



# The Ewyas Herald

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**D**ear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the start of the summer term. As the days grow longer, this term brings fresh opportunities for learning, confidence-building and enjoyment across the school.

Our focus value this term is Tolerance. We will be supporting children to understand and respect differences, listen to others' viewpoints, and show kindness even when we don't all think or feel the same. These skills are essential for life, and they are ones that children practise every day through talk, play and stories.

We started thinking about tolerance in Tuesday's assembly and discussed how we all like different things but that does not make one person right and the other person wrong. Living alongside others who have different views, thoughts and opinions is what makes for a happy and thriving community.

One of the most powerful ways to nurture tolerance and empathy is through reading for pleasure. When children enjoy sharing stories, they step into other worlds, learn about different people and experiences, and develop understanding and compassion.

Reading together at home makes a huge difference. It builds vocabulary, imagination and confidence, but most importantly, it creates positive memories around books.

You don't need to be an expert reader to support your child. What matters most is time, talk and enjoyment.

Here are some easy, everyday ideas to make reading time meaningful and fun:

- Talk before you read - Look at the cover together: *What do you think this book might be about?* Talk about the title or pictures and make predictions.
- Pause and chat - Ask your child what they think might happen next. Stop to notice pictures, expressions or interesting words.
- Make connections - *Does this remind you of anything you've done? How is this character similar or different to you?*
- Explore feelings - *How do you think the character feels right now? Why? What would you do in that situation?*
- Keep it relaxed - It's fine to read the same book again and again.

Reading doesn't always have to be at bedtime – try mornings, after school or outside.

Mr Foster

## Governor News

*Dear Parents and Carers*

*I hope you've returned from the break feeling refreshed and ready for the new term. For some of our students, this will be their final term at our wonderful, caring school.*

*One of the key benefits of adopting Values-based Education is that our children are learning to be reflective and self-aware, which builds both confidence and resilience. While transition is always challenging, I know our school community values every child and supports them in reaching their full potential.*

*During my visits last term, I was impressed by how everyone has embraced these values; I witnessed compassion in action from both staff and pupils alike. This term, I am confident they will deepen their understanding of tolerance and demonstrate it in their daily lives - a quality so vital in the wider world.*

*Sue Jones  
Governor*



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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Summer 2026	PE Session 1	PE Session 2	
Dulas Yr R	WED	FRI	THURS (Forest Sch)
Dulas Yr 1		FRI (SWIM)	
Monnow	MON	FRI (SWIM)	
Wye	THURS	FRI	
Severn	WED	THURS	

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

- \* Children will need appropriate kit every week.
- \* Year 1 & 2 pupils from Dulas & Monnow will swimming every FRIDAY for the whole term beginning Friday, 17th April 2026
- \* **Please make sure ALL items of kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

#### 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

All classes have increased attendance, which is fabulous to see. Monnow Class continue at the top leaderboard. Overall total is up to 95.85%

	Percentage attendance with authorised and unauthorised absences for each class for the year to date	Unauthorised Absences
Class Monnow	97.32% ↑	0.71%
Class Severn	96.42% ↑	0.58%
Class Wye	94.91% ↑	1.61%
Class Dulas	94.64% ↑	0.04%
Total Percentage	95.85% ↑	0.80%

**Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Star and Value certificates in assembly**

### This Week

Dulas

Ismaeel

Astrid & Elena

Monnow

Dylan & Rupert

Ellie

Wye

Sebastian W, Max & Maddie

James R & Rowan

Severn

Violet

Callum

### School Diary

Month	Date	Time	Event
APR	20th & 21st		Rescheduled Parents Evening for Monnow Class
	22nd	6pm	Full governing body meeting
	28th		Great Athlete visit and workshops
MAY	4th		School closed Bank Holiday
	7th	9am	Big Read—all welcome
	11th—14th		SATs week
	15th		NO Swimming for Yr 1 & 2 due to sporting event needing the mini buses
	15th		Ledbury Rugby Festival at LRFC all day Yr 5 & 6
	25th-29th		Half term week
JUN	3rd	5:30pm	PTFA Meeting
	4th	9:00	Big Read - all welcome
	23rd		Bikeability Yr6 pupils only (they will attend one or other—not both of these sessions)
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Can you help please?

Does anyone have or know someone who has a heavy roller we could use to flatten the playing field. There are numerous mole hills causing trips and falls - not to mention the nightmare of trying to mow. Please let the school office know if you can help.

