

# NEWSLETTER



Another busy week at Deanery with enthusiastic and engaged children, excited to share what they have been learning.

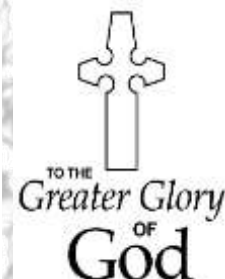
Deanery deeds continues this week with several classes posting postcards to our school community. It has been lovely being out and about in the local area delivering positivity and joy. Children, staff and local residents have really embraced this initiative.

This week we have been talking to your children about reading and their favourite books and authors. They tell us how much they like to read both at home and at school and it was a pleasure to share their love of reading.

We are looking forward to welcoming a storyteller into school for all classes next week, to focus on the spoken word, vocabulary and language and to inspire our children to tell and write their own stories. We look forward to listening to each other's stories and being inspired.

*Encourage one another and build each other up*

*(1 Thessalonians 5: 11)*



**GRACE**

Matias Sanchez-

Albertini 5T

George 6A

Annabel 6W

Darcy 3G

**LOVE**

**Deanery  
Values**

**FAITH**

Jack 2R

James 5MC

Eva 2JR

Aiyana 6W

**HOPE**

**JOY**

Aleah RHM

Liam 1B

Amira 3C

**PEACE**

### **Pupil Voice**

Edward, RHM - "We have been to the church. We did crafts and looked round the church."

Chloe, 1B "In Geography we made a map of our classroom. We had to draw the furniture and things we could see from above. It is called 'plan view.'"

Mason, 2JR - "In the story this week I changed the story of Little Red Reading Hood so that the wolf was the good character and they liked to read books together".

Davian, 3C – "I have liked making and moving in the program Scratch in ICT!"

Tommy, 3G - "Do we get to write our own story because I am so excited, I have a fantastic idea." (English lesson based on the book incredible book eating boy)

5MC "Yesterday in science, we were broadcasters! We had to explain the similarities and differences between the life cycles of amphibians, birds, insects and mammals. It was "eggcellent" and we really enjoyed being reporters!"

Chloe, 5T – "We enjoyed creating images on different types of paper. I liked using the wallpaper because it had a bumpy texture."

Rose, 5T – "It was fun to choose what we could draw ourselves and have the freedom to explore through our drawings."

Annabelle, 6A – "We've been learning all about Algebra in maths and finding the values of unknowns."

Dylan, 6A – "We've been putting together our own dance routines based on West Side Story."

Joey, 6W – "We have been looking at migration, finding out where people have migrated from in the past."

Tyler, 6W – "I have enjoyed map work, colour coding countries with push and pull factor reasons for migration to Britain."

### **Parent Governor Elections**

Please take the opportunity to take your vote for the Parent Governor Elections. We require two Parent Governors and an email with instructions on how to vote has been sent home today. Voting closes on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 5pm.

## House Captains

Congratulations to our new Y6 House Captains who have been voted for by their peers'  
#democracy #responsibility



## School Site Safety

Please can you ensure that you use the paths in and out of the playground and please do not walk across the MUGA.

Please do not park in the staff car park to drop off or collect your child especially at 4.30pm as children are being dismissed from after school clubs and will be walking across the car park.

## Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

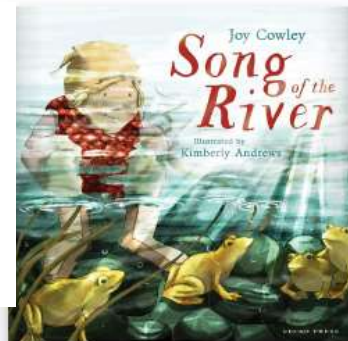
If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

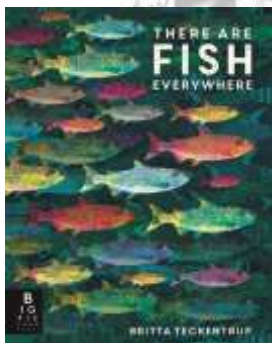
January 2023 recommendations

### Song of the River by Joy Cowley

A beautifully written and lyrical picture book story about Cam, a young boy who follows a trickle of water through snowy mountain landscapes, to a waterfall, down to a creek, into a river, through a city and all the way to the ocean. A wonderful book to read and share with KS1 pupils



Age 3-5



### There Are Fish Everywhere by Britta Teckentrup

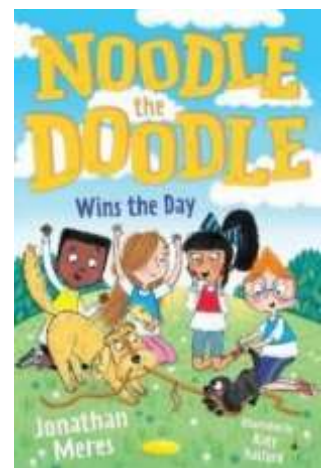
This spectacular large-format picture book contains fish of every size and description, presented differently and excitingly on each page. The reader is transported on a journey of piscine perception that includes types of fish, the properties of fish, the history and habitats of fish, fish food, lifestyle and families; and finally, the impact of humans.

Age 6-9

### Noodle the Doodle Wins the Day by Jonathan Meres

Age 8-11

It's Wigley Primary School sports day and Noodle, the class pet, now has a sidekick – Daniel the Spaniel. Will the event survive them trying to join in? Ideal for children who love sports and pets, but are less enthusiastic about reading, this fast-paced and anarchic tale about what can go wrong at school is great to read aloud with small groups. Driven by dialogue, the story is both funny and relatable.



## **Bikeability Feedback**

What lovely feedback from the Bikeability facilitators at Aspire

“Having just delivered your annual Bikeability Programme to your year 5 & 6 children, I felt I had to place on record the superb attitude and excellent behaviour of all the children.

During their training, every child showed incredible resilience through some very adverse weather conditions.

Myself and my assistant were both very impressed by these aspects, along with the maturity of the children whilst doing the programme.

So to the Year 5s well done congratulations keep it up.

To the Year 6 well done - your attitude and your enthusiasm is a credit to you all.

If you stay on this path the opportunities that are on offer will help you in the future.~



## **Mental Health Survey**

We are constantly looking at our current practice and ways that we can improve and enhance the mental health and wellbeing of our whole school community. In order to help us to action plan for the coming year, we wondered if we could trouble you to fill in the following Mental health and wellbeing survey for parents on Microsoft FORMS by Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijlNeEygFgtlf3WweikEqVn2aVCqf\\_tlXX\\_8KNUOEozTU1JWFFZMFIEOUFZVEFMOFIWTk8xWC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijlNeEygFgtlf3WweikEqVn2aVCqf_tlXX_8KNUOEozTU1JWFFZMFIEOUFZVEFMOFIWTk8xWC4u)

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Update

The five ways of Wellbeing have been designed to help us to live a mentally healthy life



Our whole school wellbeing focus this half term is Connect!

There is strong evidence that indicates that feeling close to, and valued by, other people is a fundamental human need and one that contributes to functioning well in the world.

Good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing. They can:

- help you to build a sense of belonging and self-worth
- give you an opportunity to share positive experiences
- provide emotional support and allow you to support others



We have loved making and delivering New Year postcards to our local community. We've received some wonderful feedback too!



*"Just a little note to say thank you for the Happy New Year cards that was put through our door. It's so nice to have a good feeling spread through the local community, wishing you Happy New Year too."*

*"Thank you very much to the children who delivered a beautiful happy new year card to us this morning, it really made us smile."*

*"Many thanks for our beautiful New Year card it is so thoughtful of you all. We were so happy to receive your good wishes and wish all the children and staff at your school a very happy new year."*



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 7th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school club, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: [www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents)

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher/ Our Computing Leaders Mrs Murrell/Mrs Savage or our Designated Safeguarding Person- Mrs Lockett.



*Kind regards,*

*Mrs Murrell & Mrs Savage*

*Computing Leaders*



Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle  
[communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org](mailto:communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org)

### School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)



PLEASE SEE INFORMATION  
BELOW FOR LOCAL  
ACTIVITIES

DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE  
ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

## Have you heard?

## There's a new Scout Group opening in Walmley!

## Pre-registration essential...



Would your child like to join Beavers or Cubs? They can learn new skills, have fun and make new friends. Come along to our open event to find out more:

### When

Mon 30th Jan 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm

### Who

All young people aged 6-10 with their grown ups

### Where

Thomas Law Hall, St Johns Church, Walmley, B76 1QN

### Register your interest

Scan QR code or use link below to book your place

<https://qrco.de/bdd4cl>

Unfortunately we can not guarantee entry if you haven't pre-registered

### Contact

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## THE SANCTUARY

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FRIDAY 5.30 - 6.30PM

To register text: child name / class location

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