

Backwell Federation Newsletter

Term 4 Federation Value - Responsibility

Important Dates - Term 4

- Monday 20 March: BJS Parents Evening (3AJ ONLY)
- Tuesday 21 March: WL Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 22 March: BJS Parents Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
- Thursday 23 March: WL Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Thursday 23 March: BJS Parents Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
- Thursday 23 March: West Leigh PTA Easter Disco
- W/C Monday 20 March: Last session of after school sports clubs before the end of term (no sports clubs w/c 27 March *there may be an exception*)
- Thursday 23 March: BJS Annual Swimming Gala
- Tuesday 28 March: BJS Easter Service at St Andrew's Church - 2.00pm
- Thursday 30 March: WL Spring Sing - more info to follow
- Friday 31 March: BJS Easter Festival (morning only)
- Friday 31 March: End of Term 4
- Monday 17 April: Start of Term 5 for all pupils

Roadworks along Station Road, Backwell 3rd - 24th April

Further to recent works to improve pedestrian safety, planned roadworks will commence along the length of Station Road, Backwell. The main part of the work is the installation of a new zebra crossing at the location of an existing crossing point near No.61 (the road hump near Waverley Road). This work will be carried out at night (20:00pm to 06:00am) from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April.

The closure will be the extent between Moor Lane and Amberlands, and a diversion route will be signposted.

Other parts are mostly dropped crossing installations and/or tactile paving, and a new path from the bus stop near the garage – all of which will be done under temporary traffic lights in the day time. To facilitate the same on Westfield Road, a prohibition of turning will be implemented from Monday 17th – Tuesday 18th April between 09:30am and 15:30pm.



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On our website - Links

[West Leigh - Letters to Parents](#)

[BJS - Letters to Parents](#)



Snowy Day



Friday 17 March is Comic Relief day - we have decided not to do anything specific this year, however, if you would like to, please donate via this link:

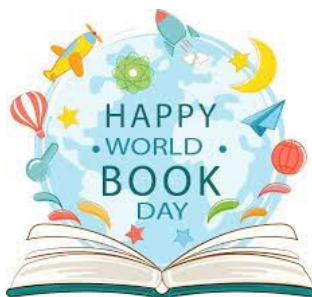
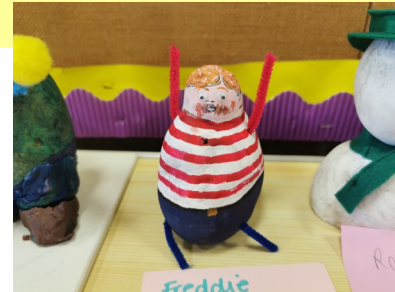
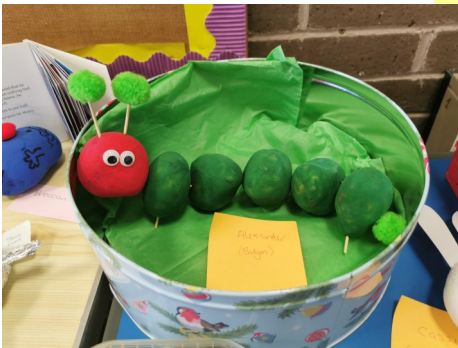
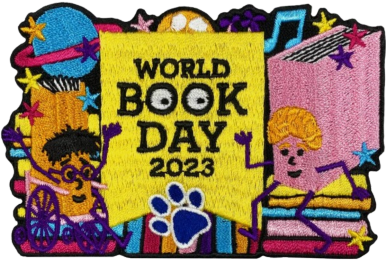
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WL World Book Day

On Wednesday 1st March we celebrated World Book Day and all children looked fantastic in their costumes! We spent the day with Michael Loader, a local storyteller, who delivered engaging and exciting workshops to all classes (thank you to the PTA for paying for Michael's visit). We also held a competition for children to decorate a potato as a book character, and we were amazed with the quantity and quality of the entries. Well done to all children who took part!



PTA - Save the Dates:

- Thursday 23rd March: Easter Disco for kids (after school)
- Thursday 30th March: Cake & Uniform Sale (by Squirrel Class)



CAKE SALE



Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars:

Thursday 2nd March

Reception – Seb P

Year 1 – Freya

Year 2 – Mani, Imogen

Thursday 9th March

Reception – Matilde, Teddy

Year 1 – Rosie, Harriet

Year 2 – Charlie M, Grace W

Thursday 16th March

Reception – India

Year 1 – Claudia

Year 2 – Theo, Ru

WL Enrichment Morning 2

On Tuesday 14th March, we had our second Enrichment Morning of the year at West Leigh Infants. We continued with our theme of STEM but this time, each house had the opportunity to experience a different STEM challenge. In our second Enrichment Morning, Oak House was given the challenge to build a bridge made from newspaper and program a Bee-Bot to follow a set of instructions; Beech House was given the challenge to build a tall tower using spaghetti and marshmallows; Sycamore House was given the challenge to design and make an egg holder to protect an egg when dropped at height: and Willow House was given the challenge to use Lego WeDo and complete other engineering problems. Again, the children worked incredibly well together with lots of fantastic collaboration. Miss Hiscocks asked a few children for their thoughts on this Enrichment Morning:

Louie – My favourite bit about today was getting to work with my brother.

Pia – I loved ALL OF IT! I really liked making the marble run because I was really good at it.

Nina G – My favourite bit was when I was building the block tower because I was laughing when it kept falling over. I didn't win in any of the challenges but I didn't mind because that's how we learn.

George – My favourite part was making the maze because I ended up in the learning pit so I knew I was learning.

Thomas B – Making favourite bit was the egg drop challenge because I've never done it before.

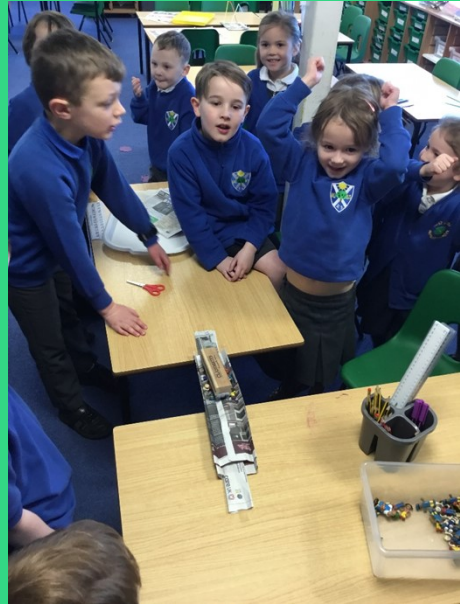
Orla – I liked the Bee-bots because they were fun.

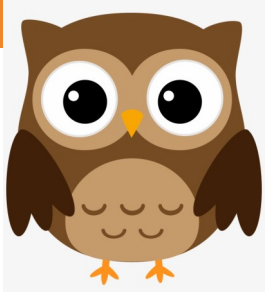
Well done everyone and a big thank you to the teachers for organising another great morning and the parent helpers who came in to help support our STEM challenges.

Our final Enrichment Morning of this year will be on Tuesday 16th May.

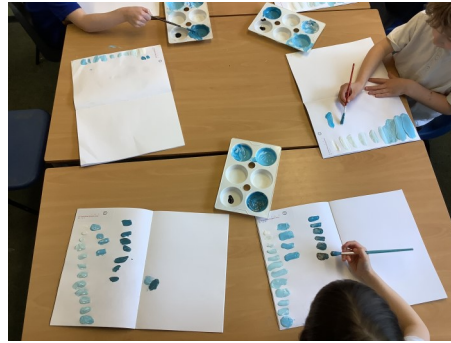


WL Enrichment Morning 2





Owl Class News



Owl Class have been busy artists over the last couple of weeks. The children have learnt about the different planets in our Solar System and they then created these lovely pictures using chalks and pastels. They have used smudging and blending to try and recreate the colours of the different planets. Fantastic work Owls!

The children have also been studying Van Gogh's cityscapes and looking in detail at 'Starry Night'. We have spent some time creating different shades of blue in our Sketch books before painting our own night sky. The children have also cut out a skyline from black paper and we're looking forward to seeing the assembled pictures!



BJS—Celebration Award Winners

Friday 03 March

Year 3 - Pippa & Laura

Year 4 - Arthur, Harrison &
Thomas P

Year 5 - Holly, Mori & Ariadne

Year 6 - Tommy & Eva B

Friday 10 March

Year 3 - Barney & Gwil

Year 5 - Miles & India

Year 6 - Maisy & Oliver Ha



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Backwell B' awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible

Caerleon Photo Gallery



Life as a Roman! By Georgie and Lydia 4W

On Friday, 10 March, Year 4 visited Caerleon Roman Legion Museum, where we all travelled back in time and experienced life as a Roman. As quick as a flash, 58 Romans appeared in the \roman town of Caerleon!

First 4W stayed inside and were split in to two groups, whilst 4JC went outside and learnt all about Roman health. One of the groups stayed in the museum and tried to identify some Roman objects. The other group went into the barricade and tried on child sized suits of armour. We swapped in the middle and had a try at all the activities. Did you know that the Romans believed that toothache was caused from parasitic tooth worms? Don't believe us? Look it up!

After we had our picnic lunch, we went to the Roman Baths. Fun fact: At Caerleon, the Roman Baths have been simulated using projectors rather than real water, which was very clever and we definitely stayed dry! How cool is that! There were games and quizzes for us to complete and an interesting fact video all about Roman Baths.

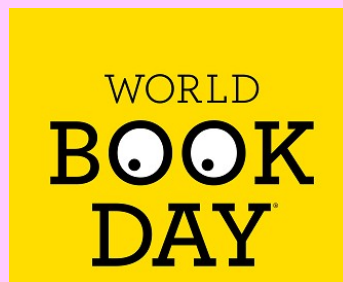
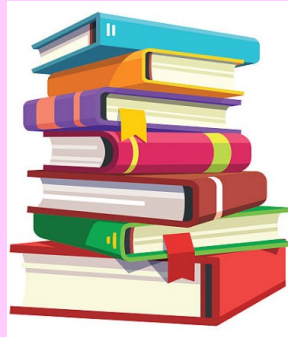
Finally, we went to the barricade ruins and the amphitheater. We played around in the ruins for a bit, at being Roman soldiers. Did you know... Up to 6000 soldiers could live on the barricades! Last, but definitely not least, before we went back to the bus, we re-enacted what the Roman people would do in an amphitheater... Before we left, we all turned back in to 58 children for the journey home.

We all had an incredible day at Caerleon. Thank you to our teachers and the wonderful parent helpers for joining us.



World Book Day at BJS - Wednesday 01 March

What a wonderful day we had for World Book Day 2023!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

It was fantastic to see the many different outfits and costumes linked to the children (and staff's) favourite book characters!!

A special mention to our winners in each class (it was too difficult to pick a winner across the whole year group!)

- 3AJ - Millie
- 3W - Mimi
- 4W - Abi
- 4JC - Indy
- 5Y- Amelia
- 5PB – Olivia
- 6B- Casper (and a Highly Commended for Pixie-)
- 6M- Quentin



A selection of the winners...



Author Visit

We all thoroughly enjoyed Sylvia Bishop's visit to the school too. The day started with a whole school assembly, where Sylvia told us about her inspiration behind writing her books, with some funny anecdotes about how she'd lived parts of the characters stories in her own life She also gave the children some pointers on how we can take ideas around us and use them as material for writing stories.

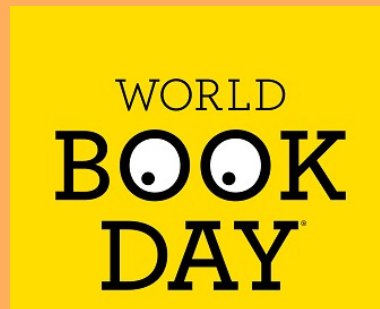
Each year group was then treated to a workshop where Sylvia gave some very useful tips about the themes and vocabulary we can use in our writing. All classes were glued!

This visit wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of the PTA so a huge thank you again to them for funding the cost of this visit.



Blind Date with a Book

You could feel the anticipation in the air as the children laid their 'Blind Date' books out on the tables! It was lovely to see the children looking at all of the different clues and then finally exchanging their books. Thank you so much for supporting this activity- we were very close to whole class set in every class.



EASTER HOLIDAYS



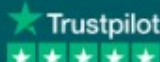
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Price: £19.95

Ages: 5-11 (4 year olds can attend half day 9-1)

Additional info:

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Mon 3 - Thurs 6 April & Tues 11 - Fri 14 April
Nailsea School | Reception - Year 7



9am-3:30pm (Early drop-offs available)
£21 per day | Multi Day Discounts

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Times: 9am-3:30pm, early drop-offs available

Location: Nailsea School, BS48 2HN

Prices: £21 per day (multi-day discounts available)

Ages: Reception – Year 7

Girls Only 'Puma' Groups available on both Tuesdays

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We Are Backwell 2023 Exhibition April 22nd and 23rd 2023 Venues: Backwell Parish Hall and West Town Chapel

"We are Backwell 2023" is a creative collaboration between West Town Methodist Church and the Cadets of St John Ambulance (Backwell and Nailsea Unit).

Together, we're planning an exhibition to represent and celebrate the diversity of our village community today and we're inviting all local organisations and all individuals who live or work in Backwell to take part. Our village is growing and changing. This is an exciting opportunity to get to know each other better!

What makes you 'you'? We'd love you to share your story with us!

Organisations

are invited to prepare small static displays (½ table - depending on the take up) and/or to prepare slides or a short video to be included in a rolling presentation on our screen. Representatives with publicity leaflets will also be welcome at the event. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know how your group would like to take part. Space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with confirmation at the beginning of April.

A poster depicting all 77 organisations in Backwell is being created by the St. John's Cadets as part of the exhibition itself.

Individuals

of all ages and backgrounds are warmly invited to exhibit pictures, photographs, artefacts or anything which represents you, your interests or your culture. Live performance slots are also available if you have music to share or a story to tell!

Come and join the fun! Whether you are an individual or a group, please email us at Wearebackwell@email.com by Friday 31st March, indicating how you'd like to take part and we'll let you know when and how to submit your entry. (Remember to press the ctrl button before clicking on the address link!) We look forward very much to hearing from you!

The *We Are Backwell 2023* Team.



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CODING WORKSHOP



For more information visit:
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CODING IN MINECRAFT

This 3-hour workshop is suitable for children aged 8 – 12 years old, who love playing Minecraft and wish to learn how to program mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft.

WHERE

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WHEN

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From 9:45am - 12:45pm

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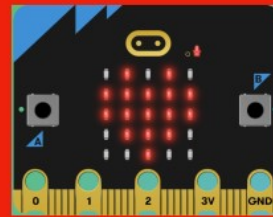
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LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS...



Talking about your feelings and asking for help when you feel sad or worried is a really good idea...

...and there are lots of people you can talk to – **you are never alone with your worries.**

The Children's Commissioner listens to children and makes sure their voices are heard.

Recently we asked all the children in England how they were feeling, and we had over half a million replies!

Children told us the pandemic had an effect on them and it's sometimes difficult to know who to talk to about your feelings.

It is completely normal to have more difficult times, and to ask for some extra help.

LONELY? WORRIED? SAD?
TALKING REALLY HELPS

Children's COMMISSIONER

MILITARY HISTORY WEEKEND WITH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAT 1ST & SUN 2ND APRIL THE HELICOPTER MUSEUM W-S-M



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a single white daisy flower with a yellow center. The hand is wearing a light-colored, possibly pink or peach, sleeve. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

MOTHERING *sunday*

Celebrate with us at our
informal service with communion

*with a special performance
from St Andrew's Children
Choir*

10.45am - 19 March
St Andrew's, Backwell