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### This Half Term's Value – Compassion



#### 'Phrases of Faith

**'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you' – Ephesians 4:32**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter. This week we are taking the opportunity to highlight the events and achievements that have taken place within our school community over the past week; both within school and beyond!

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, which was a resounding success! Needless to say, the event was approached with its usual enthusiasm as pupils dressed as their favourite characters and engaged in a variety of literary activities designed to foster a love of reading. A particular highlight was a visit from Market Drayton Library for a special World Book Day themed Assembly. Huge thanks to Markey Drayton Library services for coming out to visit us and helping us to celebrate this year's World Book Day. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all parents and carers for their support in encouraging a culture of reading at home; over the last few weeks it has been rewarding to see the children engaging in their reading at both home and school. Thanks also for your support in what is the annual scramble for a suitable costume - or is that just reflective of my house!!

In other news, I am delighted to announce that Miss Jones and our brilliant Formula 1 Engineers have successfully progressed through the regional stage of the competition held on Monday and are now heading to the National Finals! This remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork - I also must mention Miss Jones's incredible guidance and leadership and continue to thank her for all her hard work. We wish them the very best of luck as they prepare for this exciting opportunity. Further updates to follow.

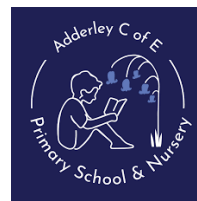
As always, we encourage you to read through our newsletter in detail in order to remain informed about upcoming events and initiatives at our school. One such event is Parent's Consultations which are coming up on the horizon. Booking on School Spider as usual.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

With all best wishes,

Mrs S. Henney





# Important Dates and INFORMATION

## MARCH

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Science Week</b> – details further in the newsletter
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Oak Class Science Fair 3.15pm – 4pm Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, for those signed up
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATS Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>F1 Club, 3.15pm – 4.30pm</b> – There are 2 free sessions for children to prepare for the National Finals. <b>Please note time change</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Oak Class Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, for those signed up
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATS Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class Red Nose Day

## FUTURE DATES

<b>February 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>F1 Club, 3.15pm – 4.30pm</b>
March 31 <sup>st</sup> – April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Residential trip for years 5 and 6
April 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening for Oak, Chestnut and Willow Class
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Church Service at Adderley Church, 2.30pm
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Half Marathon in Shrewsbury for those that have signed up
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming begins for KS2

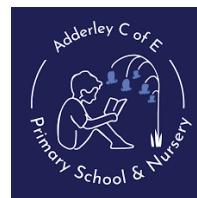
### This week's Star Pupils!

**Chestnut Class:** colton – for his resilience and determination in his learning. We are so proud of him

**Oak Class:** are our F1 superstars: Matilda, Elliot, Reece, Jess and Emerson. Well done on not only representing the school proudly, but also on winning three trophies!!

**Willow Class:** Eloise for being so brave starting nursery and settling in so quickly





## Science week is finally here!

**Monday 10th March-** to kick start the week, we are inviting children to dress up as a Scientist.

**Tuesday 11th March,** we would like to invite pupils and their families to take part in a Science Faire. Children and staff will be setting up and organising entries from 2.45pm. If you plan to support your child with their entry, please sign in at the school office no later than 2.45pm. If you would like to view the faire, the gates will open at 3.15pm. A special prize will be awarded to one entry from each class.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March-** We are excited to invite Sammy from Edu Fun Children's workshops to deliver exciting, hands-on science workshops.

## CLASS NEWS

### **Willow Class**

What a wonderful week we've had in Willow Class! Our nursery and reception children have been busy exploring new learning opportunities, celebrating special events, and enjoying the sunshine. Here's a glimpse into our week full of creativity, fun, and discovery.

This week, we delved into the delightful poems from Julia Donaldson's *Wiggle and Roar*. The children loved exploring the rhythm and movement in the poems, focusing on action words and the sounds of language. Together, we wrote our very own class poem, using some of the movement words we'd learned.

With the sunshine, we spent lots of time outside, creating and completing obstacle courses to develop our physical skills. The children had a blast running, jumping, and balancing, all while improving their coordination and teamwork.

What a treat we had on Pancake Day! Willow Class joined in the fun by making pancakes and even had a go at flipping them – due to a measurement error we accidentally managed to make pancakes for the whole school!

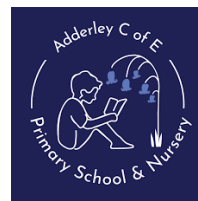
We also celebrated *World Book Day* in style. The children looked fantastic in their costumes, and we had a special time reading with the older children. After enjoying a story together, we had a teddy bear's picnic in the garden during snack time. We also created our very own bookmarks to take home!

In our roleplay area, Willow Class worked together to create a Farm Tuff Tray, bringing the world of farm animals to life. The children had great fun pretending to be farmers, taking care of the animals. We also did some handprint art, creating beautiful farm animal prints.

Of course, we continued with our regular Forest School sessions, where the children had a chance to explore nature and develop their outdoor skills. In music lessons, we enjoyed singing, dancing, and playing instruments, helping to develop our rhythm and listening skills.

It's been another busy, exciting week in Willow Class!





## **Chestnut Class**

In Literacy, we began exploring the thought-provoking picture book 'My Name is Not Refugee' by Kate Milner. The children examined a mysterious rucksack, using the items inside to make predictions about the character. They wrote questions to discover more about the story and the main character and created posters appealing to the owner of the bag to get in touch. We also had a discussion about the items we would pack if we ever had to embark on a long journey.

In Maths, we're continuing to explore multiplication and division. This week, we focused on dividing and sharing sets of objects into equal groups, encouraging the children to articulate their ideas through number sentences.

Our Art sessions have been exciting! The children explored various types of lines – horizontal, vertical, diagonal, wavy, and broken – using different media. They then applied this knowledge to create stunning tiles using chalk pens.



Lastly, in science, we delved into the fascinating world of animal growth, investigating the life cycles of frogs, butterflies, and even humans.

It's been a week filled with curiosity and creativity, and I'm so proud of the children's hard work!



## **Oak Class**

This week in Oak we have been continuing with our new history topic of the Tudors! Which the whole class is loving! This week we learnt all about Henry VIII's 6 wives, including a rhyme about what happened to them.

This week in forest school we celebrated pancake day by cooking pancakes on an open fire in the woods, such fun! As well as this, we finally managed to finish our filming project for computing, and we will be sharing these with the school next week.

## **F1 in Schools**

For the last few months, a team of intrepid designers, engineers and manufacturers have been meeting on a Monday evening to create our very own F1 in Primary schools' team, Attacking Adders. All of this hard work has been building up to competing in the regional finals against other teams from Telford and North Shropshire.

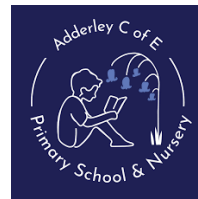
On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Matilda (Team Manager), Jessica (Design Engineer) Emerson (Manufacturer) Reece (Manufacturer) and Elliot (Graphic designer) travelled to Incom in Telford to compete in the regional finals. Unfortunately, on arrival the centre had flooded so we diverted to Harper Adams university who were able to host the event.

After setting up our pit display to show all of our research and design work we were off to the racetrack. Our car was to race against the Firebolts from Moreton say. Elliot bravely stepped up





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to be our racer as he had the fastest reaction times. After a tricky start we went on to win 3 of the 4 races.

Next up, we took our portfolio to present to design and engineering specialists. Jessica's home-made raspberry and white chocolate muffins definitely helped to impress the judges! Finally, we had to give a verbal presentation to another group of experts. This time we entered with our chant 'Attack, attack, attacking adders' and then impressed the judges with our presentation skills and knowledge of car design.

Throughout the day we got to talk to different schools, teams and experts and learnt a lot. After all of our hard work we sat with our new friends to find out who had won the top three places to compete in the National F1 in schools' competition. What happened next was beyond our wildest dreams!!! We won 3 awards! The first was for fastest car, the next for best engineered car and finally..... we won the **second-place award**, narrowly missing out on first which went to our federation friends from Moreton Say, Luna Wolves. This meant we have a place in the National finals.

**Attacking Adders**

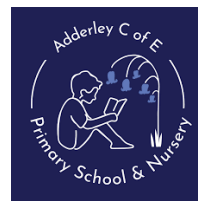
I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Jones from Moreton Say for coming over to help Adderley create their first F1 team and supporting us through our journey. I would also like to say that I could not have asked for better advocates for our school, Attacking Adders showed kindness, determination, positivity and resilience in abundance and I can't wait to see what they achieve next time.

**Miss Von Dinther**





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**World book day**

World Book Day 2025 was a huge success, and it was truly lovely to see both children and staff come together to celebrate our shared love for reading. We had the pleasure of welcoming Catherine Westwood and Chantelle Tijhaar from the Market Drayton Library, who engaged the children in a delightful discussion about their favourite reads. Together, we explored how the library service can help us discover new genres and exciting books.

Our guests also shared some thrilling challenges and events that are set to take place at the library, which sparked interest among the children.

Later, we gathered as a whole school, with students from nursery all the way up to Year 6 mixing together. It was fantastic to see everyone spending time sharing lovely books with their reading buddies, fostering a sense of community and a passion for reading. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the day such a memorable occasion!

