



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, our focus on the school value of Achieve has been visible right across the school, particularly this week as children have been working hard on their own personal goals. These goals have taken many different forms, and I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing the children talk with pride and enthusiasm about what they are trying to improve. In Squirrel Class, I observed a dictation lesson with Miss Lewis where pupils were carefully practising their letter formation and spelling, showing great concentration and determination. In Bumblebees, children were using the outdoor equipment purposefully, challenging themselves to improve their climbing skills and build confidence. Across the playground, Butterflies were developing their bike skills, demonstrating resilience as they practised balance, control and coordination. A pupil in Otter Class proudly showed me his beautifully joined and carefully formed handwriting, reflecting the time and effort he has invested in improving this key skill with Mrs White-Culf. In Badgers, pupils were thoughtfully choosing the most appropriate calculation methods to solve maths problems, explaining their reasoning and showing a growing confidence in their mathematical thinking.

Across all classes, a clear message has shone through: practice makes permanent. Whatever the goal, children understand that consistent practice is what helps us get better. These foundational skills - whether physical, academic or personal - are vital stepping stones that will support our pupils as they move on to the next stage of their learning. We are incredibly proud of the commitment and effort shown by all our children as they continue to strive to Achieve.



Mrs Rowena Kaminski

Headteacher

### Author Visit – Micheal McCarthy



This week, we were fortunate to take part in a truly inspiring assembly led by author Michael McCarthy. He shared his remarkable life story with the children, reminding us all that we are capable of achieving great things, no matter how many challenges we may face along the way.

Michael spoke about how, despite being registered blind, he has accomplished incredible feats - running a marathon, climbing Mount Kenya, and even becoming a champion at the Special Olympics. His journey is a powerful example of determination and perseverance, qualities we actively encourage and nurture in our children every day. In addition to his sporting achievements, Michael has also become a successful author, writing eight children's books. We were especially lucky in Squirrel Class, as each child received one of his books to take home. We hope they enjoy reading it and feel inspired to think about their own goals and dreams.

It was a memorable and uplifting experience for everyone, reinforcing our school motto: "It's not that we can't do it, it's that we can't do it yet!"

### Audio-books for the season – listen to an audiobook before bed

This week:- Billy's birthday present.

On his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday, Billy's Grandad gives him a special present.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zb7x7nb>



### Safeguarding

#### Worried about the safety of a child?

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Shropshire, you can contact the First Point of Contact (FPOC) service. This service is designed to help you report any concerns about a child's safety or well-being.

**0345 678 9021**

### This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of Achieve.

## WORSHIP



In worship this week, pupils explored [The Parable of the Two Sons](#) as part of our focus on the stories Jesus told. Through this story, the children reflected on the importance of responsibility and how our actions matter more than our words. Jesus reminded us that it is easy to say the right thing, but true achievement comes from following through and doing what is right, even when it is challenging. Linking this to our school value of Achieve, pupils discussed how everyone can make mistakes, but we can still succeed if we take responsibility for our choices and try again.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

### Events at a glance:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:- Bank Holiday (no children in school this day)
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May- 14<sup>th</sup> May:- Year 6 SATs week
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Diabetes Day - Events TBC
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Value awards in Church 9:00am
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:- Children break-up for half-term
- 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> May - Half term
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:- Children return to school
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June:- EYFS sports day 9am
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:- KS1 and KS2 Sports day 9am
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:- Summer Fair 3-5pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:- 2pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school hall
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: 9am Year 6 Bible presentations in Church
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Children break up for summer holidays

**Reminder** – pupils should not be wearing false nails or make-up to school – please ensure these are removed before school.

For further guidance on our uniform policy please see below

<https://tilstockprimaryschool.co.uk/information/uniform/>

### Happy birthday to

Lara-May, Adam, Martha and Thea

Who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We wish you a very happy birthday!

