

Defford-cum-Besford CE First School

Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival in church – it was such a special occasion, and the children loved sharing it with you. Your support really helps make these moments memorable.

We're so proud of how hard the children are working already this term. Even more importantly, they are showing love and care for one another every day – whether it's helping a friend, sharing a smile, or showing kindness on the playground. It's wonderful to see our school value of *love* shining through in all they do.

We're looking forward to all the adventures and learning still to come this autumn!

Mr Hanson

Ash Class



Ash class performed their first piece of music this week, reading musical notes and explored some instruments. They also created some beautiful harvest themed watercolour pictures ready to share at our Harvest Festival. We also had a visit from Birch class.









Oak Class



Oak class have been enjoying the Autumn sunshine with lots of physical activity outdoors.







Willow Class

Drawing club has started in Willow. We watched Trapdoor and drew a monster of our own. We have also looked at circles and spirals when mark making. We made big spirals and circles and then small patterns to make a sheep!





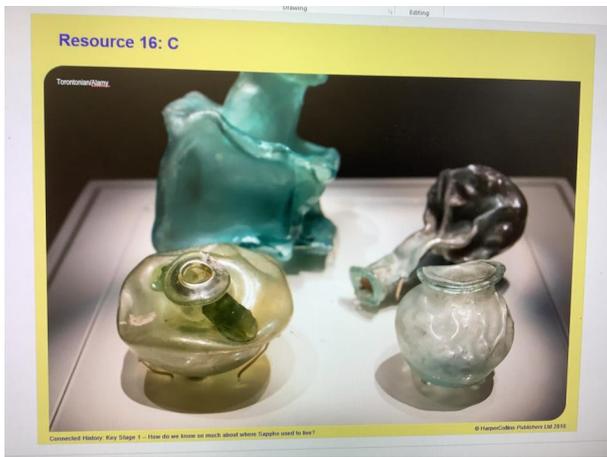
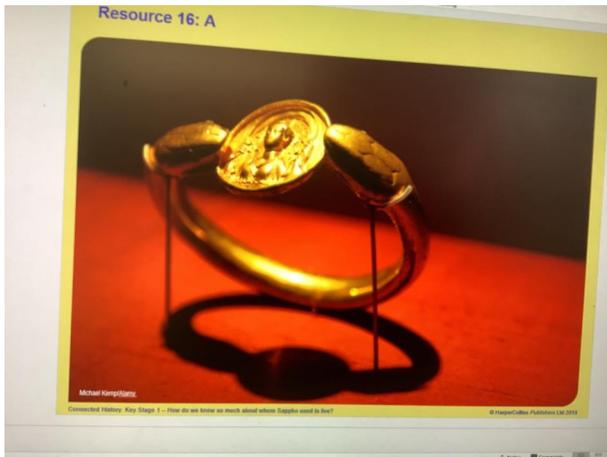




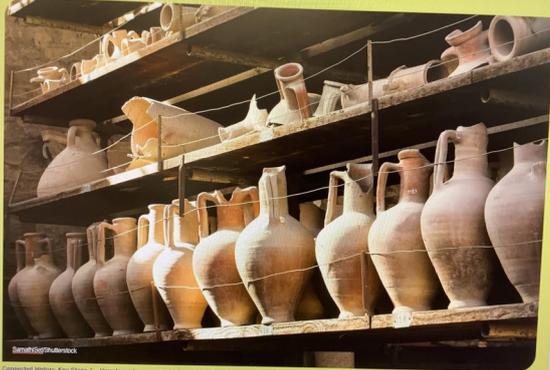
Birch Class

Birch Class have been learning more about Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii. We explored some artifacts found in Pompeii. We talked about why Emperor Nero is on the coins and how he tried to conquer the world! We revealed the fact that plaster casts of the people of Pompeii were made by archaeologists. Some children even continued their learning in their free time, creating pictures of Mount Vesuvius!

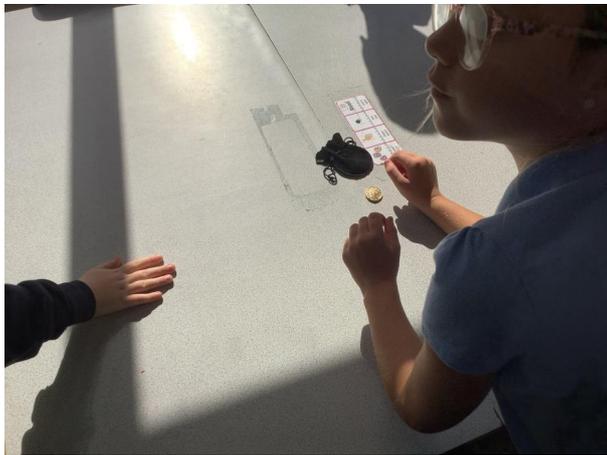




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Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



Thank you to all of our school community who donated, made or purchased cakes at our Macmillan Coffee Event. We raised £250 pounds for this excellent charity. Thank you!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you for your amazing donation!

We successfully received your payment of £250.00

However you decided to host your Coffee Morning, we hope you and your guests enjoyed spending time together whilst raising money to help people living with cancer.

We'll put the money you've raised straight to work. It could mean someone with cancer can:

- Get help with how they're feeling on our Support Line.
- Be supported by others who know what you're going through on our Online Community.
- Turn to a Macmillan nurse for vital medical, practical and emotional support.

Nut Aware School



Nuts are the allergen that are the most likely to cause a severe allergic reaction.

When packing lunchboxes, please be sensitive to other children who may have food intolerances and avoid having nuts as a snack.

Thank you for your support.

Shoe Box Appeal



From your hand to theirs.
Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child or family, distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Eastern Europe.

Please drop off your shoebox here:



Collection dates:

from _____ until _____

Teams4U, Unit 8, Llay Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL12 0TU Charity Number 1114131
T: 01978 310110 E: info@teams4u.com F: @teams4u thecharity T: @teams4u I: @teams4ucharitly

Yesterday your child came home with a Shoebox Appeal leaflet. We are once again taking part in this appeal, and the leaflet provides full details of what to include if you would like to put together a shoebox.

All completed shoeboxes need to be handed in to the school office by **Friday 24th October 2025**.

In addition, we are holding a **Shoebox Filling Session** at **Pershore Baptist Church** on **Saturday 1st November from 10am onwards**. You and your children are warmly invited to come along and help if you are available.

If you are unable to put a shoebox together but have any empty shoeboxes to spare, we would be very grateful for these, as we hope to make up around 200 boxes during the filling day.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Halloween at the Museum

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Tessy Tumblepot's Potion Trail
14 Oct - 2 Nov | Daily
£2 per trail - Special prize included!

Brick or Treat - Halloween LEGO Sessions
28 Oct | 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm
£3 per child - parents go free!

Potions & Cauldrons: The Legend of Ceridwen the Witch
30 Oct | 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm
£6 per child - parents go free!

Ghosts & Giggles: Family Ghost Tour
Oct 31 | 5pm - 7pm
Adult: £15 & Child: £10 (12+)

Ghosts & Giggles: Family Tour of Haunted Gloucester
21 Dec & 13 Feb | 5pm - 7pm
Adult: £15 & Child £10 (12+)



Monkeys in Motion October half term workshop

K-POP DEMONS WORKSHOP



JOIN MONKEYS IN MOTION THIS HALLOWEEN FOR A THRILLING K-POP DEMON HUNTERS HOLIDAY CLUB FILLED WITH DANCE, DRAMA, SLIME, WEAPON MAKING, BISCUIT DECORATING AND SPOOKY FUN!

Thursday 30th October 2025
9:00-1:00pm age 3-4
9:00-3:30pm Age 5-11

From £20

07460 234 515
www.monkeysinmotion.co.uk
Norton Parish Hall, Worcester, WR5 2QB



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AGES 5-14

DELTA FOOTBALL IS AN INCLUSIVE PROGRAMME AIMED TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION FOR ALL CHILDREN. A SAFE, FRIENDLY AND PROGRESSIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO THRIVE!

UEFA QUALIFIED COACHES GAME BASED APPROACH

SKILL OF THE WEEK DEVELOPMENT GAMES

DELTA FOOTBALL

PERSHORE - DROITWICH WORCESTER
17:00 - 18:00

Coach Jack
Delta Football Lead
UEFA B Coach
Worcester City U15's

Coach Adam
FA Level 1 Coach

SCAN & BOOK

Free Online Weight Management Programme

Healthy Worcestershire will be offering a FREE 12-week weight management rolling programme delivered as a virtual course via Teams that supports people to lose weight and keep it off long term. The virtual based sessions run on a Monday between 1-2pm. Courses are interactive, practical and discussion based. Each 1-hour weekly session consists of a 30-45 minute nutrition workshop covering topics such as snacking, portion sizes, fats and sugar followed by a discussion and question period.

The programme focuses on changing behaviours, increasing activity level and making educated choices in order to lose weight. Individuals have the option of tracking weigh in's each week and are encouraged to work towards a 5% weight loss goal at week 12.

The Healthy Worcestershire rolling course features culturally appropriate recipes and dietary advice. Fully qualified experts provide nutrition and exercise support which is appropriate for people with a variety of health conditions, such as type 2 diabetes.

To self-refer please use this link [Nutrition and Lifestyle - Healthy Worcestershire's Services](#)

Men United for Mental Wellness



Droitwich
Men United
For Mental Wellness
www.men-united.co.uk



**Free Peer Support Group for
Dad's and male carers**

Every other Tuesday 1-3pm

Starting 30th September 2025

**The Old Library Centre
65 Ombersley Street East
Droitwich
WR9 8QS**

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Attendance

Please follow [this link](#) if you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school.

Class attendance since last newsletter:

Willow - 99.6%

Birch - 93.8%

Oak - 92.2%

Ash - 97.4%

Whole School Attendance this year

Defford-cum-Besford CE First School - 95.2%

National - 96.2%

Local Authority - 96.6%

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th October - Flu vaccinations for Year R to Year 5 children

Thursday 9th October - Individual school photos

Monday 13th October - Ash class trip to the MAD Museum and Butterfly farm in Stratford

Wednesday 22nd October - Oak class rescheduled trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

Wednesday 22nd October - Friends Association Autumn Disco - Willow Class - 5-5.45pm

Wednesday 22nd October - Friends Association Autumn Disco - Birch / Oak / Ash - 6-7pm

Friday 24th October - Friends Association Pumpkin Patch 3.15pm

Monday 27th -Friday 31st October - Half term

Friday 28th November - Friends Association Non uniform day for Raffle prizes

Friday 5th December - Friends Association Christmas Fayre