



Dear Parents and Carers

The sun has definitely shone on our first week back and the children have come in with great attitudes. The attendance this week has been very positive with each day above 97% - well done.

This short, four week half term is one that is crammed full of events and experiences for the children. This ranges from Year 6 completing their SATs in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May to key stage 2 travelling to the Hay Festival, the PTFA Duck Race and the village Scarecrow Festival. Taking part in a range of opportunities and experiences is a big part of how children learn and develop and the greater the range is the more well prepared the children are for their next steps - whether it is moving to a new class, learning a new topic, or moving on to a new school.

Having said goodbye to Mrs Jane Jones at the end of last term, the children and staff are settling into new routines, and I have been very impressed by how smoothly year 1 and 2 have taken to the changes. As well as teaching the year 1 class, Mrs Jones was our safeguarding lead and this role now sits with me. The safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our top priority.

My role as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) involves overseeing safeguarding practices in the school, liaising with external agencies, providing and arranging training and support for staff as well as making sure all our records are accurate and up to date. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all staff members and through our training we ensure any signs of abuse or neglect are identified early and appropriate action is taken. This role is vital in keeping our pupils safe and ensuring their needs are met promptly.

As parents and guardians, you play a key role in safeguarding your children. Here are some ways you can help:

- **Stay Informed:** Familiarise yourself with our safeguarding policies and procedures. You can find these on our school website or request a copy from the school office.
- **Open Communication:** Encourage open and honest communication with your child. Let them know they can talk to you about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- **Recognize Signs:** Be aware of the signs of abuse or neglect. Unexplained changes in behaviour, fear of going to school, or physical signs of harm are indicators that something may be wrong.
- **Report Concerns:** If you notice any concerning signs or behaviours, please report them to me immediately. Early intervention can make a significant difference.
- **Promote Online Safety:** Monitor your child's online activities and teach them about internet safety. Encourage them to speak up if they encounter anything inappropriate online.

If you have any questions or concerns about safeguarding, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr R Foster

## Governor News

Dear Parents and Carers

Whilst waiting to listen to readers yesterday afternoon we heard the last 10 minutes of the singing assembly. The children were in full voice and very enthusiastically singing songs linked to summer, especially a very catchy one about a troublesome wasp! It was great to see how the children engage with each other and the staff leading the assembly.

It's the start of a new term so governors will be having the normal round of meetings to check in on standards, budgets, reviewing school policies and considering the well-being of pupils and staff.

The deadline for Parent Governor nominations is at the end of May, we currently have received one nomination – if you are interested in joining us please speak to Rachel, Lauri, Ann Jenner or let Janet know.

As another Bank Holiday weekend approaches let's hope this lovely weather continues.

Regards

Liz Hall



I would like to invite parents/carers to a drop-in session focus on Special Education Needs on Thursday 8th May between 2pm and 4pm. This will be a chance to talk through any questions or concerns with me and there will also be a representative from the



Speech and Language Team.

The drop-in session will be held in the school and tea/coffee will be available. There is no need to book a slot.

We understand that at times it is more suitable for a private, separate meeting to take place. Please contact the school office to make arrangements.



Find this newsletter and lots of other useful information on our school website:  
[www.ewyasharoldprimaryschool.co.uk/](http://www.ewyasharoldprimaryschool.co.uk/)

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**DUCK RACE** is taking place on Friday 23rd May.

Tickets are available via schoolmoney £1 or from PTFA. Please help support this fabulous event.



We recently received this trophy as the school collecting the largest amount in our clothing container during March. This came with a £50 amazon voucher too. Thank you all for supporting this and keep it coming please!



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# Hay Festival Tickets Raffle

Proceeds towards Class Severn residential



## Two fantastic prizes up for grabs!

4x tickets to Make and Take craft session -10am Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

or

4x tickets to Jaqueline Wilson - 2.30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
2025

Raffle tickets 50p a ticket

Can be purchased from Year 5/6 at home time or through  
School Money

Raffle to be drawn on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May



Monnow have had a lovely week with lots of exciting things happening. On Tuesday we had a music teacher from Encore, teaching us new instruments and on Wednesday morning we got to go into the forest. It was the first time this year for children who have just joined Monnow. They all had great fun!



## Summer Term P.E. Forest School & Swimming Timetable

- \* Children will need appropriate kit every week.
- \* **Monnow Class** will swimming every Thursday for the whole term beginning Thursday 1st May 2025.
- \* Please make sure ALL items of kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

April 2025	PE Session 1	PE Session 2	
Dulas	MON	WED	THURS (Forest Sch)
Monnow	MON	THURS (Swim)	WED (Forest Sch)
Wye	WED	FRI	
Severn	TUES	FRI	

### Winter PE kit

Black/navy shorts or pleated skirt  
White t-shirt / sweatshirt (plain or school print)  
Black/navy (plain) tracksuit or jogging bottoms  
Trainers/football boots

### Indoor/Summer PE kit

Black/navy shorts  
White t-shirt or polo shirt (plain or school print)  
Trainers



### Swimming kit

Towel  
Swimming Costume / tight trunks  
Goggles (optional)  
Swimming hat if shoulder length or longer hair.  
No talc please

## Ewyas Harold Scarecrow Festival



Bank Holiday Weekend 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May

## Volunteers Wanted

**IDEAS.BUNTING.REFRESHMENTS.INFORMATION  
HUB.COLLECTING AND COUNTING VOTES.HELPING SET  
UP SCARECROWS AROUND THE VILLAGE.TAKING PART.**

If you would like to help make Scarecrow Festival 2025 a great success please let us know by giving your name and contact details to a steward at Ewyas Harold Craft Centre or emailing us at [ehcraftcentre@gmail.com](mailto:ehcraftcentre@gmail.com)

Percentage Attendance with Authorised and Unauthorised absences for each class for the year to date.

		Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences
Class Monnow	↑	96.84%	2.87
Class Severn	↑	96.46%	3.02
Class Wye	↑	96.20%	3.03
Class Dulas	↑	95.88%	3.65
Total Percentage	↑	96.36%	3.11

Up, up and up - lovely increases in attendance across the whole school. Monnow take to the top of the table (assisted by the inclusion of Dore Class figures). Whole school attendance is now 96.36%, well done everyone. Well done to the 13 pupils across the school who have 100% attendance for the year so far.

### School Diary

May	5th		School closed for Bank Holiday
	8th	2-4pm	SEN Coffee afternoon
	9th	AM	School photographer - Class Dulas & Severn Individuals & class groups for the whole school
	12—15th		Yr6 SATS
	15th		Chippy dinner for Yr6
	16th		Ledbury Tag Rugby Festival Yr5/6
	22nd	All day	KS2 (Yr3-6) Hay Festival Trip
	24-26th		Scarecrow Trail in the village
	26-30th		Half term holiday
June	2nd	8:40	Back to school
	12th	PM	Sports Day
	16-19th		Yr5 & 6 Residential Trip

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Star and Value certificates in assembly last week and today.

	Last Week		This Week	
Reception:	Wynter	Leo	Isla	Alex J
Year 1:	Georgia	Fred D	Olivia	The whole of Monnow Class
Year 2:	Grayson	Euie D	James R	
Year 3:	Louis	Rory	Rowan	James W
Year 4:	Henry S	Elizabeth	Lottie	Alex
Year 5:	William H	Eliana	Daniel C	Lloyd
Year 6:	Millie	Jude	Anthony	Lizzie