

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 26th January 2024

## Thought for the Week

I have been unable to get into School this week. Together, we were going to think about People Famous for their Faith. I would have told you about Saint Hildegard of Bingen – she was born in 1098 and died in 1179. She was a musician and naturalist – writing books about the plants, trees, animals, and fishes that she saw around her. She also studied medicine and she sang all the time! She was one of the first people to write tunes down so that others could play and sing them. She was very talented and looked after people as well as serving God. She, and we, could pray: *Dear Lord, show me how best to use the gifts you have given me. Amen*

Hear some of her music [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hildegard\\_of\\_Bingen#Music](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hildegard_of_Bingen#Music)

*Vicar James*

## Themes from our Worships this week and what they have meant to us

	Theme of the assembly	What we have learnt
Monday	Singing: 'Our wonderful world' and 'He's got the whole world'	Celebrating the beauty of Creation through song
Tuesday	Christian values & creativity	Class assembly where we discussed the question "Are we looking after the natural world?"
Wednesday	Creation	Caretakers of our beautiful world
Thursday	Teacher led	Explored the thought for the week 'Creativity'
Friday	Today's theme 'Creativity'	Celebration assembly

Dear Parents,

We have survived the storms this week, although our uniform swap cupboard is a little worse for wear and we have had to reassemble it! The uniform will all be back in situ by Friday.

### Logo for Newsletter and website

We have adapted the tree logo to include the 3 values of compassion, courage and creativity. As a Church of England School, we also have our appropriate quote from the Bible, which ties in with the values and the image of the West Tytherley tree, “ Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life.” Colossians 2:7

The logo on all the school uniform will remain the same.

### Year 6 Bikeability

It was lovely to welcome Kieran back to school for the day, when he came to do Bikeability with some of the children in Oak class. The children learned some valuable skills and also the messages were reinforced about safety on the roads. We also would like to emphasise the importance of the children wearing helmets when cycling in and around the village.

### KS1 and 2 Gym Festival at Test Valley School

We were delighted to field 2 teams for this event and it was very positive to see how the work that has been done in school impacted on the children’s ability to demonstrate great gymnastics at the festival. We were delighted to win the KS2 trophy for the team that scored the most points (combined total) for their pre-learned gym sequence. The team showed fluency, stretch and co-ordination and this earned them a very worthy first place.

The KS1 team also competed well and were strong contenders for the trophy- next year it will be ours! The competition was exceptionally well organised and it was lovely that our coaches Harry and Kieran who come into school, were there to support the children and check that they were applying all the skills that they have been taught in lessons!

### Reading Breakfast

Thank you so much to those who were able to come to our Reading Breakfast. It was a well attended and delightful way to start the day. Books and croissants – what could be better?! It was so lovely to see the children reading and sharing books with each other and the adults. It is events like these that help build such a special feeling of community at West Tytherley and we hope will inspire our children to develop a love of reading. A big thank you to all those who helped and brought a morning smile.

### Choosing a Secondary School – Parents meeting

It was lovely to welcome parents into school from a number of different year groups to share information about the process of applying for secondary places and a discussion about the options that are available. The powerpoint slides will be available on the website, under the parent tab.

### Candlemas Celebration- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Next week we will be celebrating Candlemas at St Peters Church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.00pm. All parents and siblings are welcome to join and celebrate with us and we would love to see you there. We will also include the usual celebration assembly within the service.



## Message from the NHS: Advice on winter bugs and keeping well

### **Measles**

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has now declared a national incident in order to focus actions to limit the spread. Further outbreaks of measles will spread to other towns and cities unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake in areas at greatest risk. Children who get measles can be very poorly and some will suffer life changing complications.

To support this incident the Department of Education (DfE) has published: [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#) guidance for parents and for schools.

### **Threadworms**

Please keep be aware of Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in your poo. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing a GP. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

### **Healthier Together for advice with common childhood illnesses**

With temperatures dropping this month Clare Joy – an NHS school nurse working locally – explains in this short video some top tips on keeping winter bugs at bay and using the Healthier Together app for advice.

You can watch on the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS YouTube channel](#)

It can sometimes be hard for parents to know the best way to help children recover from winter bugs.

Healthier Together has been developed by local clinicians and gives simple advice on how to help them get better at home.

The app will also help you to spot the signs if it is something more serious and guide you to the right help.

Visit <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/>, download from the App Store or get it on Google Play.

The UK Health Security Agency have also published helpful advice on [spotting the signs of when to keep children home](#). You can visit the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS winter wellness web page](#) for more advice on keeping warm and well this winter.

## Weekly Certificates Friday 19th January 2024

Beech	<b>Sara-Jane</b>	For working well with others and always showing compassion to your friends.
Chestnut	<b>Bailey</b>	For encouraging and celebrating his friends when they get their work right.
Willow	<b>Jack K</b>	For showing huge progress in handwriting, trying his best to form his letters perfectly and use clear spaces between words.
Oak	<b>Jack B</b>	For showing compassion and being a good friend to new pupils in school.

## Weekly Certificates Friday 26th January 2024

Beech	<b>Edward</b>	For always striving to do your best whilst appreciating our school grounds during forest school activities.
Chestnut	<b>Fraser</b>	For being creative and independent in his design and technology car-making project
Willow	<b>Lacie</b>	For showing huge creativity and initiative in English, writing a beautiful narrative using language features.
Oak	<b>Ella</b>	For showing creativity when creating a poster in RE using knowledge of the book of proverbs.

### Last Weeks House Points

**Singer = 74**

**Pragnell = 104**

**Budden = 76**

The individual HP winners were:

**Alex, Zara, Ophelia, Barney**

Well done everyone!

### This Weeks House Points

**Singer = 133**

**Pragnell = 130**

**Budden = 146**

The individual HP winners are:

**Sara-Jane, Alfie, Rosie, Reuben**

Well done everyone!

## Diary Dates: Spring Term 2023

Date	Event	Who	Details	
02/01/2024	Start of Spring Term	All	8.45a.m. – 3.15pm	
09/01/2024	Swimming lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
16/01/2024	Swimming lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
18/01/2024	Height & Weight Checks	Year R & 6 (those that missed it last term)	9:30am	
19/01/2024	Bikeability	Oak Class	All Day	
22/01/2024	KS1 Gym Festival	8 children from Chestnut Class	10am – 12pm at Test Valley School	
22/01/2024	KS2 Gym Festival	8 Children from Willow Class	1pm – 3pm at Test Valley School	
23/01/2024	Swimming Lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
23/01/2024	Secondary School Information Evening	Year 3, 4, 5 Parents	6pm in School	
25/01/2024	Reading Breakfast in the hall	All	8:15am to 8:45am	
30/01/2024	Swimming Lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
02/02/2024	Candlemas	Whole School	2pm at St Peter's Church	
02/02/2024	PTA Movie Night	Whole School	TBC	
06/02/2024	Swimming Lessons	Oak Class	9:45 am- 11:45 am	
08/02/2024	Beaulieu Motor Meuseum Trip	Chestnut Class	Letter sent out	
09/02/2024	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils	
12/02/2024 – 16/02/2024	Half-term holiday	Whole School	School Closed to pupils	
19/02/2024	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils	
21/02/2024	Outdoor Learning Festival	8 children from Yr. 3	9.30am – 11.30am at West Tytherley School	
26/02/2024	Tudor House School Trip	Oak Class	Letters to parents will follow	
04/03/2024	Tag Rugby Competition	12 children from Yr.5/6	10am – 12pm at Wallop Primary School	
07/03/2024	World Book Day	Whole School	All Day	
05/03/2024	Year R Parents Evening	Yr.R Parents	4pm – 6pm	Letter to be sent home
19/03/2024	Cluster Netball Competition	12 children from Yr.5/6	4pm – 5.30pm at Test Valley School	
25/03/2024	KS1 and KS2 Reports out to parents	Chestnut, Willow, Oak Class		
	End of term celebration assembly	Whole school	10.30 a.m	
29/03/2024 – 12/04/2024	Easter holidays		School closed to pupils	