

RED NOSE DAY

It is the 40th anniversary of the 'Comic Relief' charity this year. Originally it was a one-off comedy show organised by comedians who wanted to do something to raise money for starving people in east Africa, similar to the Sports Aid and Live Aid events.

Since then, the charity has grown and now splits all proceeds raised between projects in the UK and Africa.

On Friday, **we are inviting all children (and staff) to wear as many bright clothes as possible** to reflect the 40th anniversary 1980s theme. A link to our fun quiz was texted out on Friday but can also be found here:

Fun Red Nose Day Quiz

On Friday all children will be invited to share jokes. EYFS and KS1 children will have a classroom disco and KS2 will be invited to take part in a silent disco.

If you think you can support this charity, could you send CASH DONATIONS ONLY please.

Any amount you can spare will be gratefully received by those in need.

Week beginning 17th March

Monday 17th March

Clubs: computing; multi-skills; hockey

Tuesday 18th March

Year 5 swimming

Clubs: football, cricket, choir, drama, yoga, forest school

Wednesday 19th March

Year 3 visit to the Hive library

Thursday 20th March

Year 3 swimming

Clubs: gardening, art, lego, dance, music

Friday 21st March



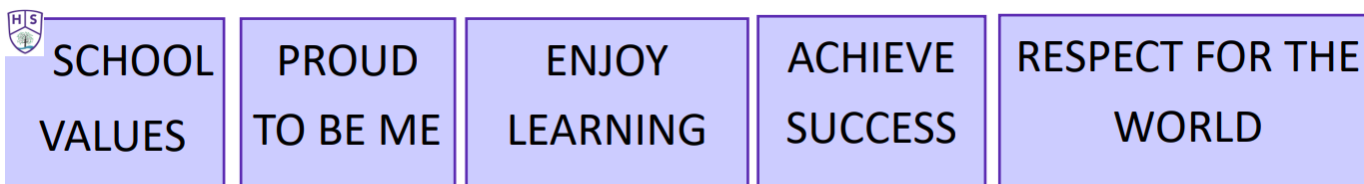
Free School Meal Eligibility

If you think your child may be eligible, please check by entering details using this link:

Online FSM Application

It is really important you do this soon because:

- Food vouchers will be sent out again just before the Easter holidays.
- Anyone who applies AFTER 1st April, has less protection to this status. Anyone up until this point, have had their status protected whilst Universal Credit has been rolled out. After 1st April, anyone who becomes eligible will not have this protection and may lose their right to a free school meal.





Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs S Ricketts

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs A Donnelly

Mrs R Hussain

Pastoral/ behaviour leads:

Mr Ryan

Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO)

Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services.

[Children's Social Care](#) |

[Worcestershire County Council](#)

In an emergency, always ring 999.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

- Check game age advisory notices
- Limit children's time spent online
- Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked
- Keep phones, tablets etc. out of bedrooms

Attendance

Year group	Week beginning 10/03/25	This term	This Academic Year
Reception	93.8	93.1%	94.1%
Year 1	92.2	90.8%	92.7%
Year 2	94.1	92.5%	92.3%
Year 3	92.4	91.9%	93.6%
Year 4	92.5	92.9%	94.4%
Year 5	91	93.8%	93.8%
Year 6	95.6	92.4%	94.5%
Whole School	93.1	92.5	93.6

Attendance was slightly improved this week after last week's very low average.

Unfortunately, the "Friday affect" was very stark this week. Look at the difference between these 2 days:

Thursday 13 March 93.93%

Friday 14 March 88.73%

It is hard to believe children are so much sicker on a Friday 😞

sQuid

The online payment system sQuid has now closed. Please check your email inboxes for 2 letters sent out explaining what will happen now.

To book Little Pears or Breakfast Club use these links:

[Little Pears](#)

[Breakfast Club](#)

We will be introducing another online payment system but this won't be until the Summer Term.



We were so pleased to receive this photo from Willow's mum.

Willow has set up her own business making bracelets and charms, selling them at craft fairs and online marketing sites.

Last weekend she shared her proceeds with Acorns children's hospice whilst at their garden fete. She also met Diamond from Gladiators!

Well done, Willow; we are very proud of you. Good luck with your future business!

Teacher Training

You may be aware that Hollymount School, as part of The Black Pear Trust, are also part of The Black Pear Trust Teaching Alliance. We work with Worcester University in training the next generation of teachers.

Teaching is a great career whatever your age or past experience. When you work with children, no two days are ever the same and there is always something which will make you smile and help you see the world through the eyes of a child. If you or anyone you know is interested (and already has a degree) then this could be the perfect chance to find out if teaching is for you.

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Open Events:

The Orchards School, Bromsgrove
Thursday 20th March 3.30-4.30pm

Hollymount School, Worcester
Friday 21st March 10.30am-12.30pm

Carnforth School, Worcester
Friday 11th April 9.00-10.00am

Online Q and A about our PGCE
Friday 4th April 12.30-1.30pm and 11th April 2.00-3.00pm

Email: traintoteach@blackpeartrust.org to book a place for the online meeting. No booking required for open events at schools; arrive anytime and join us for an informal chat about our PGCE course.

Pathways offered in Primary 5-11 and EYFS 3-7, PE, SENDi
One Year hub based PGCE with Qualified Teacher Status

Why Choose us?

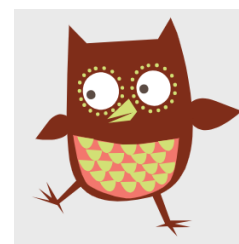
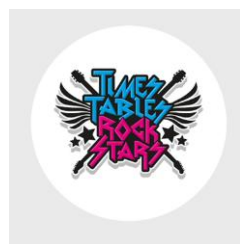
- Unique multiple pathways supporting a broad range of settings including First, Primary, Faith schools, Special schools and PRU
- Dedicated teacher development during training and beyond
- Promoting the best possible outcomes for all



**HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK?
IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO VIA SQUID.**

What is my child learning? How can I help?

All children have access to age-appropriate educational websites. You will find their usernames and passwords for these in their reading diaries. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher. Three key sites are:



Oxford Owl

You will find links to appropriate sites on the school website, year group page. PLEASE help your child to use these regularly. They will make such a difference to their reading and maths fluency and help a child feel confident in their own abilities.

