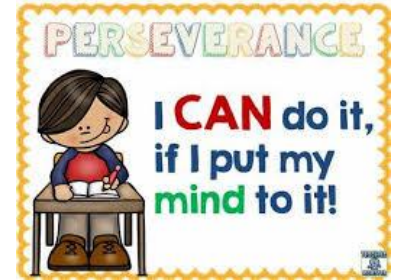




Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear TSM Families,

What another wonderful week it has been at TSM– so many exciting trips and special events across the school! Our worship theme this week has continued to be perseverance and all the children have been working hard to show this across their learning.



**Message from the Governors:**

You might have seen in the press last week that Twyford St Mary's has come out as the top performing primary school in Winchester based on last year's Year 6 SAT results as well as 83% of our children reaching the required standard for reading, writing and maths.

Not only that but we heard this week that we are top 5% nationally for Year 1 reading!

On behalf of all governors we wanted to share how enormously proud we of all our wonderful teachers, staff and - above everything - our fabulous children who together make this a fabulous school to learn and thrive. Well done everyone!



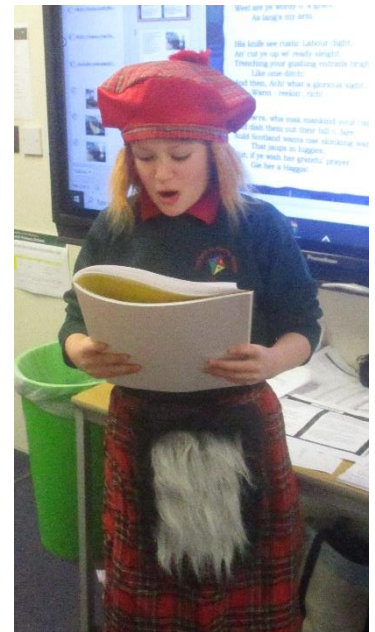
**Spring School Council!**

Our new Spring School Councillors had their first meeting this week. They were brought up-to-date on the work of the School Council so far this year so that they can pick up where our Autumn Councillors left off. The first order of business was to appoint children into their new job roles for the spring term, which they did thoughtfully and respectfully. They are looking forward to a busy term with lots of jobs to do!



## Celebrating Burn's Night in Yew Class

On the 25<sup>th</sup> January, Yew Class celebrated the birth of Robert Burns by holding a 'Burns Night Feast'. At first we wrote monologues using some Gaelic words, recounting what the mouse might have said after his nest was destroyed by the farmer in Robert Burns' poem 'To a Mouse'. In DT / Food Tech we made Scottish Shortbread and Vegetarian haggis for our Burns Night Feast. We followed the traditional format of the supper: piping in the haggis, the Selkirk Grace, the address to the haggis, slicing open the haggis, the toast to the haggis, eating both courses, entertainment, the toast to the lassies and the response to the toast to the lassies. To end our feast, we sang 'Auld Lang Syne'. We were very fortunate to have Ms Robb as the MC for our supper. We had a great time learning about an important part of Scottish culture.





### **KS1 (Ash & Beech classes) Trip to Winchester Science Centre**

Ash and Beech have been learning about the moon landings as part of their space topic, 'One Small Step...'. This week they blasted off to the Winchester Science Centre to experience space for themselves in the breath-taking planetarium, complete with constellations and a short trip around the solar system. They had lots of time to explore the interactive exhibits in the science centre in their groups and there was lots to see and do! In the afternoon, our workshop saw the children deciding what they would pack for their own journeys into space and we also learnt about light waves and where rainbows come from.

We returned to Earth/school with some tired but inspired children who were absolutely buzzing about their wonderful day at the science centre! A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported us to make this trip happen.





## Willow Class Trip to Testwood Lakes

*"On Wednesday, Willow class went on a school trip to Testwood Lakes. We had lots of fun and met a lovely lady called Sarah. We also dressed up as Bronze Age children. After that we looked in fields for artifacts and then we stumbled upon a time portal. We went through it and found kind Bronze Age people called Brianna and Dunn. We learnt how to drop spindall and to make Bronze Age fences. We then had lunch. Brianna came to us in a panic from losing Dunn! We found lots of clues but not Dunn! Then we gathered in the woods to look at the tools and Brianna told us a story. After that, we got to hold lots of Bronze Age tools such as a sith and pieces of bridge". Written by Lucy and Ivy.*





## Art Club

We wanted to share some of the amazing artwork that some of the children have created in Art Club!  
A couple of the children wrote this:

*"The Astonishing Art Club can unleash ideas beyond a kid's imagination."*



## Winchester Cathedral – Experience Life as a Chorister

Winchester Cathedral is hosting an event for any girl in Year 5 or 6 who would like to learn more about what it takes to be a Chorister at Winchester Cathedral. This is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Winchester Cathedral and is free of charge.

Parents are warmly invited to join the Cathedral Music Department for refreshments throughout the day, to meet the team and to learn about the unique musical and educational opportunities.

Booking is essential. If interested, please email: [choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

If children enjoy the Chorister afternoon, then auditions to become a girl chorister will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



## Best Wishes

Sophie Davies  
Headteacher



## Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Marley	For excellent concentrating on learning tasks, working towards our Six strand target of 'Focus'.
Beech	Lucy	For consistently showing independence and participating fully in her learning.
Sycamore	Jaxson	For independence in Maths learning and working well with a partner during Topic to find reasons for the Roman invasion.
Willow	Theo	For amazing progress in writing; your Stone Age Boy diary entry was superb!
Yew	Flora	For using her reasoning and problem solving skills excellently in Maths when working with fraction, percentage equivalence.



## Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Fleur	For being a curious cat and showing all of our TSM school values during our trip to the Science Centre.
	Ada	For being a curious cat and showing all of our TSM school values during our trip to the Science Centre.
Beech	Lowen	For being a great role model on our school trip and representing Twyford St Marys
	Rohan	For some excellent recorder playing and listening to all instructions.
Sycamore	Xanthe	For her super focus in Maths learning on money this week and showing perseverance during Guided reading too.
	Harry	For his enthusiasm and improved focus for all learning this week.
Willow	Ysé	For always being such a caring learning partner and so wonderful at celebrating the successes of others in the class!
	Winnie	For always being so conscientious and showing such wonderful enthusiasm for our Topic learning!
Yew	Euan	For creativity when writing an introduction to his non chronological report on the peppered moth.
	William	For his enthusiasm when writing a monologue using Gaelic words in the style of Robert Burns.

<b>Dates for your diary: Spring Term</b>	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Sycamore Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	PTA Event - TFi Friday Tribute Band - at Twyford Community Centre
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents Evening – 4 to 6pm
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents Evening – 5 to 7pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Half Term Holiday club – book your place now!
<b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Young Shakespeare performance – KS2 – details to follow
<b>26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Stubbington Residential Trip – Year 4
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	PTA Event - Leap Day Fun Run – details to follow
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Yew Class Trip to Hawk Conservancy Trust – details to follow
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral – details to follow
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter service, 9:30 St Mary's Church - all welcome
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	PTA Event - Twyford Teddy Bear Trail – details to follow
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of Spring Term
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Inset day 4</b> – school closed to pupils
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of Summer term