

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been a week of highs and lows, the glorious sunshine of earlier in the week has today been replaced by relentless rain; the promise of further easing of restrictions is now on pause for up to four further weeks.

Day-to-day life is full of ups and downs, highs and lows and school is no different. Your children show remarkable resilience in their adaptation to these challenges and with support they will persevere through the lows.

As I face my own highs and lows, I find it helpful to reflect on the signs of the goodness of God, which I see both in creation and in one another.

This week, as we adjust to another four weeks of restrictions and even today as the rain falls from grey sky, there is goodness all around us. For me, it is seen in the teamwork of my colleagues, for their commitment to your children and for the good humour with which they support one another.

Creation itself, even on a rainy day, speaks to me of the goodness of God. As you hurry home with your children, it may feel far from good, but the extraordinary way that our planet works, its beauty and variety, are unchanged.

This week I have been grateful to receive emails from members of our school community expressing their gratitude for particular staff endeavours and the commitment of the team. These generous words also speak to me of the goodness that is within each of us and have been a particular encouragement this week, thank-you.

This weekend, I would encourage you, with your children, to think about the goodness that you see in each other and in the world around you. Over a grey weekend, I hope you will be encouraged by all the goodness that you identify.

## Farewell to our students

Today has been the last day for our three students who have been on placement with us since just after the Easter break.

We have so enjoyed having them with us and benefitting from their ideas, energy and teaching skill.

We wish Sam, Lucy and Cathy well as they finish their degrees and head out to new teaching roles.

We look forward to welcoming new students in the autumn.

## St Mary's, Cogges

There have been no significant changes to the guidance in relation to churches and meeting for worship.

Churches are however allowed to meet and use their buildings for worship and this Sunday, St Mary's Cogges are running their fortnightly family events.

If you would like to attend one of these special events, which are suitable for the whole family, you would be more than welcome to attend.

In order to make sure that it is possible to maintain social distancing within the church, you need to book for either the 3pm or 4.15pm reflections.

You can book from the [church website](#), they would love to see you.

## Loving, learning and flourishing in community

## Thank-you

Thank you for the courtesy that you have shown to our neighbours this week, by using the large farm museum car park, rather than the residential roads around the school at drop off and pick up times.

This has made a huge difference to our neighbours, who have expressed their gratitude to us for keeping their pavements and roads clear. Your ongoing support in relation to this is much appreciated.

## News from around the school

Today, Year 5 welcomed the 'Animal Man' into school. It was an amazing morning, with lots of animals, great questions and amazing facts.



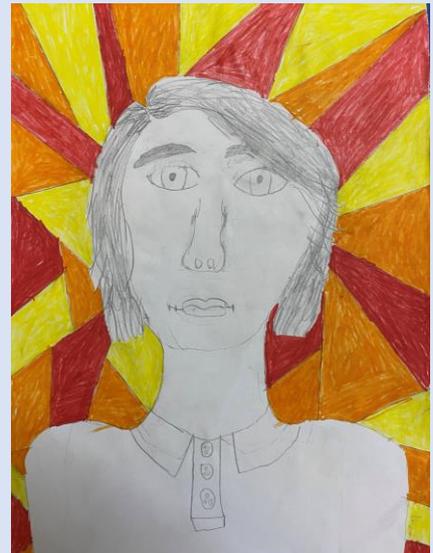
### Please keep testing

Today, the education secretary Gavin Williamson, has written an open letter to all parents, asking that all adults continue regular asymptomatic testing as part of the nation's ongoing response to Covid-19.

Regular testing helps break the chains of transmission by identifying asymptomatic cases quickly. Reporting the results, whatever they are, helps health experts have a clearer picture of any potential outbreaks. You can pick up test kits from the testing centre by Witney hospital.

If you have any Covid-19 symptoms, you must however go for a PCR test. The home testing kits are only for use where an individual does not have any Covid-19 symptoms.

Year 6 have done some amazing observational drawings this week – of themselves. Can you guess from the portraits who they are?



**Well done Year 6 – these are great!**

### Bikeability Level 3

- Boost your cycling skills and confidence
- Ideal course if you plan to cycle to secondary school
- Negotiate traffic lights, roundabouts and Witney town centre

3 hour courses running from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Book your place:  
[www.bookwhen.com/windrushbikeproject?tag=level-3](http://www.bookwhen.com/windrushbikeproject?tag=level-3)



We encourage children to cycle to school where they can as this reduces the number of cars on the road. Help your child learn to cycle safely by attending one of these courses.



### We can be heroes

This is a live, free, 45 minute story time event for children aged 3 – 9 and their families.

The event will focus on classical stories, which have a lot to say about wellbeing and mental health.

A chance [to enjoy some tales](#) from the Greek and Roman world as well as to make an origami lion!

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# APCAM

Assisting Parents with Children Affected by Mental Health  
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APCAM is a small, locally based charity supporting families, children and young people with all aspects of mental health. It is run by parents who know first-hand the struggles of caring for children and young people with mental health difficulties.

We hold weekly drop-in clinics starting Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 09:30am at the Allendale Hall in Carterton, along with appointment based sessions on a Wednesday.

APCAM have a vast wealth of knowledge with highly qualified Child and Adolescent Counsellors on hand to talk to.

You can learn more about ourselves, or contact us directly via our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/apcamgroup>

Do reach out if you would like support.

### Christmas is coming?!

Witney Town Council's 'Design a Christmas Light' competition is back this year.

It's a great opportunity for children to have a piece of their art work displayed amongst the Christmas lights.

The competition is open to any child who is currently at Primary School in Witney and is sponsored by Scott Fraser.

The winning design will be turned into a light and installed on the Town Hall ready for the switch on.

Entries can be submitted via email or post and a [template for you to use](#) has been provided – or your child can just draw on a square of plain A4 paper.

Please return your entries to [info@witney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@witney-tc.gov.uk) or to Witney Town Council, Town Hall, Witney. OX28 6AG. All entries must be received by 4.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Don't forget to put your child's name, age, school and contact details on the back of their design.

You can find out more by going to <http://www.witney-tc.gov.uk/news/childrens-christmas-light-competition/>

### Can you help?

We are in need of wool for a whole range of summer arts and crafts! If you have any spare balls (or part balls) of wool that we can use for craft, please can you bring them into school.

We will take all colours, sizes of balls and thicknesses of wool!