

# Spring Newsletter 2023

Dear Families and Friends,

It has been a lovely Spring term at Sherbourne which culminated in a wonderful **Primary and Secondary Achievement Assembly**. It was as always wonderful to see our pupils being celebrated for so many achievements and having parents and friends of the school back in for assemblies has made it even more special.

In the Easter holidays work will continue on the new school entrance with a view to it opening half way through our new term. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to this new development which includes a brand-new **Café** for our pupils to develop their employability skills in. A new rubber surface is also being laid in our primary courtyard ready for our children to enjoy in the Summer Term, so let's hope the sun starts to shine!

Back in February we enjoyed a wonderful night of theatre at The Belgrade when some of our Post 16 pupils performed their version of **Anthony and Cleopatra** as part of our ongoing commitment to the **Shakespeare Schools Festival**. As always, our pupils made us so very proud performing with confidence in front of a large audience. Thank you to Sam who coordinates this project with passion each year and to all of the staff who gave up their evening to support our wonderful young people. Pupils across school have continued to enjoy the creative processes that **Open Theatre** and Will Taggart our **visiting musician** offer on a weekly basis. We were also delighted to be visited by the **Welsh National Opera** who brought a new multi-sensory concert for young people with PMLD, **Opera Tutti**, to our school; the engagement of our pupils was wonderful and truly magical to witness. We also enjoyed visits to the **Reel Store** in Coventry City Centre to explore the work of **Frida Kahlo** and welcomed a wonderful artist to work with Paul our Art specialist for the day. We are looking forward to more creative projects in the Summer Term.

Wider curriculum trips have happened in abundance over this term with pupils enjoying visits to **Midlands Air Museum**, the **Herbert Art Gallery**, the **Transport Museum** and **Drayton Manor** to bring their learning to life. Further afield a group of KS3 pupils travelled to **London** to visit **Parliament** to enhance part of their curriculum pathway. In addition to this so many **Sports Trips** have been enjoyed by pupils across school where they have had brilliant opportunities to compete as a team and as individuals. We have Ang our PE instructor to thank for this additionality to the curriculum which allows us to see our children in new environments using all the skills both practical and social which they have learnt at school being applied in a new context. As always, a huge thanks to all of our staff for working so hard to organise these trips which are so worthwhile.

In school we have enjoyed **World Book day**, **ICT day** and more recently **Science day**. All of these focus days have allowed our children to be immersed in a theme where they have been supported to explore, create, problem solve and most importantly enjoy their learning.

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Thanks to **Microsoft** for visiting us in school for the ICT day to support a group of our secondary pupils develop their skills and learn new applications.

A couple of weeks ago some of our older pupils completed a really successful week of **work experience** which made us really proud. The feedback from the employers that supported these placements was exceptional and the confidence and maturity of the young people allowed us to reflect on how far they had all come on their learning journey in school. **Well done** to all of them!

This term we are saying a **farewell** to two of our teaching assistant Amy Shaw and Dylan Lucas. Amy is leaving us after successfully getting a position in a Nursery, whilst being supported to complete her training as a Nursery Teacher and Dylan is returning to Australia after being a valued member of our team for a year. We will miss both of these Teaching Assistants who have been really valued members of our team.

So as Easter approaches its time to reflect on all we have achieved and enjoyed as a community, and as Spring gets into full swing I, like most of us are looking forward to some sunnier days ahead. Thank you to our families for your continued support throughout the last term.

Thanks to our pupils for being an inspiration and a joy to work with and of course a huge **THANKS** to our staff across school in every department for their hard work, commitment and for being a wonderful team of people.

So, it's time to once again look forward to the Summer Term and as we do it enjoy our Easter break and hopefully some sunshine.

With Best Wishes

*Shivaun x*





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## PRIMARY NEWS

It has been an action packed Spring term throughout Primary. The children have been working hard throughout the curriculum and it has been amazing to see the continuous progress being made by all.

The children have been able to access so many different experiences this term and have taken part in lots of trips. Transport has been a key focus within our humanities lessons this term and pupils have visited Birmingham airport, experienced both train and boat rides as well as visiting the local Transport museum observing how transport has changed over time.



Our Religion and Culture focus has seen us explore the different food, clothing, music and art attributed to the different cultures and religion within our Sherbourne Community. Our pupils have spent time cooking up a storm, performing dance routines and immersing themselves within music such as Bhangra, meditation and Hymns.

Our students have continued to represent the school with such pride through an array of sporting events hosted by SENDActive. We have sent cross country, football and multi sport teams this term to events and all have had great fun and developed their skills in their relative areas.

What super term everyone, I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Matthew Blowers  
Assistant Head EYFS & Primary



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## YELLOW CLASS

This term, the students have had fun joining in with the sensory stories 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'Sam's Sandwich' and their favourite 'The Gingerbread Man'. In Maths, they have joined in lots of counting songs, enjoyed making groups of 1 and lots and learning about and exploring 2D shapes.



During our topic sessions, they have continued to learn how people celebrate different festivals such as Chinese New Year, Holi and Easter. We learnt about the seasons Winter and Spring as well as animals that live in this country and in a hot country through stories. We have also been learning about the emotions happy, sad, angry and calm, as well as practicing putting on our own shoes, jumpers and coats. The children have continued to explore the different areas around the school and have had fun engaging in Forest Schools sessions each week, as well as exploring Music in the sensory room.



Suzanne Balmond  
Class Teacher

## BLUE CLASS

This term Blue Class have enjoyed their sensory story 'The Scarecrows Wedding' and 'Pinocchio', going through each story exploring objects and sounds that relate to it.

Our topics this term are celebrating different festivals, we have explored Chinese New Year, St David's Day, Mothers Day and Valentines Day. We have welcomed a new student into our class and we have had lots of wow moments!



Charlotte McCurry  
HLTA



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## GOLD CLASS

**T**his term, Gold Class have been working very hard! We have been on a few trips in Science where we were exploring our senses in the community. We enjoyed going to the farm the most and enjoyed feeling all the animals with our sense of touch.



**I**n English this half term, we are looking at information texts in a story called 'Lost and Found'. To support our learning we are sending home a penguin for the children to have over a couple of days to find out facts about penguins for their information text.

**I**n Topic we have enjoyed learning about special celebrations. We started our topic by learning all about Lent and how Christians celebrate it. We enjoyed making some yummy pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We have also learnt how people celebrate birthday's by celebrating our friend's birthday! Together we learnt about how people celebrate Eid, Diwali and Easter!

Jasmin Swain  
Class Teacher



## GREEN CLASS

**G**reen Class have had lots of fun this term. During the first half of the term we enjoyed learning about Castles; we explored who lived in them and what some of their key features are.

**W**e had endless amounts of fun making our own Castles from cardboard before role playing how we would protect it from the enemy. We were also fortunate enough to visit Warwick Castle. During the second half of the term we have been learning all about dinosaurs. We have read multiple dinosaur stories in our English lessons and enjoyed discovering all about them through our outdoor learning. During these sessions we have followed Dinosaur footprints, dug for Dinosaur bones and investigated the best way to melt the Dinosaur eggs to free the baby Dinosaurs. We were also able to visit the Dinosaur trail at Drayton Manor and Coventry's Diplodocus carnegii skeleton: Dippy.

**G**reen Class have worked incredibly hard this term and we are extremely proud of them all. We look forward to welcoming them back in the summer term where we can really embrace our outdoor learning lessons in what we hope will be glorious weather.



Katie Warden  
Class Teacher

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## ORANGE CLASS

**T**his term, Orange Class have been working really hard. In English we have been working on our describing skills and being able to identify what we can see.

**O**ne of our books that we have read is 'How Do Dinosaurs count to 10?'. We then went on a trip to Drayton Manor to explore the dinosaurs and Focus on what they look like. In Humanities we have been learning about St Mary's Guildhall and Transport. We visited St Mary's Guildhall and really enjoyed exploring the old building and also the trying on clothes that they would wear many years ago.

**W**e also enjoyed going to the Transport Museum where we identified old and modern modes of transport.

**W**e also really enjoyed World Book Day, where we read 'Snail and the Whale' and explored different areas from the book such as the beach, a fire engine and school.

**K**ee up all the hard work Orange Class - Well Done!



gan Lewis  
Class Teacher

## SILVER CLASS

**I**t has been a busy spring term in Silver Class. We had great fun within our English lessons where we have been learning all about humorous poems. Our favourite poem was called Captain Impossible! We created some actions for the poem and performed them for our peers.

**W**e have also been studying Bhangra music within our my religion and culture lessons. We used drums to recreate some of the sounds and also learnt some of the dance moves to accompany it. Bhangra music has become a firm favourite within the class.

**W**e have also been exploring our city this term and enjoyed a trip to the city center. We discovered the art work around Coventry which derived from the City of Culture. We enjoyed looking at the different murals and identifying what they were about and represented.

**F**inally, Silver Class have been expanding their food palates by trying different foods from around the world and the cultures within our school. We tried food from within the Indian, African and Mexican cultures. We are also becoming budding chefs and tried our hand at cooking the different dishes. Gordan Ramsey, watch out!

**A** huge well done to everyone in Silver Class for such an amazing term!



Matthew Blowers  
Class Teacher/ Assistant Head EYFS & Primary



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## WHITE CLASS

**W**hite Class have been very busy this term. We have all been working really hard. In Maths we learnt all about quantities, identifying one more and one less using number lines and objects to represent the number. In English we recognised capital letters especially at the start of our name and in the days of the week.



In Design and Technology, we have been learning and exploring food. We did this by using our hands and mouths to feel different textures of food. We enjoyed sorting foods into different groups by their colour.



**A** amazing work, we have all had a great term. Enjoy your break White Class!

Rebecca Gane  
Class Teacher

## PINK CLASS

**T**his term, Pink Class have been working really hard in all our subjects as well as going on some amazing trips. In English we started by learning all about letter writing and wrote a very formal letter to Shivaun to ask for some new playground equipment. We explored our new book 'What to do if an Elephant stands on your foot' and chose some adjectives to describe the animals in the story. We then used our adjectives to make a sentence to describe each of our animals. With our second book, 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' we've been learning all about composing our own sentences, using capital letters, full stops and the word 'and'.

In Maths we have been super busy. We started off learning how to double numbers and how to multiply. We've investigated time and money, learned how to match related objects, how to count a quantity and are now working on number lines. In topic we learned all about a circus and even recreated one in our class room. We've visited an art gallery and went on a trip to look at street art for the city of culture. In the second half of the term we have been learning about transport, particularly aviation and had an amazing visit to the Coventry Air Museum to have a look at the aircraft and even sit inside some of them. At the end of term, we visited The Transport Museum to investigate new and old ways of transport to see how things have changed over the years.

**P**ink Class definitely need a couple of weeks to recuperate from such a busy, hard working term. Well done from all the class team, enjoy your break, you deserve it.

Kevin Wake & Caroline Daley  
Class Teacher & HLTA

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## RED CLASS

**T**his term Red Class have been working so hard across all subjects as well as achieving amazing personal goals.

**I**n English we have been exploring the text 'The Boy Who Sailed the World'. To help us develop our knowledge with the text we made our own main character called Tim, built boats just like Tim and tested them in a stream at Coundon Wedge, as well as using adjectives to describe the moon Tim sails under and how Tim may feel throughout the book. We also enjoyed a trip to the Sea Life Centre to help us understand the different types of animals Tim came across in our book such as sharks, stingrays and turtles. This helped us to describe the animals in our own stories back at school.

**R**ed Class have also been working super hard in their Maths lessons. We have been exploring repeated patterns with colour. We had lots of fun making a snake with different colours making sure we stuck to our alternating patterns, as well as making some beautiful bracelets with repeated pattern beads. We have also been learning days of the week, months of the year and using this knowledge to understand our daily calendar.

**A**mazing work Red Class! Have a brilliant Easter!



Beth Lambert  
Class Teacher

## PURPLE CLASS

**P**urple Class have had a fantastic Spring term. We have been very busy exploring a variety of different topics. Within our English lessons we have been exploring non-fiction texts by following recipes and writing reports with visitors. We have also compared stories by the same author, 'Lauren Child'. The pupils have also been working hard learning about position, direction and movement applying this to a programming App to direct a 'Beebot' to move in different directions.

**D**uring our History lessons, the pupils have been learning about Roman Forts. The pupils now know more about what life was like and the purpose of forts. During Science, the pupils have been learning about the how the heart and lungs work which prompted many questions. They have also been working hard to recall information about The Solar System and visited the 'moon' in our sensory room.

We had lots of favourite days, such as when we had visitors come in to talk about their different professions. A builder came to talk to the pupils about their duties and showed them some of the tools they use. The pupils went and looked at a digger and couldn't believe how big the wheels are! A nurse also visited the classroom and the pupils asked questions to further their understanding of the jobs/duties that nurses perform. They then had lots of fun practicing putting bandages on each other and dressing up in a nurses uniform.

It has been a pleasure to see the pupils make progress, develop their confidence and apply the learning this term. We wish you all a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable break.

Rachael Charley  
Class Teacher



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## GREY CLASS

**G**rey Class have had an amazing Spring term here at Sherbourne Fields. This term our English books and outcomes have been very exciting. We produced a recount all about our fantastic day at Cadbury World, learning about the history of chocolate production and how chocolate is made today. We had fun exploring Greek Myths, learning all about Pandora's box and re-writing the myth in our own words. In addition, we have had an exciting visit from Shelly the tortoise; we have been caring for Shelly and produced a poster for our friends in Sherbourne Fields informing them how to look after her.



**I**n Maths, we had an exciting project to collate data from staff members about our Staff Well Being day. We used a tally chart to count the different responses, then presented this data by using bar charts. Finally, we put together a powerpoint presentation, using our oracy and signing skills, to present our findings back to Shivaun and Lynne – they were very impressed! We have been focusing on number the second half of Spring term and learning all about place value.



**I**n Humanities we have been exploring democracy and what this means. We had a question and answer session with the Lord Mayor to find out what democracy is and to understand his role and that of the councillors in Coventry. Some of us were lucky enough to try on his special ceremonial clothing! We have also been comparing and contrasting transport from long ago to that of today. We went on a trip to Birmingham Airport, using a bus, train and compared this to the same journey 100 years ago. Some of us had never been on a train and found this very exciting.

Jenny Page  
Class Teacher



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## KS3 NEWS

### Class 3.1

This term Class 3.1 have worked incredibly hard across their curriculum. In Prince's Trust they have completed a unit on Money Management, learning about pay, deductions, outgoings and prioritising payments. In Maths, the Class have focused on learning how to tell the time and answering questions about time. They have also looked at different types of angles and how to identify them.

In Science last half term, Class 3.1 learned about sounds, they explored how it travelled and how we hear it. The Class made a speaker to see if they could amplify sound. In English the topic last half term was persuasive texts. The Class explored advertisements and the language which is used within them. Pupils focused on the use of language and then used this knowledge to write a persuasive letter to me to ask if they could go on the zipwire. In Humanities this half term we explored equality and the Black Lives Matter movement.

The class discussed what equality means and looks like in day to day life. We learned about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr and how they were a catalyst for change. We discussed how important it is to stand up for what you believe in. The Humanities topic last half term was British Politics where pupils formed their own political parties, wrote manifestos, took part in debates and votes. This linked to their learning this term in Citizenship about democracy and how this works in the UK. The class were fortunate enough to go on a trip to The Houses of Parliament in London and watched live debates in the House of Lords and the House of Commons. This was an unforgettable experience and brought their learning to life. Another wonderful term Class 3.1, well done!

Linzi Savage  
Assistant Head Key Stage 3

### Class 3.2

This term in English Class 3.2 have been looking at persuasive writing in non-fiction texts. We have looked at a variety of adverts in order to identify the use of rhetorical questions and adjectives to sell a product or idea. We then produced a video and a variety of persuasive text ourselves using the skills we researched, and figurative language - such as alliteration, similes and metaphors. In Mathematics we have been working on partitioning, ratio, division and split strategy addition using 2 and 3-digit numbers.

Science this term has seen the class look at how sound/vibration travels through sound waves. We have looked at the inner ear anatomy and understood how vibration allows the brain to interpret these waves depending on size and shape. In the second half of the term we have been looking at plant reproduction and the detailed structure of plants. This year the class have been completing their Prince's Trust. This term the unit is 'managing money' and looking at budgets, personal spending and developing a greater knowledge of financial services.

In My Religion and Culture we have been looking at routines, and the special routines that ourselves and other people follow. The Class have been exploring dance and gaining confidence in their ability to perform a variety of dance moves. For ICT day we got to work with some visitors from Microsoft who helped us to use Microbits, Circuits and Playground Express to build on our coding skills, create, interact and have fun. Excellent work!

Travis Beswick  
Class Teacher



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## Class 3.3

Class 3.3 have been working very hard this Spring term working on an enterprise project in PSHE, to design and create a product to sell. From this project, they began to understand how costs of materials could impact their profits earned.

Pupils have also learned about persuasive language in English and how it is used in advertising. They have learned how to use the language techniques used in adverts across different mediums to create their own adverts for their enterprise products.

In Mathematics, pupils have been learning how to use a variety of methods such as bar models to work out their 5 times tables. Another highlight for our class was learning about British politics and inviting our school's local MP Taiwo Owatemi to visit. Pupils were very inspired by her work and some have expressed that they would like to do this as a job when they grow up!



Cindy Lynch  
Class Teacher

## Class 3.4

Class 3.4 have enjoyed becoming budding gardeners this Spring Term! In Science we have learnt about the life cycle and anatomy of plants, including their root and water transportation systems. We dissected flowers to study their structure and function, identifying the different parts and labelling diagrams. We also kept the petals to dry and press using a book and will hopefully be able to use these to create a mounted display.



Our classroom has also become a nursery for some seedling tomatoes and spring onions and we have been excited to see them grow each week, watering them and moving them to the best location to nurture their growth. More recently, as part of the School Blooms Project 2023, we have sewn a variety of Cosmos seeds in a lidded container in the classroom and are eagerly awaiting their germination! As they grow we will then pot them and they will become part of our whole school Super Bloom garden, we look forward to seeing a colourful display by the end of the Summer Term!

Jo Franklin  
Class Teacher

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## Class 3.5

**C**lass 3.5 have had an excellent term and have all worked very hard. In humanities they enjoyed learning all about British Politics and hosted their own election, campaigning for different lunch clubs. The students split into two parties and each campaigned for either a football club or film club. They each created a manifesto and invited other KS3 students to vote.

**O**ur topics in English were persuasive writing and personal information. During persuasive writing the students enjoyed looking at a variety of adverts identifying adjectives and persuasive writing. They designed their own adverts and performed them to their peers.

**I**n Maths the students have learnt how to use arrays to multiply and divide by 5 and now use these skills daily during 20/20. They have also covered 2D and 3D shapes as well as recognizing odd and even numbers up to 100.



**I**n Art this term we have been focusing on cooking, the students have made a number of dishes focusing on chopping and weighing out ingredients. Finally, they have enjoyed using the school climbing wall and zip wire.

**F**antastic work Class 3.5!

Emma Durrant  
**Class Teacher**

## Class 3.6

**T**his Spring, Class 3.6 have been very busy. In English we have worked on verbs, persuasive texts and literacy for life skills, and have written formal letters and personal statements.

**I**n Maths we have enjoyed learning about 2D & 3D shapes, position and direction. In Science we have done lots of gardening for our plants topic, and students loved exploring and learning about sound.

**I**n Art and Design & Technology, the Class made an amazing model of Coventry, and have cooked a range of lovely savoury dishes.



**S**ome students have been adventurous by going on the climbing wall, and we have managed to get out of school on trips to the library, Tesco and a garden centre. Our favourite activity has been composing and recording our own fantastic song with Nick the music teacher.

Ross Daly  
**Class Teacher**





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## Class 3.7

Class 3.7 have had a fantastic Spring term, taking part in lots of activities and finding out about our own city. In My Community, My World we learned about Coventry's engineering past. We concentrated on weaving, ribbon making and dyeing fabric. We found out about the weavers and dyers who worked in Coventry long ago. They all worked in Spon End because they needed water from the river Sherbourne which you can still see in Spon End. Our favourite part of our learning was making our own tie dyes using lots of different colours. In My Creativity we explored our city centre landscape. We went out on the minibus to look at some of the landmarks which Coventry is famous for – the Whittle Arches, the Cathedral, the War Memorial and the elephant on the coat of arms and the shape of the sports centre! We had our first trip out from Sherbourne to visit the memorial park. We really enjoyed going out in the school minibus and walking up to the memorial.

We created our own city landscape from all the landmarks we had seen. We have also had our first visit to the apiary to see the Sherbourne bees. Jo came to help us all get ready into our bee keeping suits and made sure we were all safely covered. There were a lot of different things we had to wear and lots of things we had to make sure to do. Jo took us into the apiary where she took the lid off a hive so she could feed the bees. We all were very quiet and still and watched very carefully while Jo fed the bees.

Well done Class 3.7 – you have all been brilliant!

Sue Wookey  
Class Teacher



## Class 3.8

Class 3.8 have had a busy term looking at their wider community around school. Pupils have worked incredibly hard learning about our Sherbourne bees in my community my world. We looked at an information text teaching about bees; students have followed the book and looked at our apiary, made a bee flower box, took part in role play looking at the different job role bees have and explored honey with all of our senses!

Students planted a tree each by the back of our outdoor area to encourage the bees in the future and to watch and learn about the plant cycle each taking care of their own tree and will continue to do so next year.

This half term has seen us out and about around the local area of Coundon, walking around the streets identifying social signs, looking at road safety and improving our social skills and demonstrating positive behaviour. Students visited the local shop incorporating their and reading skills looking at branding and logos.

What a fantastic term you are all showing what incredible young people you are, we are so proud of you all have a lovely Easter break.

Carla Swaffield  
Class Teacher





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**Key Stage 3** have had a very busy Spring Term!

**We** have all had opportunities to access the local community and learn more about the history of Coventry and the multicultural heritage of its citizens. Groups have been on local area walks, to local shops, the city centre, on visits to libraries and parks and the wedge. 3.1 went to London to visit Parliament and we all had a visit from our MP Taiwo Owatemi who answered our questions about access and inclusion. Class 3.1 and Class 3.2 took part in a workshop held by Microsoft where they were learning about coding and the prevalence of technology in our everyday life.

**Some** pupils have had the opportunity to represent the school on sporting trips, on interview panels and part of the AmbasSENDors group. Groups have accessed the zip wire, climbing wall and apiary as well as helped look after our animals. Class 3.7 and 3.8 have worked hard planting new trees for us and looking after our outdoor areas.



**We** are looking forward to the Summer Term where we will be learning about significant places in Coventry and more about Coventry's community, the water cycle, rivers and canals local to us, Shakespeare and science fiction texts, electricity, acids and alkaline, coordinates and number problems and much more.

**I** hope you all have an enjoyable break



Linzi Savage  
**Assistant Head Key Stage 3**

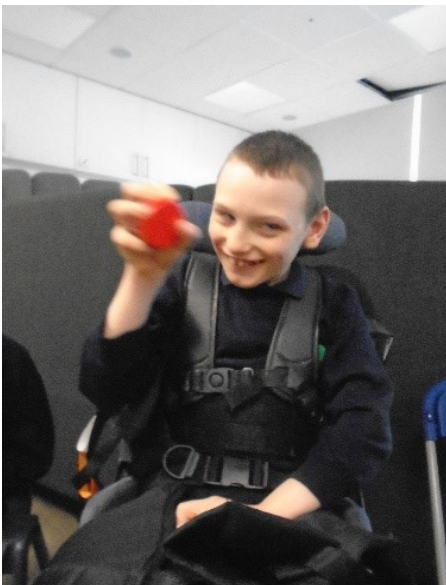


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## Music at Sherbourne

### Primary Phase:

This term, the students have been focusing on the change of seasons and how we can hear that change all around us. We've explored this by going on soundwalks around the school grounds and collecting sounds to be used in collages. We also collected natural materials that could be used to make "Spring Time Shakers". These were used to create sound effects for a film we have been watching that illustrates the transition from Winter to Spring, ("The First of Spring").



### Secondary Phase:

This term, pupils in the Secondary Phase have been exploring some brass instruments such as the Trombone and the Bugle. They have also focused on Reggae music and have been playing a variety of instruments along to Bob Marley's "3 Little Birds". Focusing on the different riffs that are used in the song, pupils have used a wide range of instruments such as the Piano, Bass Guitar and Xylophone.



**Nicholas Green**  
School Music Teacher



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## Horticulture/Outdoor Learning

Throughout the term we have continued to wrap up warm and enjoy learning outside. Some of the older classes have been using loppers and bow saws to chop some of our dead, fallen wood into appropriate sizes to restock our wood pile ready for us to enjoy our fire pit in the summer terms. We have enjoyed art projects using natural materials to make nature mobiles and tried out our photography skills on those lovely frosty mornings that we have enjoyed this term.

Key Stage 4 have spent some time on winter bee keeping jobs. This has involved cleaning equipment and making hive frames ready for when the bees become more active in the coming months. We have been checking on their feed stores and feeding as necessary to support them through the cold months. We hope that our efforts will see strong colonies this coming season.



The children in Yellow Class have enjoyed a programme of Forest Schools this half term which has been very successful. They have enjoyed being able to explore their natural environment. We have played in the leaves, fed the birds, made shelters for woodland animals and planted seeds. We were also very excited to have been chosen to be a partner school for The Tower of London Superbloom Project 2023. This is a collaboration with 25 other schools across the country and The Historic Royal Palaces Garden Charity. We are beginning to plan many planting projects across the school to promote the many health and well-being benefits of being outside in nature and gardening.



Jo Smith  
Class Teacher



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## KS4 NEWS

The end of another busy and action-packed term, in which KS4 have been working extremely hard towards their qualifications and courses, the work so far is amazingly high standard. Next term, will see the completion of some of these for year 11 as they start their examinations and course work. We all wish you the very best of luck with these, we know you will do extremely well.



We have also had lots of students successfully achieve their independent travelling certification that will assist in giving these youngsters access to the community and also act as a valuable skill for life.

There has been a variety of curriculum enhancing trips which the pupils in each group have really enjoyed, the pictures from these show the smiling faces and positive interactions experienced within the local community. Some of the stand out moments have been The Welsh Opera visit for the PMLD students, the Leicester Tigers community rugby coaching sessions and Microsoft visit.



We hope to continue these as the weather improves allowing us to get out more, with planned fishing trips, the Sherbourne challenge and many more. A thank you to all the parents and careers for your continued support. Here's to a great Summer Term.

Andy Lewis  
Assistant Head Key Stage 4



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## Arts Across Sherbourne

The Art room has been extremely busy with Key Stage 3 pupils exploring paint and creating some beautiful studies in a range of styles linked to our studied artists. Before half-term projects were based around 'Expressionist cityscapes' as we used our streets and landmarks to influence our expressive responses to artists who have worked in our city. We applied acrylic paint and layered our images to create pictures linked to our Cathedral and particularly John Piper's stained glass 'grater' window.

This half term pupils have investigated objects linked to the upcoming coronation. We have explored a range of clay construction techniques as we made their own Coronation pots ready for painting. We have created a pinch pot, then turned it into a coil pot and finally used a decorated slab tile to crown off our royal character heads. Though it has been a short term, we have understood how to use clay creatively in our own style of 'Toby jug.'



Our Key Stage 4 pupils continue to produce exciting work for their different qualifications and have been really pleased to work in three dimensions both with card construction and with low-relief plaster and clay studies. A number of classes have made slab bases to then explore themes around 'Pandora's box' and 'natural forms beneath the sea'. It has been wonderful to see just how confident modelling skills have developed, and final painting effects with different media has truly finished the artworks to a high standard. All pupils should be very proud of their efforts this term as they continue to experiment with materials and explore ideas with great confidence.

Being prepared to take risks and challenge ourselves to do things we never thought we could but have, has been a tremendous step forward for many of us. I am very excited to see what we can all do next term as our project conclude.



Paul Connelly  
Class Teacher



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## Class 4P

**D**uring our OCR Life & Living course this term, Class 4P have had the opportunity to take part in some exciting activities which involve exploring the outdoors, using new equipment safely, working as a group showing amazing team work whilst learning lots of new skills along the way.

**A**s well as taking part in projects and activities within school such as busting a sweat in the gym, preparing tea parties for our friends and creating a wonderful Wildflower Garden, Class 4P have also engaged with our local community through activities such as den building in Coundon Wedge, visiting our local Library on World Book Day, and a trip to our local garden centre.



Paul Connelly  
Class Teacher

## Class 4Z

**C**lass 4Z have been working hard this term throughout their curriculum. A focus on Folktales in English has seen them investigating the main features of folktales and writing a modern-day tale based around a moral of their choice. There have been some extremely imaginative ideas and settings which have been a joy to read.

**I**n Maths they have been tackling angles and shape and have been preparing for the first stage of their assessments. The theme of 'Self Contained' has been a focus in Art this term, some fabulous and unique creations have been made and the class have really enjoyed the freedom to express themselves during the project. The love birds, chickens, geko and Blueberry the rabbit have been very well cared for whilst the students have completed their Animal Care unit of study during Science lessons. The bees have some new frames for their hives which the group have carefully made with Jo in preparation for the new bee season starting soon. The class have enjoyed meeting Nikki the school job coach who has joined them regularly on Friday afternoons. They have been able to chat with her about their future plans which has been extremely helpful and informative.

**A**longside Duke of Edinburgh, Science day, ICT and PSHE, 4Z have been very busy and are looking forward to the Easter Holidays.

Zoe Civzelis  
Class Teacher



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## Class 4AD

**C**lass 4AD have been working really hard during the Spring Term. We have been carrying out a wide variety of sensory activities linked to our topic. In the first half term our topic was Light Camera Action and in our Literacy lessons we explored Finding Fiona which is a sensory story based on the Shrek films.

**W**e went on an adventure to find Princess Fiona and along the way we met a range of different characters such as Willy Wonka, Harry Potter, the BFG and Nemo.

**I**n our World Around Us and Numeracy lessons we have been working on our switch progressions skills. Using switches to activate songs on the whiteboard, microwave, electric mixer, fans, lava lamps, bubble tubes and sensory lights. This half term we have been learning about different countries and cultures. We have explored being Native Americans in our Literacy lessons when reading our The Rough Face Girl sensory story.



**W**e have made deliberate marks when decorating the rich man wigwam, explored the lake the Rough Face girl lives next to built our own sensory fire and visited the school fire pit for smores and hot chocolate. In our World Around, Us lessons we have been learning about Thanks giving and Easter.



**I**n our Numeracy lessons we have been thinking about hot and cold climate and we have really enjoyed exploring our Snow Bear sensory story.

**W**ell done Class 4AD for all your hard work. You are all superstars - lets continue to make fantastic progress in the Summer term!

Amy Downey  
Class Teacher



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## Class 4JM

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of another wonderful and exciting term together in Class 4JM. We have been wildly impressed with how well our students have continued their learning journeys together so positively.

The class have improved brilliantly with their communication skills, while also becoming far more confident in his functional communication. We have persevered with his physical development despite days where we have found it challenging, and we have extended his counting vocabulary. I am so pleased with the whole class and continue to be excited by the next term to come.



James Maxim  
Class Teacher

## Class 4KM

This term we had a visit from the Welsh National Opera company. They performed a sensory performance with lights, bubbles, pom poms and of course classical music. Our students loved it and engaged really well listening and watching instruments and music they do not normally listen to. We had a fab morning and lots of fun.



We have also been working towards an Asdan certificate. We have been working together to learn skills that will help us in the future to become more independent. One of the lessons we learnt about was making a cup of tea.



Have a lovely Easter from all the staff in Class 4KM!

Kate Mulcahy  
Class Teacher

# Spring Newsletter 2023

## Class 4H

Class 4H have had a very enjoyable spring term, they have been busily preparing for their upcoming qualifications and working hard in lessons. They have been producing lots of lovely work using clay in art, which is part of the preparation for their art GCSE. Life skills have been a big part of this term, preparing for the future and getting ready for the world of work. The students prepared a letter of application for a job of their choice then were involved in formal interviews, they took this very seriously and dressed up very smartly for the occasion. This was a great experience for the students and they have been able to take lots of skills forwards with them.

They have been involved in planting buds and tree's around the school, and have also worked on creating hanging baskets, developing skills for the futures and contributing positively to the school, and helping the environment. As part of their life skills they have also been involved in a lot of work in the kitchen. They have looked at preparing a range of different foods and how we can make them healthier. They have planned meals, sourced ingredients from the shops and then cooked the recipes in a safe and hygienic manner. Overall it has been a thoroughly enjoyable term, the students have worked hard and we have seen them develop socially, academically and really develop some of their. We look forward to the summer term, as we think about our future choices and moving on to KS5.

Hannah Ogden  
Class Teacher



## Class 4MG

Class 4M have continued to work hard across all their subject areas this term. Here are a few of their highlights. In Maths the group have been interpreting and making their own pictograms. They have demonstrated how to complete accurate tally charts and then how to transfer that information into a pictogram. They have worked hard to use a key and to include a key whilst creating their own pictograms. We headed over to Coundon Wedge during one of our Maths lessons for the students to carry out tally on the range of animals we found over there.

In English we have studied a range of fables. After familiarising ourselves with the themes of different fables, the group then had the task of writing their own fables. They had to come up with their own characters and make them as interesting as they could. Our science lessons have been very practical this term. We have been experimenting with microscopes and taking a close look at bacteria under the lens. We went on a visit to the local post office this term as part of our ICT theme in communication. The group have been learning about different methods of communication including emails, letters etc. The group were tasked with writing their own letter to a person of their choosing and then had to post the letter themselves.

So far this term we have been to Coundon Wedge, Memorial Park and Allesley Park. Other Duke of Edinburgh lessons have included rugby sessions with Coventry Rugby coaches and some opportunities to work in the Wedge Workshop. We can't wait for the new topics and learning opportunities the Summer term will bring. Have a Happy Easter

Marie Geary - Class Teacher



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## DofE Award

There have been so many exciting and fun activities happening in KS4 DofE. We have been very lucky to have rugby coaching from Leicester Tigers, the students have not only developed their rugby skills, but also their team work and cooperation skills, all alongside gaining evidence for their DofE qualification. Some of our students have also spent time in the Wedge Workshop. Here they have been crafting footstools for students in the school, and have also designed and created a very impressive looking airplane. We have also been very impressed with the performance skills of some of our students, who were involved in dance sessions. They learnt a set motif and in small groups choreographed their own aspects of the dance. The end result was amazing with students showing confidence in performance and amazing team work to produce such a fantastic routine. A group of students also spent some time doing some outdoor learning at the wedge. They clocked up a large number of miles hiking over the weeks, doing nature hunts, bird spotting and den building. We look forward to next term where we have many more exciting opportunities for our students.



There have been many opportunities for our KS5 students as part of the DofE this term. They have all worked on developing a range of skills and the physical aspect of the award. We have spent some time clocking up the miles with walks around Ryton Pools, our local area and Lake View Park. As part of this we have been bird spotting and looking at different aspects of nature. We have managed to walk a considerable number of miles as part of this and the students should be very proud. We have also done some den building at Ryton Pools, using our dens to dodge the rain showers as we built them!

Our students have also been involved in swimming, working hard in the pool and improving their technique and water safety knowledge. Some of the students have made real progress in this area are looking to carry on with this activity outside of school. We have also had lots of fun using the zip wire, where some of the students overcame their fears and really impressed us with their determination to succeed. We have also spent some time in the HE room. We have planned what we wanted to cook, went to the local shop to purchase the ingredients and cooked our food safely and hygienically. We then made sure we cleaned the kitchen and left everything as it was. The students were fantastic at this and we hope they are continuing to show these skills at home!

Overall it has been a very busy and fun Spring term. We look forward to the exiting opportunities that we have coming up in the summer term.

Angela Collins  
Class Teacher



# Spring Newsletter 2023

## KS5 News

**T**his half term all of our Post 16 students have continued to work hard to add to their coursework portfolios. Some of our students have been busy revising for their next Functional Maths, English and ICT assessments which they will be completing after Easter. They have all shown great determination and dedication to their studies; especially those students who are moving on from Sherbourne in July.

**A**s part of their transition, all students had a virtual 'Showcase' experience with Hereward College. They were introduced to the staff, the course they could apply for, shown around the various departments and given the opportunity to ask any questions that they had; all students found this a really valuable experience.

**S**ome pupils have been enjoying attending pub club over at the Brooklands Pub this term; a great way to develop social skills in a new environment whilst also developing their independence and self-confidence.



**W**e have a busy term coming up, especially for our leavers, and we have many exciting things to look forward to including, further work experience placements, end of Key Stage 5 showcase, Prom, end of year BBQ and the leavers assembly. I will be sending out a letter regarding all of these events in due course and we look forward to sharing them with you in the next newsletter.



**Jodie Lynch**  
**Assistant Head Key Stage 5**

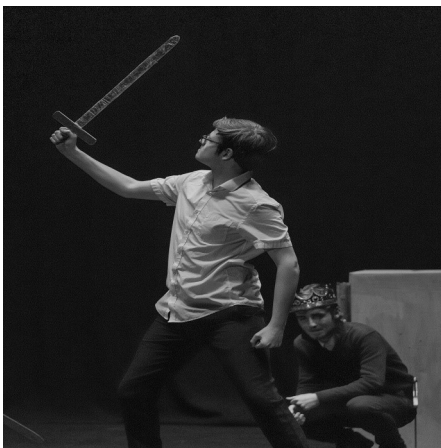


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## Shakespeare Schools Festival

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February a group of Key Stage 5 students took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Belgrade Theatre where they performed their own unique, abridged version of 'Antony and Cleopatra'.

Shakespeare Schools Festival is the world's largest youth drama festival, taking place annually in schools and theatres throughout the country. We began working on our performance the first day back after Christmas after learning that our initial performance date of late March had been moved forward by a month! Some people may have found this daunting but our group of students relished the challenge and began building their ideas as an ensemble in the weeks throughout January and February.



The performance day had the initial challenge of being the first day back after the half term break. Again, the students responded to this with great positivity. After a quick recap at school in the morning we headed to the theatre in the afternoon for our technical and dress rehearsals before meeting with the other two schools sharing our performance evening.

The performance itself flew by, with the students enjoying having an audience in front of them and confidently moving through their production with very little prompts or staff support. They received a richly deserved ovation when they took their bow at the end of the conclusion. We enjoyed watching the other schools perform before returning to the stage at the end of the evening for an appraisal. As well as how brilliantly they performed, it also needs to be noted how well the students conducted themselves throughout the whole (very long) day. They were a credit to themselves and the school and we are most proud of them.



**Sam Kendall**  
Expressive Arts Co-ordinator

# Spring Newsletter 2023

## Employability

### Work Experience

This term a number of our Keystage 5 students ventured off for the week to take part in their work experience. The students visited their placements prior to their work experience to familiarise themselves with their new work environments and to ask any questions that they had. Nikola, Elliot, Rhiannon, Ishan and Kian went along to Evtec Automotive. Here they assisted staff to package, label and sort out car parts ready to go on to suppliers. Ra'ees, Brodie and Eoin spent their week at Coventry Rugby Club where they supported the hospitality team, the advertising department and groundsman.

Kyan and Kyle are looking to pursue maintenance internships and so they were placed with our very own site service team to help with the every day running of the school site. Daniel spent his week at Little Argonauts Nursery where he supported staff in looking after the children there. Ben's dream of a career in hospitality got off to a great start with his placement being at the Red Lion in Corley where his responsibilities included serving customers, replenishing stock and helping to get the dining areas ready for busy periods.

Each and every placement was a tremendous success. I visited all of the students during the week and wasn't surprised to hear how they were all giving 100% and impressing staff with their hard working attitudes. They were all a credit to our fantastic school. Well done Keystage 5!

Marie Geary  
Class Teacher

### Wedge Workshop

This term in the workshop we have covered the topic 'cleaning and preparing bicycles' for use. We have also just started a new unit called 'painting and decorating, cutting and hanging wallpaper', which the students are very eager to get on with.

The workshop team also like to help out around the school. We have serviced the indoor rugby wheelchairs, built step stools from recycled materials and helped move the school café shed into storage.

We look forward to next term with the school summer BBQ on the horizon which means plenty of projects for the team to get stuck into!

Happy Easter to everyone from the Workshop.



Paul Doolan  
Teaching  
Assistant





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## ASDAN

**T**his term we have completed the modules 'Energy saving and Visiting a Country park'. We looked at ways that we can make our houses more energy efficient, and visited Coombe Abbey to learn about the local plants and wildlife.

**W**e have completed the modules 'Environmental awareness and Parenting Awareness'. We have looked at ways we can make our school and local area more environmentally friendly and wrote to the student council with some suggestions. We also looked at the ways becoming a parent affects people physically and emotionally and researched some of the material things that a baby needs. We have looked at how our body changes during puberty and the concepts of Public and Private. We had class discussions about what is acceptable to do in your house, and what is acceptable out in public.

**W**e have completed two modules this term; Famous People and News from Around The World. Working in groups, the students researched celebrities from three different countries and created a fact file.

**T**his term we have been working through our project. We are creating a garden space between the 6th Form Block and The Lodge. The students have had the opportunity to use a range of tools to create a seating area and raised beds as well as a trellis. We have had the opportunity to plan trips to two different places in the local area; Ryton Pools and Fargo Village. The students enjoyed seeing the different areas of Ryton Pools and exploring the different shops at Fargo.

Matthew Hancock  
**Class Teacher**

## ENTERPRISE

**I**t has been an extremely enterprising term here at Sherbourne Fields. Pupils within Key Stage 5 have been working hard towards their Enterprise accreditation.

**T**here are two exciting enterprise projects to look out for, the Level 1 Enterprise group have planned and hosted a fun filled Easter egg hunt for the whole school and have had very successful sales of their Easter hunt packs. The other group have been developing their collectable badge project which they recently launched in assembly. Look out for the exciting opportunity to buy collectable badges starting with a design featuring the new Sherbourne Fields School logo.

**P**upils in Key Stage 3 continue to complete enterprise projects as part of their Princes Trust accreditation. Thank you to everyone in our fabulous school community who has supported any of the projects this term.



Zoe Civzelis  
**Class Teacher**

# Spring Newsletter 2023

## 6th Form Sports

**D**uring the Spring term the pupils have been exploring outdoor and adventurous activities using the amazing facilities that we have onsite. Groups have been building their confidence and taking turns using the zip wire, climbing wall and the trim trail. Others have taken part in the Mile Walk, Nature Hunts, Orienteering and Rambling. As always, we have also enjoyed attending lots of sports activities offsite. Sports trips, whatever the sport or destinations, assist in developing pupil's self confidence and independence as well as learning and building on new skills and making new friends.

**P**primary classes have enthusiastically participated in a Football and skills activity at the Alan Higgs Centre, Indoor Athletics, Boccia, Football, Archery and parachute Games at Hereward College and trips to the local park and Coundon Wedge walks. Last but not least, due to the adverse weather conditions we had a fun filled action packed snow play day!

**K**ey Stage 3 had had the wonderful opportunity to attend a Basketball, Hockey and Netball festival along with other special schools.

A number of pupils from Key Stage 3 and 4 were selected to participate in a Table Cricket County Tournament at Edgbaston, winning 2 out of their 4 games. Key Stage 4 developed their rugby skills with the Leicester Tiger Coach Luke Haddon.

Our talented young people in Key Stage 4 and 5 were invited to show off their football skills at the Aston Villa Football Academy Tournament and were invited back a second time because they demonstrated such amazing team spirit and sportsmanship. Well done to all that took part, continue to try new things, challenge yourself and shine!

Angela Collins - **Sports Coordinator**

## Swimming This Term

**G**reetings from poolside! It's been a very busy and entertaining term down at the pool. From water confidence at the earliest level, all the way through to students swimming competently underwater. We have enjoyed activities involving basic learning tools, all the way through to Science and Maths lessons in the pool.



**M**ost recently, all pupils have been practicing swimming on their backs. This has included activities such as Woggle tunnels, floating chairs and water showered from overhead. The pupils continue to enjoy the pool lights, music and peer engagement whilst in the water. Most recently during Science day, classes enjoyed engaging with objects that floated or sunk. Red Class played along with a sink or float game, whilst the 6th form took part in an activity trying to sink more buoyant objects.

**F**inally, thank you all for the time and support you offer ensuring the pupils have such a wonderful time in the water.

Mark Lucas  
**Swimming Teacher**



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Monday 17th April	All return to school
Monday 24th April	Primary Pioneer Residential Trip 24th - 26th April
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Expressive Arts Day
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 17th May	Outdoor Learning Day
Thursday 25th May	Students break up for Half term
Friday 26th May	Staff Training Day
MAY HALF Saturday 27th May to	TERM Sunday 4th June
Monday 5th June	All return to school
Thursday 22nd June	Thrive Day
Wednesday 28th June	Whole School Transition Day
FAMILY OPEN Thursday 29th June	EVENING 2023 4.30—6.30pm
Friday 7th July	Sports Day
Thursday 20th July	Leaver's Assembly
BREAK UP Friday 21st July	FOR SUMMER! 12.00pm

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We welcome donations to our School Association. The Association is a charity that helps support the young people at Sherbourne Fields to fulfil their potential throughout school. We run fundraising activities throughout the year to support the curriculum, and help provide additional materials for pupils, and also assist with residential costs.

If you would like to donate to the Association, we have a **Just Giving page** setup, where you are able to donate a sum yourself, or you can use the Fundraise for us button to link your own fundraising pages to us if you are doing a sponsored event.

Thank you to all of our families and members of our community who have supported us so far. Your contributions enable us to do so much more for our amazing young people.

The latest Chocolate Raffle raised over **£300** - thank you!

**Claire Antrobus**  
Deputy Head & Chair

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