



Friday 18th March

Dear Twyford St Mary's Families,

This week the school has been focusing on our core value of Respect. With a visit from Christchurch and Jane Roots, we have enjoyed hearing stories and messages of how we can show respect for ourselves, others and the world around us.



PTA News



Operation Ground Force – TAKE 2!

If anyone is available to help with our rescheduled working party, we are meeting at **10am on Sunday 20th March** on the playground. We have plenty of refreshments and biscuits and hopefully the sun will be shining this time!

School Disco!

A reminder that the TSM Disco is tonight!

KS1: 4-5pm

KS2: 5.15-6.30pm

Ash & Beech Trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum







Ash and Beech Class had a wonderful trip to Beaulieu this week. It was their first school trip because of the pandemic so there were lots of new experiences to be had. They were amazing – Well done Ash and Beech!

We enjoyed looking around the museum at all the different types of cars. Some of the highlights were riding in 'Gumdrop', playing the 'hooter race' and dressing up and sitting in a very old car!

A huge thank you to all of the adults who came with us on the trip to support!



Xanthe from Ash Class has written this recount for the School Bell:

	First we went on the coach to Beaulieu. ✓
	Next we went to the cars and saw the original car. ✓
	Then we went in an old car that didn't have seat belts. ✓
	And then we went on an open top bus. ✓
	Next we saw the top Gear bus and cars. ✓
	At the end of the day we went back on the coach. ✓

Hockey Trip – The Finals!

Written by Sophie E and Josie



On Wednesday 9th of March a group of pre-selected students got the opportunity to participate in a hockey event at Kings School in Winchester. To our delight we placed first out of four other schools and went on to represent Winchester on Tuesday 15th March. Our talented team included: Josie, Sophie E, Wilf, George, Amber, Harvey, Jack, Luke and our two captains who lead us to our victory, Besty

and Venne! Our two captains taught us how to play every position we may have played and our team supported each other when any teammate found it more difficult.

We were up against amazing groups from the surrounding area who challenged us to become our strongest in each match. We are very grateful for this opportunity and will not hesitate to congratulate all the other teams who participated. This has been a great experience for all of us and has taught us many skills we will never forget.

**Our TSM Hockey team did amazingly well and came 5th out of 32 schools in the district!
A big congratulations to the whole team!!**



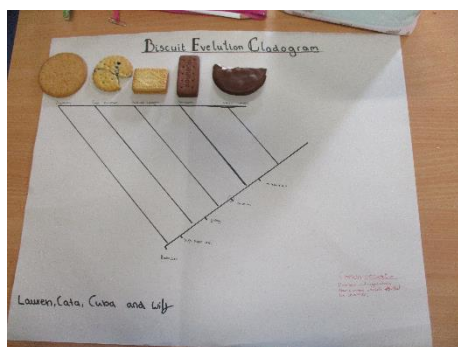
British Science Week

Written by Isabel and Lauren

This week was British Science Week. The theme was growth, and our class (Yew) attempted to make slime. It didn't go very well because the solution we added did not contain the active ingredient to make slime. We did, however, make very good glue! We also investigated speed of our



reaction with our hands (dominant and non-dominant hands) by one person dropping a ruler and the other pinching it!



Science was a big part of our week as we also explored the evolution of biscuits by making a cladogram (See photo). Linking to our Science work on fossils, Jude kindly brought in his fossil collection for the class to see. We were very interested to see a giant bear paw which was 30,000 years old. We also had an amazing opportunity to have a video call with Dr Neil Clarke, who

is a curator of palaeontology at the Hunterian museum. We asked him questions, like:

What was the most interesting dinosaur in your opinion? (Micropachycephalosaurus. It has the longest dinosaur name!)

If you could find one thing for certain about dinosaurs, what would it be? (What colour they actually were)

How closely are they related to birds? How warm blooded were they? Dinosaurs are similar to reptiles, so they might have been cold blooded. But they also managed to survive in the poles ...



During this call, we learnt that Jurassic park got many things wrong! For example, dinosaurs have feathers! Pterodactyls are actually flying lizards, and not dinosaurs. There's so much we didn't know so it was fascinating.

Donations to Aid Ukraine



Twyford Guiding are collecting **women's sanitary products** to send to Ukraine.

Many collection points have expressed a dire need for these essentials for girls and women who have fled their homes. If you'd like to donate, please use the **covered box outside 3 Segars Lane**. Once it's full everything will be taken to a local collection point to go directly to Ukraine. It's a small thing we can do but will make a HUGE difference to the life and dignity of someone in dire circumstances.

Have a lovely weekend, TSM families!

**Warm wishes,
Sophie Davies
Headteacher**



Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Rory	For exceptional enthusiasm and hard work this week.
Beech	Jasper	For being an Incy Independent when representing a numbers value and for solving the digit riddles.
Sycamore	Quillan	For his excellent use of Ted Hughes' descriptive techniques when writing a diary entry encounter with the Iron Man.
Willow	Samuel	For thinking carefully about how to best manipulate language to build suspense in his atmospheric setting description – an amazing read!
Yew	Wilf	For showing great independence and rising to challenge in Maths when using his percentage skills to interpret pie charts



Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Max	For being a good friend by thinking about how other people might be feeling and using kind words.
	Xanthe	For a fantastic recount of our trip to Beaulieu, complete with time words!
Beech	Olivia	For making super progress in her reading. Two book bands since half term-Wow!
	Joshie	For being an Incy Independent when writing his biography of the Wright Brothers. Well done for including detailed facts.
Sycamore	Tobias	For his fantastic expanded noun phrases, making use of high quality vocabulary, to describe a new foe for the Iron Man
	Ruben	For his amazing dedication in Writing, Reading and Maths all this week, and the joyous enthusiasm he brings to his work. Thank you
Willow	Brandon	For being a supportive team player in PE.
	Dexter	For super independent suspense writing this week and for always being a caring learning partner.
Yew	Harvey P	For making great strides in his reading speed and accuracy.
	Molly	For showing perseverance and stamina when writing a biography about Charles DARWIN.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
21st – 25th March	Year 4/5 Stubbington Residential
28th March – 1st April	Final week of after school activity clubs
29th March	Netball at Kings' (selected Yr 5/6) - letter to follow
30th March	Yew Class Trip to Hawk Conservancy
4th April	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral
5th and 7th April	Parents' evening appointments 3.50 – 7.00pm
6th April	Easter Service at 0930hrs
8th April	INSET day/End of term
8th – 25th April	<u>Easter Holidays</u>
Summer Term	
25th April	First day of Summer Term
26th April	Bag2School Collection
2nd May	Bank Holiday
9th – 12th May	Year 6 SATS Weeks
30th May – 3rd June	<u>Half Term Break</u>
15th July	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
21st July	Last day of Summer Term



Church Corner

Don't forget the upcoming events with St Mary's Church!

Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church	
26th March	Mothering Saturday - Coffee and Simnel cake from 10.00am
27th March	Mothering Sunday Service at 11.00am
30th March	Soup Lunch in aid of Christian Aid's work in Afghanistan
2nd April	Churchyard working party 09.30am – 12.00pm
2nd April	"Twyford Litter Pick" at St Mary's Parish Hall from 10.00am
9th April	Annual church Spring clean from 10.00am
13th April	Twyford Benefice Evening Prayer at 07.30am
15th April	Twyford Benefice Holy Communion at 11.00am
17th April	Easter Sunday Service at 11.00 (followed by an Easter egg hunt)