



As children of God, we are working together with warmth and the belief that everyone can be happy, grow and flourish.



“You have planted them and they have taken root, they grow and bear fruit.”

Jeremiah 12 v2

Dear parents / carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for your kind thoughts and wishes as I started my new role as Acting Headteacher for the Pinvin Schools.

We have had an extremely busy, and in many ways, rewarding start to 2023. With your help, we have been able to move forward with important decisions about joining our two school communities together as one. The new logo was warmly accepted and the new navy school uniform has been agreed upon for the next academic year, starting in September.

Our current ‘Behaviour Policy’ is being reviewed and reshaped into a ‘Relationships and Behaviour Policy’. Staff and pupils are currently trialling this new approach and we are monitoring the impact of this closely.

We are pleased to have been able to run a variety of lunchtime and after-school clubs which are proving to be extremely popular.

Children have successfully taken part in both Swimming Galas and in the Area Cross-country Tournament with four pupils moving through the Worcestershire Schools Cross-country Championship.

I’m also pleased to be able to say that two of our children will be representing England at the World Dance Cup in Portugal later this year. Congratulations to them both!

A big thank you goes to everyone who was involved in helping to organise and run our Valentines’ Discos. They were really well attended and the children had a great time.

Staffing News:

Mrs Barker our SENDCo will be taking maternity leave from the end of Spring term, and we wish her all the best at this exciting time for her family.

Year 1 – We are pleased to welcome Miss Teague into our team and let you know that she has agreed to continue as Year 1 classteacher for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Greenfield and myself have agreed to continue in our current roles as Acting Headteacher and Acting Deputy Headteacher until at least January 2024 to provide continuity as the school moves through this period of amalgamation. We both look forward to your continued support as we move forward.

Best Wishes,
James Hawthorn
Acting Headteacher

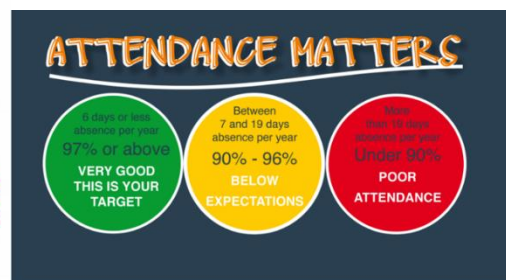




In Science, children in Year 6 were asked to make a model lung to help with their understanding of the respiratory system.



Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the Think Tank and doing a workshop on forensic science.



Pinvin CE First School

Pre-school	90.0%
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	84.8%

Year average: 90.8%

KS1 average: 92.5%

KS2 average: 88.2%

St Nicholas CE Middle School

Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	93.0%
Year 7	95.3%

Year average: 94.4%

KS2 average: 94%

KS3 average: 95.3%

Our school targets are 97%, so we still have a way to go and we need **your help** in making sure children are in school as much as possible.

Pinvin First School – Front Door

We have taken the decision to stop using this door as a main entrance. This means that all children who are late, or parents dropping in items that children have forgotten must now go through the main entrance on the St Nicholas Middle School Site. This will be the same for Parents Evenings as well.

Wraparound Care

From Monday 27th February, all drop-offs and collections for Wraparound Care (Breakfast Club and After-School Club), will be via the Middle School entrance as we will be using this hall as the main venue in the future. We are investigating the possibility of extending Breakfast Club timings to start at 7.45am. We are also looking into the possibility of this provision being available to pre-school children. If this is something you are potentially interested in, please could you let the School Office know, so that we can judge interest and arrange staffing.



The 20 children in **Japanese club** have been learning about Japanese writing, Japanese school and houses, and practising some basic phrases. Lots of them are determined to visit Japan as soon as they have a chance.



Year 7 have just completed their Literacy focus on Everest and were able to speak to one of our parents, an experienced mountaineer and showed the children the equipment he uses.



Dress to Express (Mental Health Day)

Thank for all of the generous donations received on our Just Giving page. We raised £284. The children enjoyed coming into school and expressing themselves.

Key Dates:

- February 28th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 5.30pm
Year 7 French Trip Information Evening 6.00pm
- March 7th – PTA FRIENDS – EGM – Please be there to support – 7.30pm
- March 9th – Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate Gifts for Chocolate Bingo
- March 10th – Year 5 Commandry Trip
- March 13th – Year 5 Residential Information Evening – 5.30pm
- March 17th – Comic Relief- Wear something red!
- March 25th – Chocolate Bingo – 4.30pm - 6.00pm
- March 24th – Chocolate Bingo – 7.00pm - 8.30pm
- March 28th – Parents Evening
 - Pinvin First School – 3.30pm - 6.00pm
 - St Nicholas Middle School – 4.30pm - 7.00pm
- March 29th – Easter Bonnet Parade – Pinvin First School – 9.30am
- March 30th – Parents Evening
 - Pinvin First School – 4.00pm - 6.00pm
 - St Nicholas Middle School – 4.00pm - 6.30pm



Sycamore class began this half term by reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We also had a visit from the Big Bad Wolf, who said he wasn't really big and bad but that he just wanted to borrow a cup of sugar to make his Grandma a cake for her birthday. We weren't sure if we believed him though!



In Maths the children have been exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8. They made ladybirds with different amounts of spots each side, adding up to 6 to show the different compositions of the number 6, used a tens frame to count objects 1:1 to match the numeral and have also explored the different ways to make the number 8.



Heron class attended the Worcestershire dance festival. The children performed a dance and took part in a dance workshop run by a well-known Oddsteperz.



Year 3 had an exciting science lesson on the playground understanding how bees spread pollen.



In RE this half-term, Year 1 have been investigating part of the Jewish faith and how they live and celebrate. As part of this work, the children enjoyed learning about Shabbat.

