



# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Netball Tournament

On Wednesday, Mrs McFarlane took a group of children to St James' for a netball festival.

It was an opportunity for the children to experience the game of netball and learn more about the rules, hopefully developing a love for the sport that they can keep with them.

The children's behaviour was amazing and they learnt some valuable skills that they can use when practising netball at school.



## Animal Wildshow

Last week, our Year 2 and Year 6 had a wildlife experience in school which brought their Science learning to life. They had the opportunity to learn about a variety of different animals and their habitats. The children held the animals and were able to ask questions about the habits of the animals such as what they eat and how they survive in the wild.

It was lovely to see the children so engaged in their Science and to give them an experience that they will not forget. Thank you to all the children for their calm behaviour around the animals and the interest that they showed. You can see from the pictures how much they enjoyed it.



## Halle Boys Singing

On Thursday, Mr Cope and Mrs Chappell took a group of Year 5 boys to the Halle St Peters to take part in a singing event aimed at getting boys excited about singing. The children worked on different breathing exercises and ways in which they can improve their singing. It was lovely to see the boys from Year 5 collaborate with other schools to learn and sing a song.

The behaviour of the children was excellent throughout and the chance to sing in such a beautiful setting was amazing.



## Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 21st March, is Red Nose Day. The children can come into school wearing something red as well as odd socks. Please find the following [link](#) to the Red Nose Day website if you wish to donate to a worthwhile cause.

Thank you in advance.



### Sunflower Planting

On Monday, ahead of World Down Syndrome Day in school, the children will be given a pot and some sunflower seeds. They will be planting these in school to kick start the week and watch them grow over the course of the week. Then on Friday the children will bring these home and we would love to see the growth of your sunflowers to support the message that each flower grows unique like every child does.

Also, on Friday 21st March, the children will be coming into school in odd socks to celebrate the day.



### Holi

Today, the children had the opportunity to take part in a colour run to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi. This week in school, all classes have been exploring the history of Holi and the importance of the festival in Hindu culture. This is part of the work that we are completing around cultural celebrations in school and ensuring that we are exploring different cultures and their beliefs.

It was such a fun event and the children really enjoyed getting covered in paint. The colours brought the event to life and it was an opportunity for the children to express one of our core values: Enjoyment. Etchells was alive with colour and laughter; we hope to make this an annual event for the children.



### Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done 6W to for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
6W	97.1%
3/4TL	96.3%
2W	95.5%

Please look at the School Hall window to see a full list of classes attendance this week.

### Healthy Snacks

We have had a number of parents ask about what constitutes a healthy snack in school. Normally, we would say that this would be a piece of fruit or vegetable. However, we will consider snacks such as cereal bars or healthy alternatives. If your child has limited preferences, then please send me a message for me to consider the snacks that are brought in.



Kind regards,

Pete Cope

and the Etchells staff

