

# Church Aston Infant School

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NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term  
fun care safe respect learn



## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents,

It has been a settled and happy week here with the children really involved in their learning whether they are at home or in school. So well done everyone.

I need to let you know some plans for the Summer Term. Unfortunately, Mrs Bryon will be retiring at the end of April. It has been difficult for her to reach this decision, but she would now like to spend more time with her family. She will be greatly missed by all of us here including children, staff, and parents. Mrs Bryon has been at Church Aston as a parent herself, Lunchtime Supervisor, Teaching Assistant, Class Teacher and SENDCo for over 25 years, she is as I often say to her 'the very essence of Church Aston.' So, it is with regret that we shall be saying goodbye to her. We would like to thank her for all the commitment and devotion that she has given to our school throughout the years. We wish her well as she takes time to enjoy her family, hobbies, and relaxation time. Mrs Bryon will be very fondly remembered and will of course remain an honorary member of our school who will always be welcome.

In order to maintain continuity for the children I will be teaching Class 1 during the summer term on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Mrs Bryon and I will work together as we lead up to her finishing so that we can ensure a smooth transition as the children continue on their learning journey.

Our children in both classes have been inspired this week. Class 2 by their story of a polar bear which encouraged them to express their ideas in their writing so creatively. Class 1 by thinking about Captain Tom and how he believed you should take one step at a time and work as a team.

Fantastic work!

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



THIS WEEK THE WINNING TEAM IS

**YELLOW TEAM**

Well done to all the children at home and at school that have earned a team token for their work this week.



## IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Information for parents and carers about the closure of schools and other educational settings following the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19).

[Click here to be directed to the gov.uk website.](#)



### **SCHOOL DINNERS FOR NEXT WEEK**



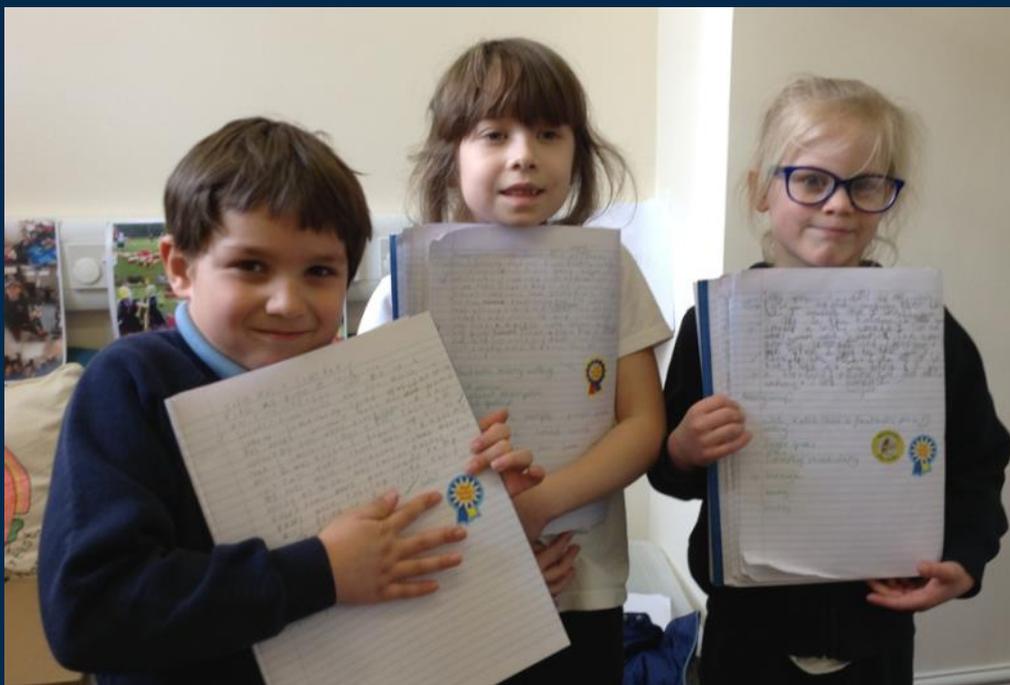
Monday – chicken nuggets, waffles, beans and strawberry mousse

Tuesday – baked potato with cheese, beans or tuna and shortbread

Wednesday – Sausage, mash, veg and jam coconut sponge

Thursday – Valentines Lunch – heart shaped pizza, chips, beans and valentines cupcake

Friday – **Chinese New Year Lunch** – chicken and sweetcorn soup, chicken balls with sweet and sour dip, spring rolls, vegetable stir fry and banana fritters, pineapple fritters and ice cream



Well done to all these Class 2 children that received a special Head Teacher's Award for their wonderful writing.

# CLASS 1

During Children's Mental Health Week 2021 we have been extra aware of the importance of the outdoor environment to help children escape and spend time doing simple tasks to observe and relax in nature. We spotted signs of Spring, watched clouds, and spent time exploring different ways of moving and having fun.

Our second week using Oliver Jeffer's 'Lost and Found' story inspired floating and sinking activities and letters to the penguin feeding back our findings. We also designed our homes with a penguin friend staying with us. Reception have looked at the composition of 6, 7 and 8. Year 1 have been looking at addition and subtraction to 20.

Next week sees the start of Chinese New Year so we will spend next Friday looking at the ways this is celebrated.

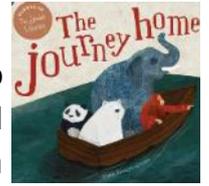


**Rewarded for working so hard and being such a sensible member of the class.**

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

# CLASS 2

Finally, February is here!



The children have made a fantastic start to this month working hard both at home and in school. We have now started our new text *The Journey Home* by Frann Preston-Gannon.

The children have worked so hard discussing the animal characters in the book, learning about their characteristics and habitat. The children have been amazed to find out facts about the polar bears fur, watch how a seal and polar bear swims and where a polar bear's habitat is. It has wonderful to see the children enjoying their science learning through our story. We even found out that a narwhal's tusk is 3 metres long and we looked at this in our measuring sessions.

In maths we have looked at the direction the hands of the clock move, anti-clockwise and turning in quarter, half and full turns. We are now focusing on measuring and suitable units to measure with. Would you measure a sandwich with a metre stick? Could I measure the length of the classroom with my ruler? During the sessions we have used greater than and less than to compare our measurements. We will continue measuring next week, looking at why it is important to use accurate measuring.



**Rewarded for working super hard in her lessons. She has an excellent attitude to things she finds tricky and keeps practising.**

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Friday 12th Feb—Chinese New Year Special Lunch in school (See menu for children in school)

### School Closed February Half Term

Monday 15th Feb—Friday 19th Feb Inclusive

Return to School Monday 22nd February (Key worker & Vulnerable Children)

## Home Learning

### BBC BITESIZE PRIMARY LESSONS ON TV

The BBC has now started their curriculum-based programmes on BBC1. For **primary school pupils**, CBBC will show BBC Bitesize Daily as well as popular shows such as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch.

In addition to this a huge range of online lessons can be accessed via the Internet.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>



### SCHOOL HOME LEARNING PROGRAMMES



<https://online.espresso.co.uk>

Username: student26973

Password: aston3

Mathletics

A 3P Learning Product

<https://login.mathletics.com/>

Refer to your child's diary for their password.



If you need anything to help support your child's home schooling during this period of national lockdown then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# Home Learning

## ART

- [Online Art Lessons—\(National Academy\)](#)
- [Tate Art - activities, information and games](#)
- [CBeebies - Online Art Topics and projects](#)
- [Draw with Rob Biddulph](#)
- [CBBC—Art Ninja](#)
- [Space— art and craft](#)



## Music

- [Year 1 & 2 Music lessons \(National Academy\)](#)
- [Year R—Music Lessons \(National Academy\)](#)
- [Primary Music on the BBC—https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-music-ks1--ks2-index/z6762sg](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-music-ks1--ks2-index/z6762sg)
- [BBC Bring the Noise—https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise)
- [Homemade musical instruments.](#)
- [Mr Maker—Bongo drums](#)



# Home Learning

## English

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[www.spellingshed.com/en-gb](http://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb)

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/> (Online lessons)

<https://www.pobble365.com/> ( Pictures to inspire creative writing)

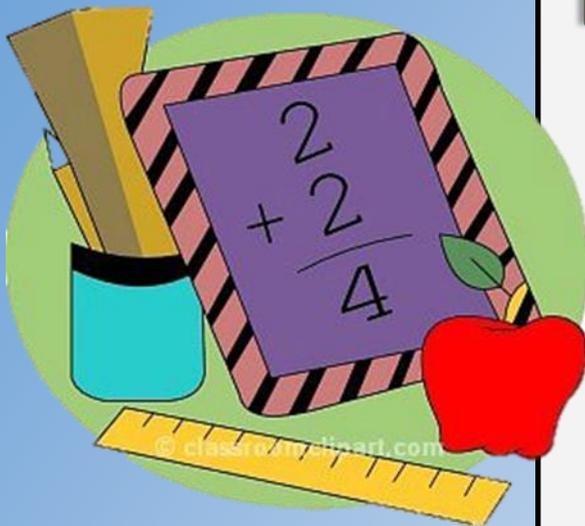
[Alphablocks](#)

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/english/english.htm>



## Maths

- [Mathletics](#) (check your child's diary for their Login details)
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>
- [Numberblocks](#)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)
- [www.snappymaths.com](http://www.snappymaths.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
- <http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/maths/maths.htm>



## P.E

- [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/)
- [supermovers](#)
- [PE with Joe https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLoPd4VxBsXs1WmPcektsQyFbXTf9FO](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLoPd4VxBsXs1WmPcektsQyFbXTf9FO)
- <https://thepehub.co.uk/free-content/>



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## **MATHLETICS**



**BRONZE**

*Well done  
everyone*



**SILVER**