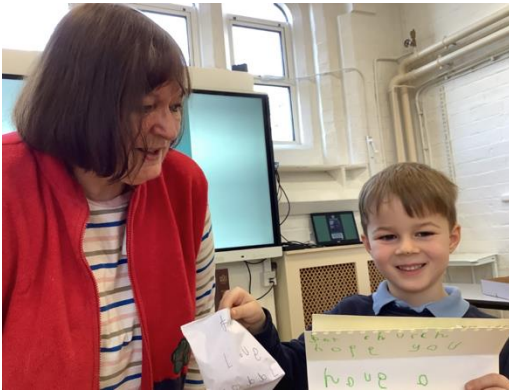




## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy time at Upper Arley C of E Primary School this half term. Swifts and Falcons have been rewriting a beautiful narrative based on 'The Fox and the Mouse' and Owls re-wrote the fairy tale: Jack and the Beanstalk. You can find out what the children have been up to in their classrooms later on in the newsletter under 'Class News'.



Our non-uniform day to raise funds for St Peter's church after the awful acts of vandalism and theft, resulted in a grand total of £127. One of our Reception children went above and beyond and donated all of his pocket money! We were so impressed with Freddie's generosity towards this event. He added a further £14.06 to the cause and wrote a lovely letter too! Thank you to everyone at Upper Arley, and especially to Freddie for being so kind.

Everyone has been practising our value of **Courage** and learning about some truly inspirational bible stories including 'Daniel and the Lion's Den' and 'David and Goliath'. They have also been demonstrating their **Good Listening Skills** this term. All of our visitors to Upper Arley have been so complimentary about how well the children have been working on this and their super behaviour.

One of the other initiatives, which each class has been learning about, is having a Growth mindset, rather than a fixed mindset. We have been following Mojo and Katie's adventures as they make marvellous mistakes and do not give up when things get difficult. We have been trying hard to put this into practice with our learning. Ask your child about the incredible Power of Yet!



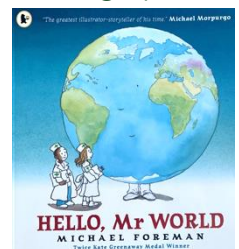
Reading, as always, continues to be a real focus. Please ensure that your child is regularly reading at home and remember to record any reading in your child's home school link book. There has been an amazing buzz about books this term and I wanted to include this fantastic comment from Will in Owls who says: **"Life's better when you read!"** I think we all agree with you Will! If you would like some more ideas about supporting your child with their reading, follow this link to the

Book Trust: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

There are some exciting events coming up after half term. We are particularly looking forward to our STEM project which will be based around Michael Morpurgo's book, 'Hello Mr World'. All of the schools across The Black Pear Trust will be working together and visiting Arley Arboretum too. Wishing you all a restful and safe half term holiday.

*Louise Low*

Mrs Louise Low  
Head of School





## HERE'S THE NEWS

### Owls

Little Owls have explored the stories 'Giraffes can't dance' and 'Handa's surprise' they have been intrigued by the African animals and the Savannah. The children created their own Savannah using the sand, water, rocks and animals. Their creativity was fantastic. They have created a car and pulled each other around in this and taken turns. They measured how quickly it went and negotiated the car around the corners.

Year 1 and Year 2 have explored the story 'Wangari's trees of Peace'. The children were amazed that the story was non-fiction and how much she helped changed Kenya. They have created the story in the construction and small world area to help them internalise the story. Year 1 have developed their questioning skills and used question marks within their writing and Year 2 have developed their understanding of commas in a list.

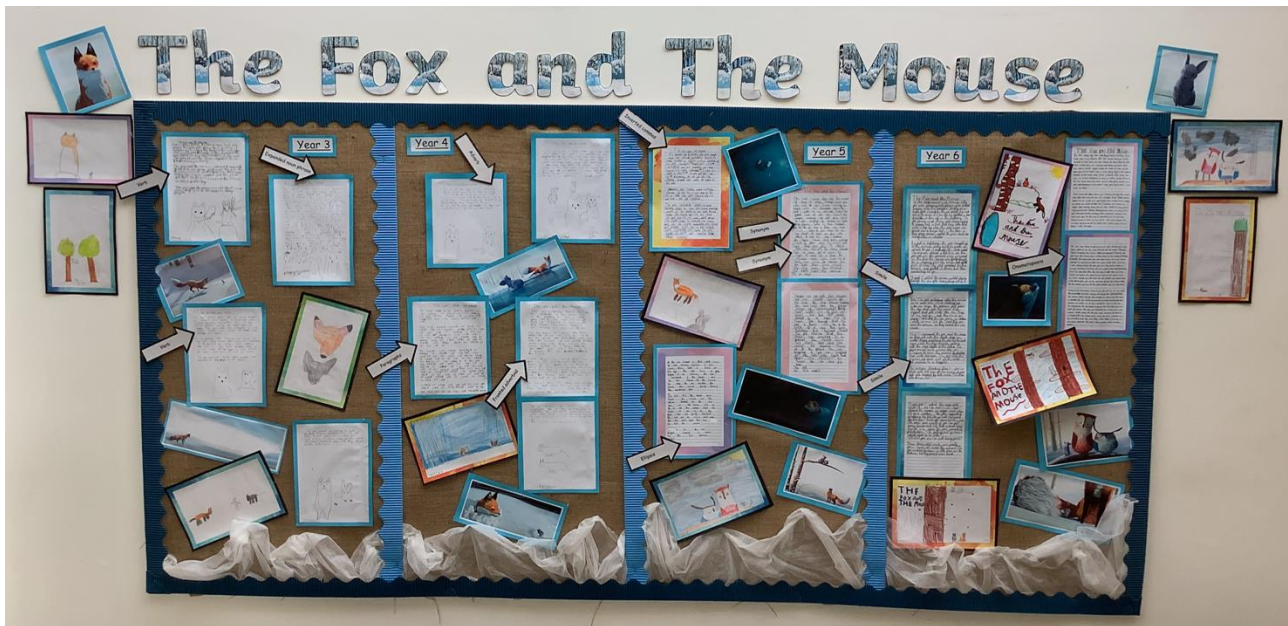


### Swifts



Swifts have been working hard this half term. We have been exploring stamping in Art, by using a range of natural materials. We have also created our own controlled observation in science, by observing the results of taking away one important element that a seed would need to thrive. In PE we have been learning and practising the skills of tag rugby, taught to us by Worcester Warriors.





## Falcons

This term, Falcons have been writing some beautiful stories about a video called The Fox and the Mouse, using our fantastic writing skills and imagination to create a story. We have been learning about volcanos and space and the children have been coming out with some amazing facts that I had never heard of! The children have been doing some fantastic dancing every Friday, and we clearly have some true dancers among us! They have been working hard and showing real resilience and perseverance. Number day was a huge success! We played lots of timetables bingo, code breaking and even a treasure hunt- we had a great day!





## Upcoming Events

**Forest School:** Owls are switching their Forest School session from Thursday afternoon back to Friday afternoon.

**Dance Club:** Dance Club has moved from Friday after school to Thursdays

**Gardening Club:** Will be starting in March – look out for the letter!

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Friends of Upper Arley C of E Primary AGM – 5.30pm

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Swifts visit to Arley Arboretum

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day

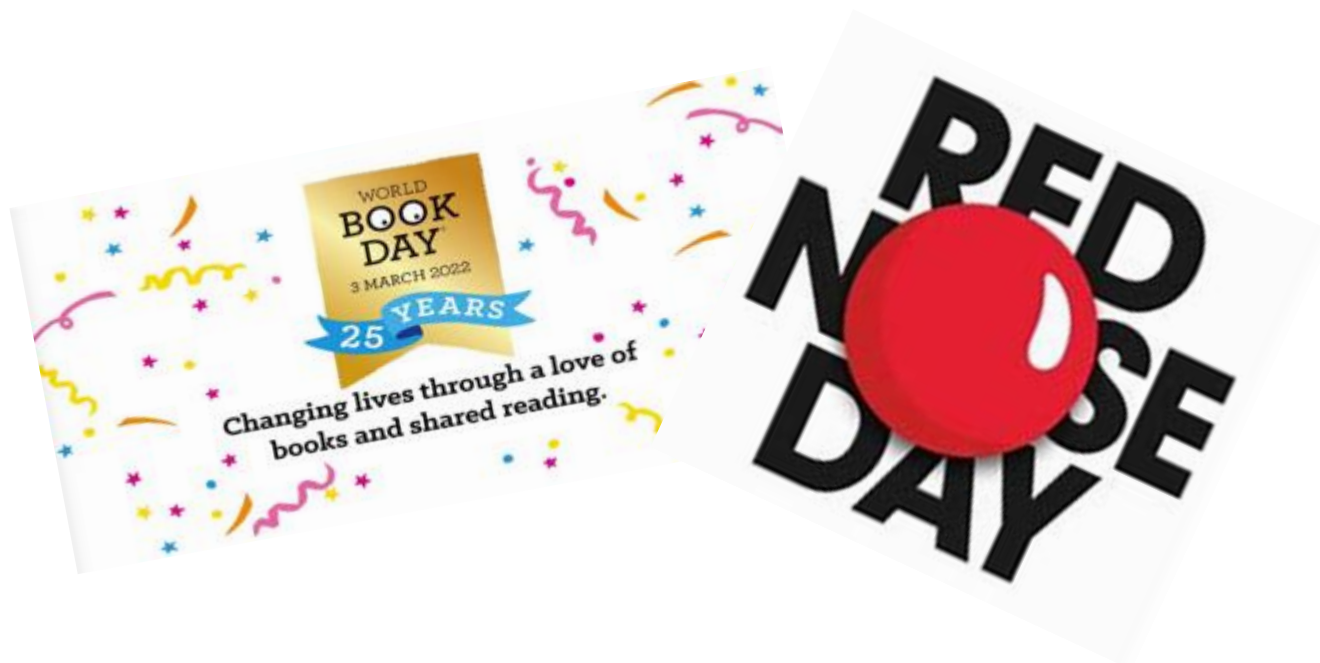
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – 3.15pm

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Bikeability

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' Evening:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Service at St Peter's Church – bring an Easter Garden

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Falcons visit to Arley Arboretum

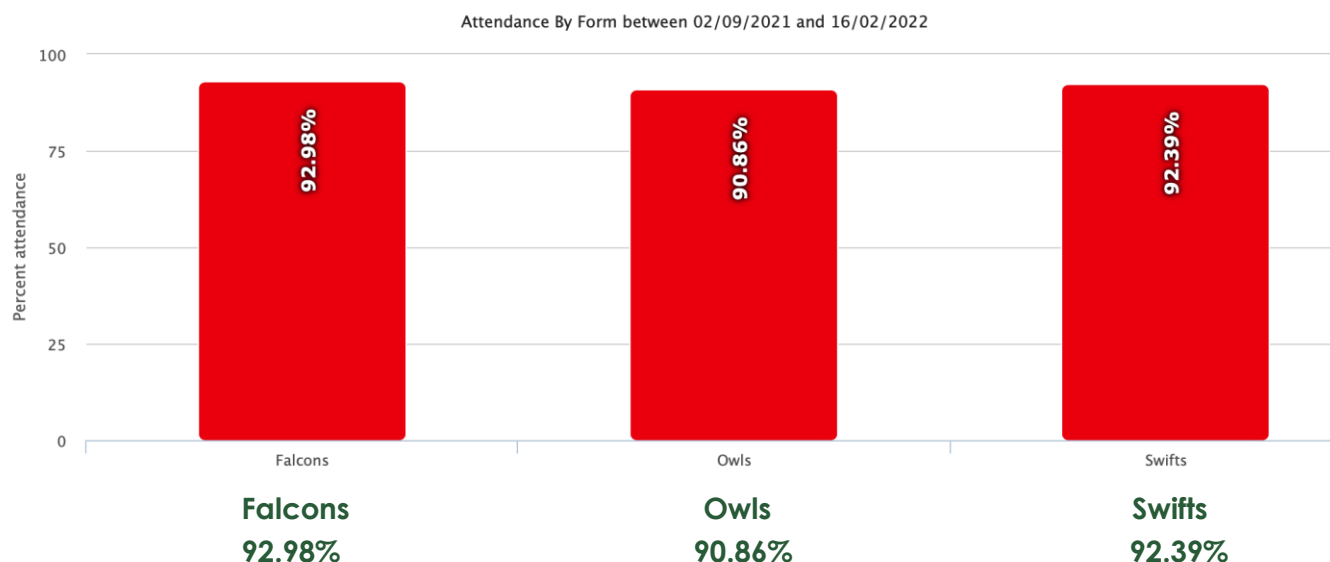


## Nursery places

We do have Nursery places available. If you know of anyone who is looking for Nursery provision for three-year-olds, why not tell them about our beautiful setting? Contact the office to organise a look around.



## Attendance for the School Year



**The target this year is to ensure all children have at least 96% attendance.  
Attendance for the academic year so far is 91.93%**

Thank you to all Parents and Carers for ensuring that their child/ren attend school and are punctual for the start of the school day. **Good attendance has a positive impact on your child's well-being and educational outcomes.** We do know that from time-to-time children are too poorly to come to school. If this is the case, please **ring the school office by 9.15am** on 01299 861260 or email, if you prefer to [office@upperarleycofeschool.org](mailto:office@upperarleycofeschool.org). It is important that you inform school if your child is unwell.

If your child has a medical appointment, please bring in the relevant letters to the office and if possible, try and arrange for these to be outside of the school day.

## Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you feel a child is at risk of immediate harm and needs immediate protection phone the police and the Family Front Door on **01905 822666**.





# COMPETITION TIME

## Foodie Friday!

### March Foodie Friday!

For Foodie Friday this month, we would like to challenge you to design your own spring dish! Think about the fresh ingredients that are available at this time of year and how you could use them to create a meal. Once you have created your meal, take some photos to share with us. You could even share the recipe for others to give it a go! The School Council will judge all entries and the winner will be announced in the next newsletter's Foodie Friday bulletin. Have fun cooking, we look forward to hearing all about your new spring creations!

Send entries to: [office@upperarleycofeschool.org](mailto:office@upperarleycofeschool.org)

Closing date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### Eat Them to Defeat Them!



You may have seen this advertisement running. They are just about to lead another campaign - it's a great way to get children to eat vegetables – see more by following this link: <https://vegpower.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6e818cff95157de1edd425f3e&id=0bc511154e&e=00cb27b128>

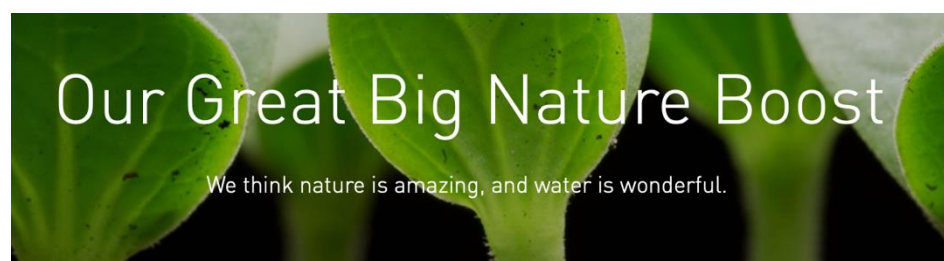


## Archery

Please be aware that Archery Club is running on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 4.30pm and on Saturday afternoons. If you see the red flag flying on the Cricket field, the Archery sessions are in progress.

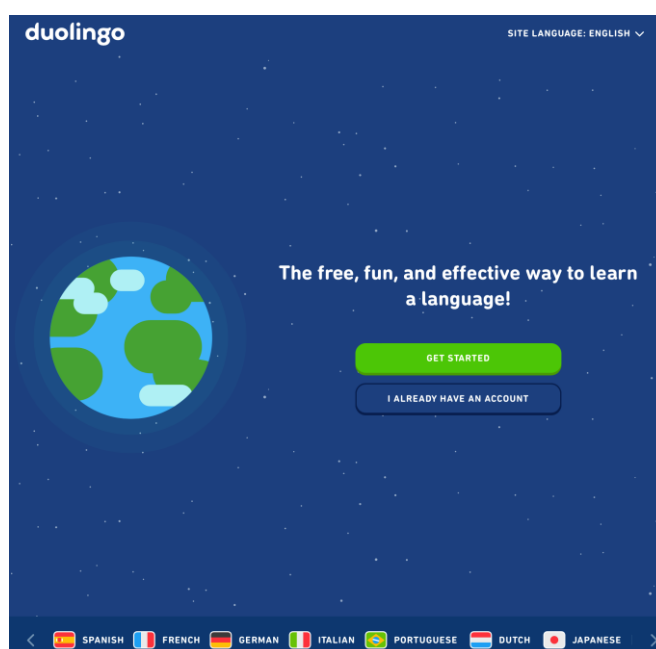


## Get Involved in Severn Trent's Great Big Nature Boost!



[https://www.stwater.co.uk/wonderful-on-tap/great-big-nature-boost/?cmpid=WEB:gbnb:spring\\_events:e40154#how-you-can-get-involved](https://www.stwater.co.uk/wonderful-on-tap/great-big-nature-boost/?cmpid=WEB:gbnb:spring_events:e40154#how-you-can-get-involved)

## Do you want to learn a language?



**Duolingo has been highly recommended and is free! Why not try it?**



Libraries and Learning Service

# Bears are loose in the library!

This February half term the library needs your help!  
Bears have taken over and they will not leave until  
you complete their challenge!

**Step 1: Finish  
our Treasure Hunt!**

**Step 2: Borrow 3 books  
from the library!**

**Step 3: Give your contact  
details to a member of staff  
to enter a rawr-some  
competition!**



Find out more online:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

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## TERM DATES

### SPRING TERM 2022

**TERM begins:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Staff INSET:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Half term:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Term ends:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Staff inset:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2022

**Term begins:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Staff INSET:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Other Dates:	Good Friday	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
	Easter	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
	May Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
	Whitsun Bank Holiday	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022
	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022

**Teacher Training Dates:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022