5 and Year 6 Production ( Year 6 Parents Only)

**Please note, dates and times can be changed and added to throughout the year. Updated versions of this section will be on each months Newsletter.**

**New**

# Lilleshall Primary School's Breakfast and After School Club!



## **Breakfast Club**



7:30 – the start of the school day

£4 per session



Start the day off right with a nutritious breakfast in a warm friendly environment!

## **After School Club**

End of School Day – 5:45pm

£10 per Session which includes a light snack.



Children can join us after school for fun activities, relaxation and plenty of playtime.

Book your place via MCAS in the Wrap Around Care section. Please note we will be asking for payment in advance, and you will need to have credit on your account to make a booking.

Pick up and drop off is through the green door leading to the Year 2 classroom.

Please call 01952 388430 with any enquiries.