



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER

1ST HALFTERM

2024





NOTE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Jackfield children have had a fabulous half term demonstrating our 3 Bee values.



Be kind

The children have been busy looking after our outdoor environment. The Nursery have been busy supported by Susan from the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Key Stage One have developed our outdoor area by planting and gardening. We are grateful for all the donations we have received from the local community.



Be polite

We are nearly at the end of our building work. It has taken far longer than we expected but additional work has been completed. Thank you for your patience...the children can not wait to get all of the playground back!



Be sensible

I hope you enjoy reading about a snapshot of the things which have been happening in school over the last half term.

Mrs Davies

This year Jackfield Infant School took part in the ready, steady, read sponsored read with Usborne Books. Children completed lots of reading in school and raised money to buy new books for school. We have now received the new books and these will be added to classrooms and our school library. Thank you to all our families for the support, this will further enhance Reading for Pleasure at Jackfield.



We enjoyed a lovely sun filled morning of physical fun activities this half term led by ASM Sports. We split into mixed teams in EYFS and KS1 and enjoyed trying out different activities including: tug of war, penalty shoot out, parachute games, egg and spoon races, target practice and jumping sack races. We had lots of fun and we all enjoyed taking part. We were each given a medal and a certificate for our participation and for keeping on trying at all of the activities.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



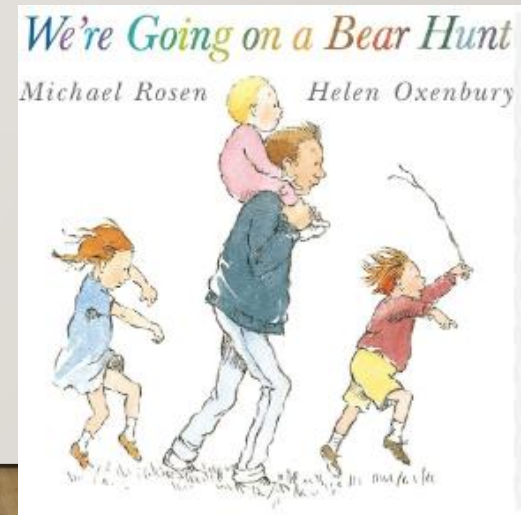
School Council have been busy once again with their roles as RotaKids as part of the Rotary Club. Nick from Swan Bank Methodist Church met with our School Councillors to discuss the ways that they can also help people in our community. We heard from him about the different activities they have at Swan Bank as well as the support on offer to those in the Burslem area. Messy Church, Chatty Cafes, Story time, games, Lego and sports are just some of the things on offer throughout the week, as well as a holiday club outside of term time. The children loved making Lego ducks with Nick and asking him questions. They have also been busy making decisions about their school fayre stall, deciding on the Road Safety Poster Competition, voting on the next poetry recital theme and making plans for gardening at Gorsefield Residential Home.

NURSERY



Nursery had a fantastic morning exploring and making things for our nursery with the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

We have been reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. We went on a sensory walk and found a bear.



RECEPTION



We have had a busy half term!
We have enjoyed learning all about our wonderful world! We have learnt about different animals and their homes. We had a fantastic trip to the farm and we saw lots of animals including cows, goats and chickens! We went on a walk into the forest and made our own nests!

We enjoyed planting sunflowers for our wellbeing Wednesday activity, we can't wait to watch them grow on our playground! We have created art work linking to the artist Kandinsky. We took part in our morning of physical activity which was lots of fun!



YEAR 1



As part of their animals topic and mental health week Year 1 took part in an online workshop with the RSPCA and Dogs Trust to learn about how movement is important to humans and our pets.

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about the life of David Attenborough and all of the amazing work that he does. They have also been investigating how to find out whether an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

We have been working hard on making the playground look colourful with lots of planting taking place. We look forward to seeing how your plants grow from the seed share.



YEAR 2



In year 2 we began the term with a visit from rent-a-beast. This was to launch our new science topic animals. We were able to handle lots of different insects. We found out where the animals came from and lots of interesting facts about them. In Art we have been following the work of Andy Goldsworthy and had a fabulous morning exploring clay and making clay sculptures. We have been learning about the explorer Levison Wood in Geography and learning about the places he has visited and how he prepares for his travels. Our English lessons have all been linked to books about animals. We have enjoyed getting into our school library in our reading for pleasure library session.





ATTENDANCE



Our school target
is 97%

School keeps you safe, it educates you, it prepares you for your future.



Learning is like a tower of blocks where we build on firm foundations. Absence creates gaps in learning making new information difficult to embed.



If your child is going to be absent from school please report this to the school office by no later than 9.30a.m. on 01782 234450

Please note that if your child has been physically sick either in school time or at home, then in accordance with the Health Protection Agency, we are not permitted to have your child back in school until 48 hours has passed since the last sickness episode.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2024

School Opens	Wednesday 4 th September
School Closes	Friday 27 th October
Half Term	Monday 28 th October to Monday 4 th November (inclusive)
School Opens	Tuesday 5 th November
School Closes	Friday 20 th December

SPRING TERM 2025

School Opens	Monday 6 th January
School Closes	Friday 14 th February
Half Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February (inclusive)
School Opens	Monday 24 th February
School Closes	Thursday 10 th April

SUMMER TERM 2025

School Opens	Monday 28 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 5 th May
School Closes	Friday 23 rd May
Half Term	Monday 26 th May to Monday 2 nd June (inclusive)
School Opens	Tuesday 3 rd June
School Closes	Friday 18 th July

TEACHERS' EXTRA WORKING DAYS

1. Monday 2nd September, 2024
2. Tuesday 3rd September, 2024
3. Monday 4th November, 2024
4. Friday 11th April, 2025
5. Monday 2nd June, 2025
6. Monday 21st July, 2025