

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:
 3rd Oct – Acorn SEND Sports Festival
 6th Oct – Parent Coffee Morning (8.45 – 9.30am)
 12th Oct – Winter Class Trip to the Egg Theatre
 12th Oct – Stay and Learn (2.30 – 3.15pm)
 17th Oct – Spring Class Trip to the SS Great Britain

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to all of Winter class for learning their phonics brilliantly. We flew kites in the playground to help learn the 'k' sound.

Spring: Well done to Clara for her amazing reading at home. Also a big well done to George and Theo for their fantastic ladybird drawing.

Summer: Our 'Fantastic Four' last week were Aurelia, Owen, Olive and Reuben. Sophia for amazing reading at home. Oscar, Hester, Daisy and Ellia for hard work in English on their Wild Bird posters.

Autumn: Well done to Ted for working really hard and being so enthusiastic about our 'space' topic this week.

Message from the Head

Our Worship theme for this term is 'Thankfulness' in the lead up to our **Harvest Festival**, which takes place in **St Leonard's Church** next **Tuesday, 3rd October, at 9:15am**. So far in Worship we have been thinking about thanking the people who help us, and our gratitude for the beautiful world we live in. Our Harvest Festival gives us the opportunity to show our thankfulness for the world around us and all the good things we have been given. It is also a chance to show our thankfulness for all the new children and families who have joined our community. Family members are very welcome to join us for the service, and the Church will be serving tea and coffee beforehand so you are welcome to go and wait there once you have dropped your child at school at 8:45am. During the service we collect gifts of food and household staples which we donate to [The Storehouse Foodbank](#) in Trowbridge. This year they have asked especially for **donations of: tins of meat, tins of vegetables, tins of potatoes, small bags of sugar, and small jars of coffee**. They have also asked for **NO** tins of baked beans and spaghetti, or bags of pasta. Children should bring their gifts into school on the morning of the Harvest Festival and will carry them up to the Church for the service.

Although it feels like we have only just started a new year at school, it is also the time where we need to think about children who will be starting school (primary or secondary) in September 2024. For families of children in Y6, applications for secondary places need to be submitted via the [Wiltshire Council parent portal](#) by October 31st. For children who will be starting school for the first time in Reception next year, there is slightly longer to make the choice as the application deadline is 15th January 2024. For a small school like ours, it is vital that we maintain good numbers of children choosing to join us, despite the fact that birth rates have fallen significantly in recent years and there are fewer children needing school places each year. A number of the other small village schools in the Acorn Education Trust have been moved to a 3 class structure this year due to their declining numbers. The 4 class model we currently have is something I am very keen to protect, as we feel it enables us to give the children the best possible academic curriculum whilst

also having the capacity to offer a breadth of opportunities and experiences for all our children. We need your help to do this. If you know anyone who has a child due to start school in September 2024, please talk to them about our school and encourage them to come for a visit. I am very happy to show anyone interested around the school at a convenient time. Also please share with them the details of our **Nursery Stay and Play session on Saturday 11th November** – poster on the following pages. The booking form for this is now live on our website, and it is a wonderful opportunity for children and families to learn more about us. Together we can ensure our school stays full and vibrant for all the children.

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
682	584	630	597

Parents Evening – Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October

We will be holding Parents Evenings meetings after school on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. These are a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their overall progress, as well as have a look through the work they have completed so far this year. Booking appointments is done through ParentMail and you will receive a message letting you know when these go live.

Parent Coffee Session – Friday 6th October 8:45-9:30am

We will be holding a Parent Coffee Session on Friday 6th October from 8:45-9:30am in the school hall. Everyone is welcome. It is a chance to meet with Mrs Hermon and find out a little more about what is going on behind the scenes in school. We are very aware that most children when asked what they have done at school all day reply “nothing” leaving you interested in finding out a little more! It is a chance for you to ask questions as well, to help you understand what is going on in school and why. We hold several Parent Coffee sessions across the year so don't worry if you can't attend this one, you will be very welcome at the next one instead.

Stay and Learn – Thursday 12th October 2:30-3:15pm

We will be holding a Stay and Learn Session on Thursday 12th October from 2:30pm in Spring, Summer and Autumn Classes. Winter Class will be enjoying their trip to the Egg Theatre on this day instead. Stay and Learn sessions are a chance for you to join your child(ren) in their class taking part in an activity linked to their learning. Don't worry if you can't make it to this session, we hold them every term, so there will be another opportunity before Christmas for you to do this.



Learning in Spring Class

**500
WORDS**
2023

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. Open from 08:00 Tuesday 26 September - 20:00 Friday 10 November.

The BBC's annual story writing competition for children has begun. If you are interested in taking part you will find more details at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> If your child submits an entry please share this with us in school, we would love to celebrate it with them.



We are holding a Stay and Play session on
Saturday 11th November 10am-12pm

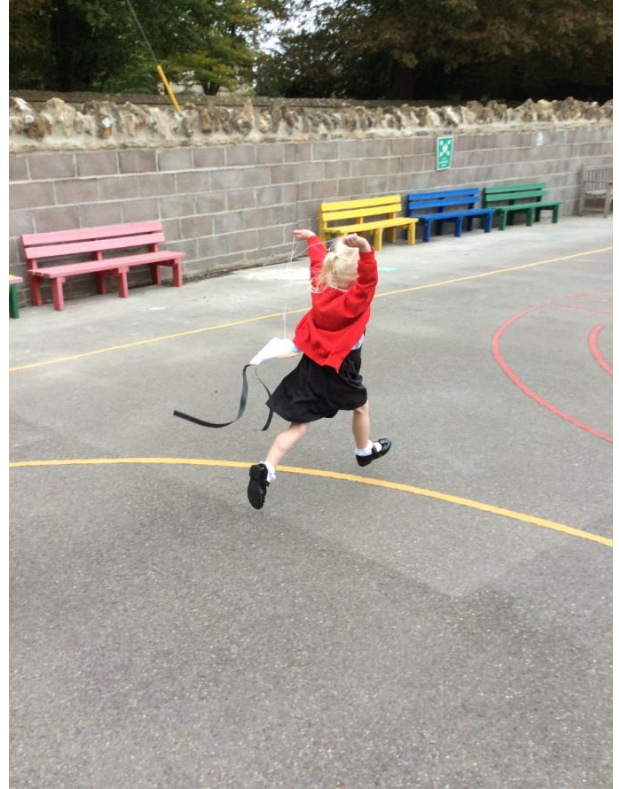
Nursery-aged children and their families are welcome to come and explore our site, join in with lots of fun activities and have a taster of what life in big school is like!

Places must be booked in advanced. Please visit the school website www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk to find a simple on-line form to complete.



In December 2019 Ofsted rated the school Good in all areas, and said:
"Leaders and staff have created a nurturing school where pupils feel important and cherished. One pupil's view echoed the views of many others: 'If everyone knew about our school, all the other schools would be empty.'"





Kite flying in Winter Class

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have


4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

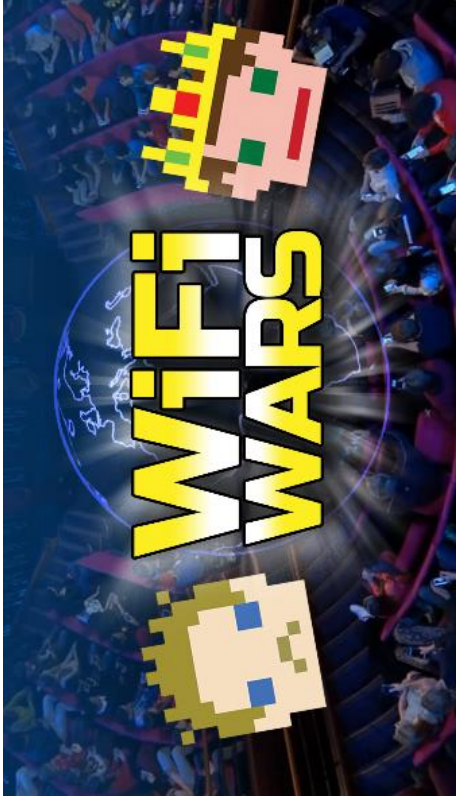
5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu  **immunisation**

Helping to protect children, every winter.



 **TICKETS**

WIFI WARS

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04 Nov 2023 4:00 pm

EVENT INFO

WIFI WARS

... the live comedy game show where you all play along! Log in with your smartphone or tablet and compete in a range of games, puzzles and quizzes to win the show, and prizes!

Hosted by comedian Steve McNeil (team captain on UK TV's hit comedy/gaming show "Dara O'Brian's Go 8 Bit") and aided by Guinness World-Record-Breaking tech whizz, the award-winning Rob Sedgebeer!

The Guardian - *"Not To Be Missed"*

Time Out - *Critic's Choice*

The Times - *Hot List*



 **TICKETS**

PICK YOUR SEAT(S)

EVENT INFO

CIVIC FAMILY CHRISTMAS PANTO 2023

Roll up! Roll up for a whole lot of family fun!

Lemon Jelly Pantos presents - **Goldilocks & The Three Bears**, the family pantomime that's just right! Visiting The Civic, Trowbridge on Wednesday 20th December 2023 with 2 performances, at **1.30pm & 4pm**. Featuring all the traditional pantomime ingredients, this one hour, laughter packed show features colourful characters, hilarious comedy, world class circus acts, fantastic music, lavish costumes & stunning sets. Join Goldilocks, the Three Bears & a multi-talented cast on Dame Betty Barnum's circus adventure!



October

Half Term

23rd - 25th OCTOBER
JOHN OF GAUNT
MON - WED

9AM - 3PM STANDARD DAY
£19.80
8AM - 4PM EXTENDED DAY
£24.60



5 - 14 YEARS

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WEEK DAYS 19TH - 27TH OCTOBER 2023 AT THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL
STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £19.80 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £24.60

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS



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TROWBRIDGE APPLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023

11AM - 3PM • FREE ENTRY



EMMANUEL'S YARD TROWBRIDGE

APPLE PRESSING & TASTING

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD & DRINK • TRADITIONAL GAMES
CRAFTS & STALLS

We are a **plastic-free** event

ORGANISERS: THE BIG COMMUNITY GROW (Registered Charity: 1169927)



**GIRLS
FOOTBALL**

THURSDAY 26th
OCTOBER
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM STANDARD DAY
£19.80
8AM - 4PM EXTENDED DAY
£24.60



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