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### DATES COMING UP

- October
- Wed 9 Ugandan Choir visit
- Fri 18 Y4 Harvest service in church centre
- Mon 21 Y6 Camp week & Theme week
- Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Tag Rugby Tournament
- Thur 24/Fri 25 Robin Hood Theatre performance
- Fri 25 Y1 Harvest service
- Mon 28-Fri 1: Half Term
- Mon 4: Term restarts
- Full year dates on the website

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# Newsletter 2

Dear parents,

The term is now in full swing, with Reception children fully settled in and doing amazingly well. Throughout the school there is a real buzz of learning, and the display boards around the school are already showing off lots of excellent work. We had two of our Wow events today: Y5 visited Warwick Castle, and Year 3 enjoyed their Stone Age Day. Both events were terrific – a big thank you to all the parents who helped with the Y5 trip.

We are looking forward to lots more good things to come this term, including Y6 Camp, Harvest services for Y1 and Y4, and a whole-school theme week in week 8. We also have a special visit next week from a Ugandan choir.

*Mark Freeman, Headteacher*



Y1 and Y4 are both working on their Harvest services, and as usual there is some lovely singing going on. Please send in any contributions to our Harvest (tins, dried food), and these will be shared with the local foodbank at the end of term. Thank you!

### Reminders

Please can parents make sure children do not wear any nail varnish in school.

### Dentist/medical appointments

These should be made OUTSIDE school hours wherever possible: if not, please let the teacher/office know **in advance** as it is very hard for the office staff to locate children quickly during the day.

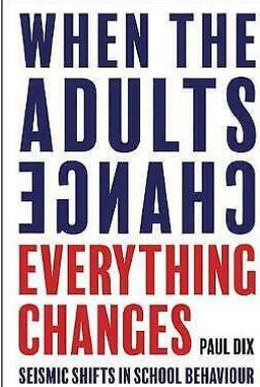


Y3 enjoying their Stone Age day outside: making shelters, weaving, lighting a fire with flint and making clothes!





We had two fantastic assemblies this week by a 'mad scientist' and the children were amazed by a whole variety of scientific experiments. Mad science are looking to put on an after-school club (paid): please see website for details.



### STAFF VACANCIES

We have a vacancy for a **lunchbreak supervisor**, and we are also always on the lookout for relief supervisors to cover illness. Please contact Mrs Perham for details.

#### Allotments

Are you interested in having an allotment? The Council is looking for more keen gardeners to take on an allotment:

**For further details contact Abi Ball, Community Learning Development Worker on 07860181353 or email: [abigail.ball@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:abigail.ball@southglos.gov.uk)**

#### Better Behaviours Project (Pivotal Project)

The school is taking part in a year-long project looking at how we manage behaviour. This is part of a Local Authority-wide project involving 63 schools. The aim is ultimately to make schools in South Glos more inclusive, more able to manage some of the challenging behaviours in schools, and to reduce the worryingly high numbers of exclusions (mainly in secondary schools). It is based on the work of Paul Dix (see book and link below)

We will be introducing some changes NEXT WEEK by starting the 'shaky hand gang' where staff will be welcoming children into class with a personal handshake. We are also aiming to have greater consistency throughout the school regarding 'stop' signals in class, and focusing on wonderful walking around the school.

To find out more about the project please follow these links:

<https://pivotaleducation.com/about/behaviour-management/>

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/handshake-school-teacher-simon-botten-3355176>



St Michael's  
Primary

Thurs 3:30-4:45  
Starts: 14th Nov  
(2nd week back)

## DEEP SPACE

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#### Online Tutoring

You will be getting a letter on Monday with details of an online tutoring service provided by Exemplar Education. There are a number of companies that offer tutoring (Kumon, Explore), and we do not endorse or recommend any particular company. In my view if children work hard at school and do all the bits of homework that we recommend (reading, spelling, times tables, topic learning) that should be enough. However, if you do want your child to do extra, then Exemplar offer an online service so you don't have to leave your house! Please return the reply slips by the end of next week—even if just to say no, it's not for you.

#### Sports News

We won our first game of the season against Little Stoke in convincing style. Both teams played lots of good football, but our team were just too strong, especially up front, and came out 9-0 winners. More matches are coming up soon, including a girls' tournament.

If your child would like to join one of our sports clubs it's not too late. Netball and running clubs (both on Monday) can easily take a few more. We are also talking to a number of sports companies with a view to having support for new curriculum activities as well as after-school activities. Hopefully we will start this after half term. More details soon!