



Dear Families

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What an action-packed week this has been! Wednesday Movie Night was a great success and something we will definitely be doing again. The children were so excited, all dressed up in their pyjamas and cosy clothes with Teddy Bears galore. I have thanked our team as requested by so many parents who were full of praise and thanks on the evening. We had a lot of popcorn to clean up – but it was well worth it! Next term we are thinking a disco or BBQ evening of some sort!

Huge shout out to our fantastic netball team who continue to win all their matches. They really are a very successful team who train hard and play exceptionally well. We look forward to seeing what happens next term and I will make every effort to go and watch one.

KIDS' CLUB – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are in the midst of a recruitment drive for Kids' Club and as such we are having to make operational changes following Easter:

- Everyone will have to book the week in advance.
- Spaces are limited each day and when we are full, the system will let you know.
- No late bookings are allowed – unless exceptional circumstances the school agree with.
- Office staff will not be able to make any bookings.

Monday after school – 60 places
Tuesday – 75 places
Wednesday – 75 places
Thursday - 90 places
Friday 45 places.

Two adverts have been posted for new staff, when this happens our numbers will be increased.

I have spent the last two weeks speaking with pupils about their work and it has been a joy. Our children have demonstrated great understating in geography, science and this week their pupil voice for the religions they have been studying has been great. We had an external visitor in who worked alongside out RE lead Mrs Walls – she was very impressed.

I cannot believe how fast this term has gone, but my goodness we are all ready for Easter! Once again, the team has worked so very hard and I am truly grateful of all their efforts in making NPPS a special place. I wish you all a peaceful and restful break and look forward to seeing you all in the summer term

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Fletcher

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Sir Thomas Rich's Open Days - Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April 2023

Sir Thomas Rich's is an academically selective, state-funded secondary school for boys in Years 7-11 and young men and women in the Sixth Form. Year 4 and 5 boys and their parents/carers are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Open Days on 26 and 27 April to meet key staff and current pupils, find out about the testing and admissions process, and to discover more about studying at Rich's by observing a typical school day. Attendance is by pre-registration, see <https://strschool.co.uk/admissions/open-days>.

Dates: 26-27 April 2023.

Location: Sir Thomas Rich's, Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester GL2 0LF.

Parking: Available on the school site.

Sessions: 9.30am and 10.45am talks on both days, followed by a tour of the school.

Book your place at: <https://strschool.co.uk/admissions/open-days>

Further enquiries about admissions: info@strs.org.uk



Ribston Hall High School invites you to our

Admissions Information Morning



Discover
your
potential

Friday 21st April 2023

Understanding the Grammar School process for Year 5 Families

Places are limited so please ensure you book your preferred event through our website:
www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day

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Class News

Our RE focus in Year 1 this week has been Who is Jewish and how do they live? We have been learning all about Shabbat, Hanukkah and precious objects in Judaism. These are photos of the mezuzahs Yellow Class have made.



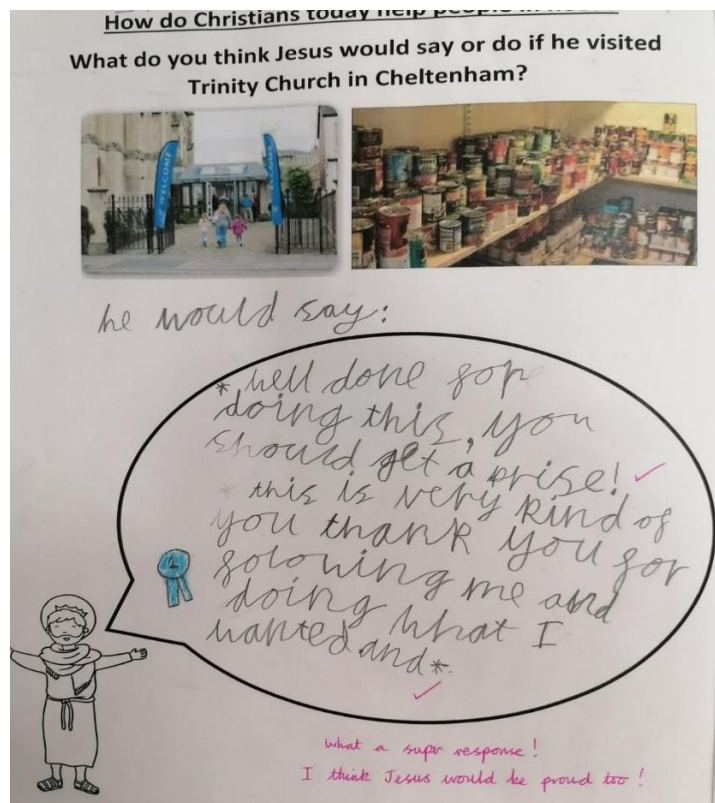
In RE week, we have been thinking answering the question: Why does Easter matter to Christians?

During the week we have explored the Easter Story and it's key parts (including cleansing the temple, the last supper and Jesus's trial) and discovered why Christians hold Jesus in such high esteem.

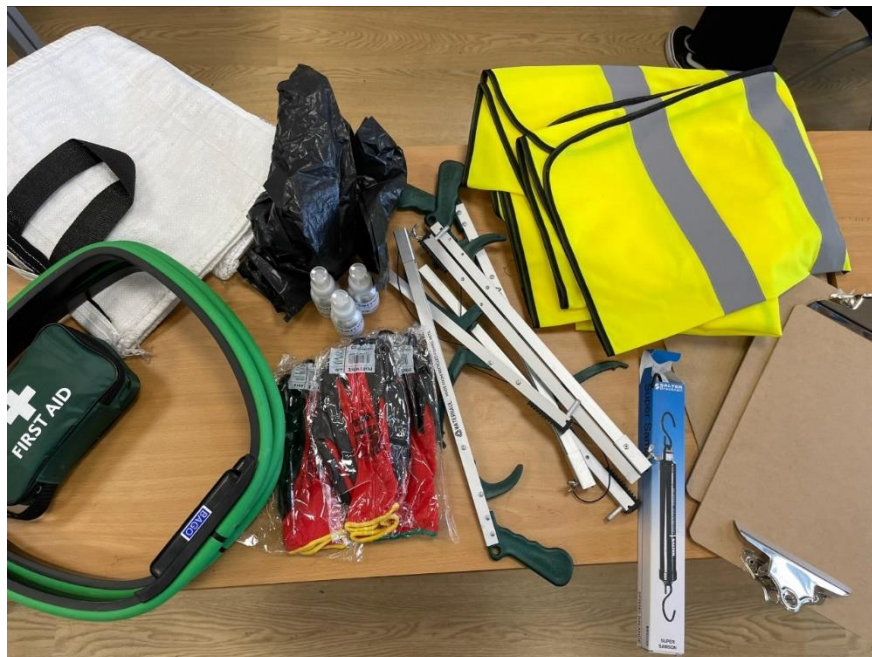
We have looked at Trinity Church, Cheltenham and discovered all of the wonderful things that they do for the people of Cheltenham. We compared these kind deeds to those performed by Jesus many years ago.

We thought about what Jesus might say, if He were to walk into Trinity Church in modern times. The children gave some super responses.

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A but thank you to Mr Naulls for supplying school with this set of litter picking resources worth £200. Most of the items have been made from recycled materials. We look forward to testing it out in the playground!



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Year six netball club have recently played two more matches.

On Friday 17th March we played a tense game against St. James and won 2-1. The winning goal was scored in the last minute of the game which led to a very exciting finish! Well done to Aadvika, Emma, Megan, Ruby, Lexi, Harry and Mayan.

On Thursday 30th March we played against Sprinbank winning our final league game 33-0. Well done to Adam, Bertie, Tom, Daisy, Isla, Lilly-May and Sofia.

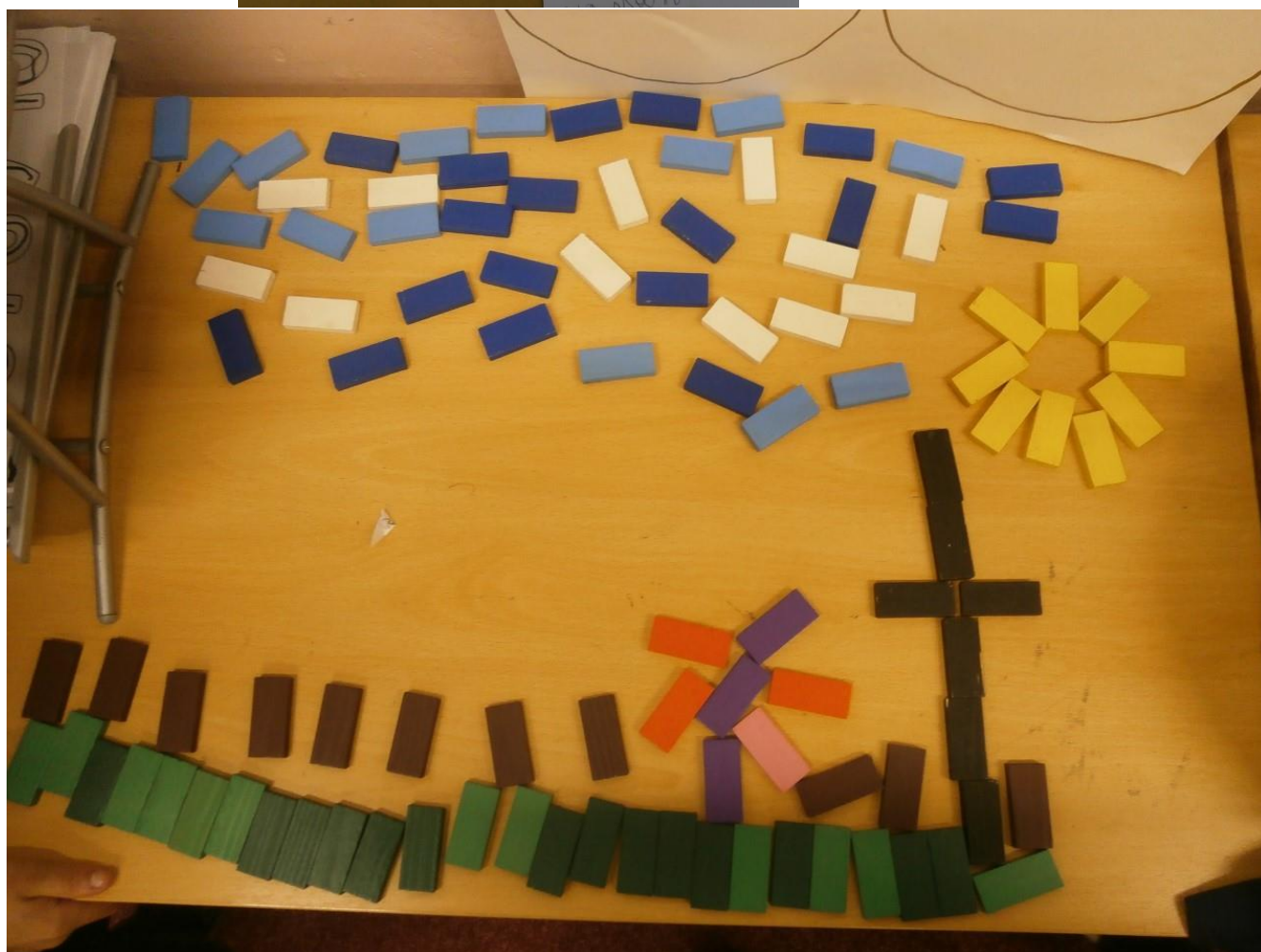
Thank you also to the parents for their support.

Mrs Walls and Miss. Wright

In Red Class, we have been thinking about what God means to Christians and about the Easter Story. We have talked about why Easter is such an important time of year for Christians and how it can be celebrated. We have also explored the season of Spring, thinking about the signs of new life that we can see around us. Many of us enjoyed looking closely at and then drawing daffodils with wax crayons or oil pastels and we were very proud of our pictures.



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During RE week we learnt about how Muslims wish to do a pilgrimage to Makkah once in their lifetime – this is called the Hajj. Firstly, we went to Makkah and visited the Ka’ba - the most important site to Muslims. When we were there, we walked around the Ka’ba seven times in an anticlockwise direction while thinking about our love for Allah. Next we ran seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwah. Following that we visited the Plain of Arafat. Here we prayed to Allah for forgiveness of our bad deeds and cleansed ourselves. Then, before returning to Makkah, we collected pebbles at Muzdalifah before setting off once again for the holy city. On the way to Makkah we stopped at the Pillars of Jamarat to throw our pebbles at the pillars casting out evil. Now we were ready to return to Makkah and once more walk around the Ka’ba seven times before our pilgrimage was over.



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Caption: 'This week in Year 4 we have explored Holy week and what this means for Christians. We had the opportunity to ask Reverend Sarah lots of questions about Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We also found out what takes place in the church during the period of Holy week.'



As part of RE week and to help year six answer the question: 'What do Christians think Jesus did to save them?' we visited Emmanuel church to learn all about holy communion. Sarah, the vicar, explained to the children what happens during this at her church and why. She also answered lots of the fabulous questions the children had, which there were lots of!

Here are some of the things we found out:

"Communion is a celebration of Jesus Christ where Christians remember the last supper."

"Maundy Thursday - the Thursday before Easter - was the last feast with Jesus and his disciples where he stated that the bread represents his flesh and the wine his blood."

"Children sometimes drink grape juice instead of red wine."

"As the bread and wine is blessed, the vicar will consume what is left over so not to waste any. They therefore have to be very careful about the amount that they prepare!"



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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Ollie Beake Tanua Zasikowska	Bella Connolley Darcy Taylor
Y1	Thea Webb Peploe Stephy Dzhurelova	Phoebe Butcher Molly Eeles
Y2	Cece Mclean Oscar Sweatman	Zak Smith Sorcha Roberts
Y3	Ching He Leung Eva Puttnam	Sebatian Cowley Evie Smith
Y4	Bella Pudtrycki Max Smith	Emily Kirk Keziah Maclannan
Y5	Poppy Crough Felix Thorne	Hetty Carr Alexander Kroh-Sabrino
Y6	Ophelia Smith Esther Maclannan	Victor Shotton Jago Knightly-Brown

Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

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Vacancy

Kids' Club Play Worker

The Governors are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Play Worker to join Kids' Club, our school's hard working and dedicated wrap-around care team. The role and expectations for this post are outlined in the job description and job specification (both available on request or from the school's website).

The school has up to 420 children on roll. Kids' Club is a very popular provision amongst children and their parents. It's a fun, lively and sociable atmosphere, which both children and staff enjoy. The role of a Kids' Club Play Worker is very much valued by the whole school community. Free childcare at Kids' Club is available for any Play Worker whose child/ren attend Naunton Park Primary School.

The ultimate responsibility of a Play Worker is to ensure children have a meaningful, happy and safe time to play after school in a stimulating play environment. Our team of Play Workers actively support the children in their play and provide engaging and varied opportunities for them to enjoy before and/or after the end of the school day.

During our after-school sessions, Play Workers work together to set up indoor and outdoor activities; prepare snacks for the children; register children in/out; facilitate games and activities; and, support children in their play.

There are two posts available:

- 1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
 - 3:00pm – 5:15pm (9 hours per week)
 - Grade 2
- 2) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 - 3:00pm – 5:15pm (6 hours 45 minutes per week)
 - Grade 2

If you are interested in either of the posts but are unable to work the exact hours as written above, please still apply and let us know, on the application form, your availability to fulfil the role.

The closing date for applications is 9am, Tuesday 18th February. Shortlisting and interviews will take place during the week following shortlisting. The start date(s) is ASAP.

We welcome visits to the school and can answer any questions, so please contact the school office on 01242 513114 to arrange this. More information can also be found on the school website here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Job vacancies](#)

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all children and expects our staff, volunteers and parents to share this commitment. Our Child Protection Policy can be found here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Policies](#) It is an offence to apply for this role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. Appointments are made subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check as well as employment checks including the Right to Work Check. As part of our due diligence within safer recruitment, school will be carrying out online searches to help identify any incidents or issues which may need to be explored at interview. Additionally, any gaps or anomalies that arise during the application stage of the recruitment process will be explored further at interview. Shortlisted candidates will be asked additional questions about safeguarding during the interview process. We promote diversity and want a workforce which reflects the population of Gloucestershire.

The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) provides that when applying for certain jobs and activities, certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected'. This means that they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding is our absolute priority at Naunton Park and we are always looking for ways to develop our culture of safeguarding in school and throughout the school community. We have a very child-centred approach to safeguarding. To this end, each term we will be providing a “safeguarding” update in Park Life, so that parents and carers become more aware of how we ensure your child is safe in school but also to increase your awareness about how we support the children with their knowledge and understanding of ‘safeguarding’ and how we teach children about keeping themselves safe and healthy now and for the future. This is our first update for Park Life and one that we hope you’ll find useful.

Safeguarding responsibilities

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility – staff, pupils, parents/carers and all members of the school community – to keep our children safe and happy.



The school’s Designated Safeguarding Leads (“DSLs”) are: Miss Hudson, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Turner and Mrs Gray. The responsibilities for these members of staff are to provide further support to staff, parents and pupils as a result of higher-level training that they have completed. School staff often seek support and advice from Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Executive and work closely with other professionals so that help is timely and useful to all.

School volunteers

We are always incredibly appreciative of support from parents and friends of the school and really do value the time you give to helping in school and on trips. Thank you for your continued understanding about the information and documents we require to enable you to volunteer with us. Anytime someone comes into school who may not be supervised at all times **MUST** come to school with photographic ID. Likewise, anyone who provides ‘regular’ support (usually 3+ times per month) are required to undergo a DBS Check. More information about the ‘rules’ that school needs to abide by can be found in this statutory guidance:

[Keeping children safe in education 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/65627/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2022.pdf)

Safeguarding curriculum

We are in the process of reviewing how safeguarding is integrated in our curriculum. By this, we mean how we teach the children about safeguarding, including social, emotional and mental health matters, for example: how we can be physically and mentally healthy; how we keep ourselves safe both in and out of school; how we can keep others safe and look after one another; how we keep ourselves safe online; how we practice and promote the school’s rules and values; who to go to if we need help or have a worry about something; and, what to do if we feel unsafe in or out of school. Once we have collated all aspects of how our curriculum supports and teaches about safeguarding, we will then review the needs of our children and add to/adapt our curriculum so that our children’s needs are fully met. This is particularly needed as technology moves on and children’s access to different online services and APPs increases. We will publish our Safeguarding Curriculum on the school’s website and put a link in Park Life once we have collated the information, which will then be updated as practice in school develops. We continue to work with other agencies to provide support directly to our children, including through NSPCC, Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning (GHLL), School Beat and GCC.

Next time...

Future Safeguarding updates will include information about: first aid in school, recruitment of staff, safeguarding curriculum updates and school policy information.

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