Defford-cum-Besford CE First School Newsletter 24th October 2025

What an wonderful first half term we have had at school! It has been a great start to the year and I feel privileged to have been welcomed so warmly into the community. It has been lovely to share the children's achievements and progress with you all at Parents' Evening this week, and the children all had great fun at the Autumn Disco and Pumpkin Patch. A big thank you to the FA for organising these fabulous events.

I hope all our families have a well deserved rest next week and enjoy the beautiful Autumn weather. The clocks go back on Saturday night and I'm sure we'll all appreciate that extra hour in bed!

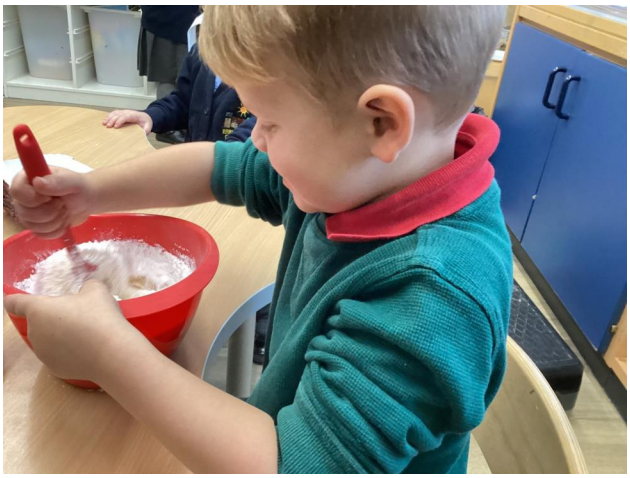
I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Kind regards,

Mr Hanson

Willow Class

Willow class have enjoyed celebrating Diwali making rangoli patterns, Indian sweets, and Diva pots. We also received some henna pattern on our hands and enjoyed some Diwali yoga and dance.



Birch Class

Birch Class enjoyed Forest school last week. We worked together as a team to clear a path in the forest!

Oak Class

Chedworth visit

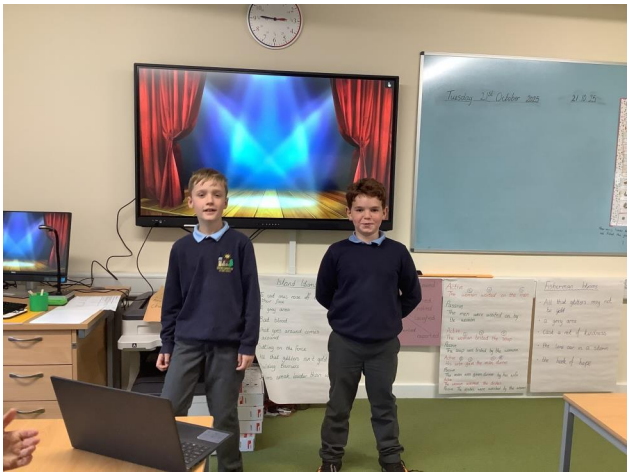
SATURNI DIES
MARTIS DIES
LUNAE DIES
SOLIS DIES
VENERIS DIES
MERCURII DIES

DINING

Ash Class

This week, Ash class have made parachutes of different sizes to investigate the effects of air resistance. They also did some scientific research about water resistance and used their research to work as a group and plan their own science investigation to observe the effects of water resistance on objects, considering how they can make it a fair test.

They also performed a beautiful song in Music, taking on different roles in the performance so we had a mixture of vocals and percussion.



Attendance

Please follow this link if you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school.

Class attendance since last newsletter:

Willow - 98.3%

Birch - 94.8%

Oak - 91.1%

Ash - 96.0%

Well done to Willow class

Whole School Attendance this year

Defford-cum-Besford CE First School - 95%

National - 95.8%

Local Authority - 96%

Raring2go! Autumn edition

The Autumn edition of the magazine is now available. It covers October half term right through to the New Year.

[Hereford and Worcester Raringtogo! magazine]

Your Say / Residents Survey

Your Say survey for young people

This survey is a shorter version of the annual Residents' Survey designed to gather views from young people aged 11 – 18. It should only take about five minutes to complete.

As a thank you, we are offering the young people who complete the Your Say Survey the chance to nominate a school or youth centre/setting based in Wychavon to enter a prize draw for one of two £150 prizes to spend on extra-curricular activities or resources of their choice. Terms and conditions apply.

The online survey is short and simple to complete. Young people's feedback will help Wychavon understand what matters to young people, what needs improving and how they feel about their local area.

The deadline for the Your Say survey is 23 November 2025

To take part in the survey click here – https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2025YourSay/

Wychavon Residents' Survey 2025

Wychavon District Council wants to hear from you!

Wychavon's annual Residents' Survey is now live, and it's your chance to tell them what matters most to you about life in Wychavon. As a thank you, entrants will be entered into a prize draw to win one of four £100 vouchers to spend at a local business of their choice.

The survey is short and simple to complete – it only takes about 10 minutes – but your feedback will help Wychavon understand what's working well, what needs improving, and how satisfied you are with council services.

The survey is open until 9 November 2025.

Click here to take part -

Please encourage family and friends that live in Wychavon to take part too

FREE Girls Only Dynamos Cricket (ages 8-11)

🏏 🏏 **Girls Only Dynamos Cricket – Free Sessions!** 🏏

Pershore Cricket Club is proud to offer 6 free Girls Only Dynamos sessions for girls aged 8–11!

📅 Starts: Saturday 18 October*

🕐 Time: 14:00 – 15:00

📍 Venue: Prince Henry's Sports Complex, Evesham

***Children can carry forward up to two sessions into January dates for any dates missed before December**.

Contact pershorejuniorcricket@gmail.com for more details on how to carry sessions forward.

Come along, make new friends, and have fun learning cricket in a supportive and friendly environment!

👉 To book your place using code **SJPE1**:https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/8913ee64-9e9c-41f0-a91d-d370a764cf66?venue=pershore

Contact pershorejuniorcricket@gmail.com for more information.

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th -Friday 31st October - Half term

Tuesday 4th November - Year 1 Phonics overview for parents 3.30pm

Wednesday 5th November - Year 2 Spelling overview for parents 3.30pm

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

Thursday 4th December - STAR Project show for parents 4pm

Friday 5th December - Friends Association Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner (please place order with The Deli)

Thursday 18th December - Last day of term