



Oldbury Observer Spring Term Edition 7

****We have had continued technical difficulties with the Observer this week with some photos and even some sections of text disappearing (and sometimes returning). We are working hard, alongside our Trust tech support team, to find a solution to this issue. In the meantime, we apologise for any lost content.**

Mr Irving's Comment

As the second half of the year begins, our children can really accelerate through their learning now and, if the work that many children brought to show me this week is anything to go by, this should be a busy and successful lead into the summer. Our best work is always made possible through your support – thank you for helping your children with home reading and accessing Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars.

Very many thanks to Mr Lynn (one of our parents) of XTX Limited (www.cleanworcester.co.uk) who volunteered hours of effort and expertise to give our pupil entrance a deep clean during half term. Along with this facelift, the shared area outside our Reception classrooms received a makeover with new coat pegs, newly painted walls and the floor has been sanded and resealed – thank you Mr Davies, it looks great.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for our upcoming Parents' Evenings – please use the main entrance and attend your appointments in either the KS1 or KS2 hall. Help us to keep on time by arriving promptly for your allotted time. Have a lovely weekend.

The Week Ahead

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day! Children will be invited to dress up as a book character for the day or make a potato book character! (see section below)

Tuesday 3rd March- Year 2 to St Johns Library

School Dates

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Thursday 12th March - Year 4 History Trip (Please see letter)

Wednesday 18th March - 5pm in main hall - Year 6 SATs information briefing (30 mins)

Friday 20th March - Comic relief: non-uniform day for a small donation

Monday 23rd March - 2.45-3.10pm Spring Parade for KS1. Letter and details to follow next week.

Tuesday 21st April- Year 2 to The Commandery (TBC)

Term Dates

Academic Year 2025 to 2026

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Holiday	School closes on	School re-opens on
Autumn Term	Not Applicable	Monday 1 September 2025
Autumn mid-term	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Spring mid-term	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026
Easter	Friday 27 March 2026	Monday 13 April 2026
Summer mid-term	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
End of summer term	Monday 20 July 2026	Not Applicable

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In order to support

Reception

On Monday afternoon, we were excited to find an egg in our classrooms! We looked at it carefully and made predictions about what we thought might be inside.

“I think it is a dinosaur egg. The daddy dinosaur left it here” – Charlie W

“From a dinosaur” – Oliver

“It could be an Easter egg” – Jake

“Maybe it’s a duck egg” – Xander

We decided that we needed to take care of the egg, so made some nests for it to keep warm and safe.

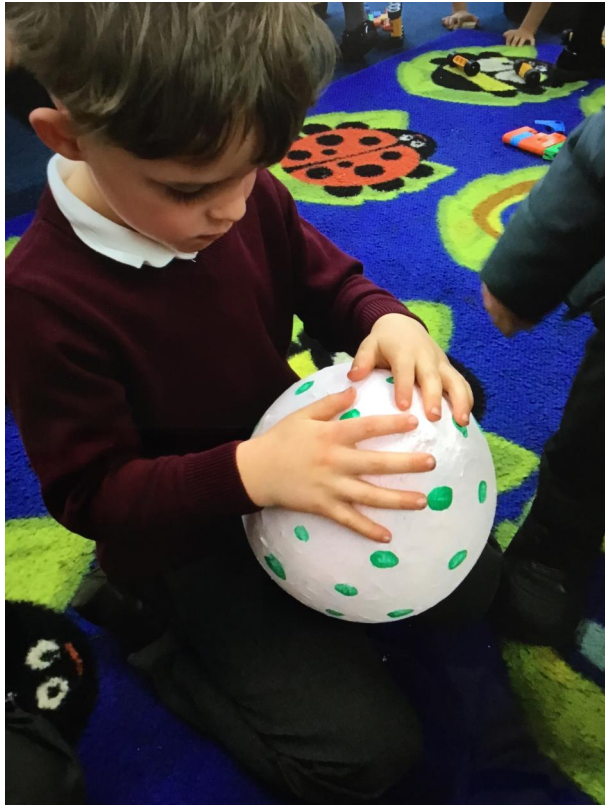
“It’s going to hatch” - Billy

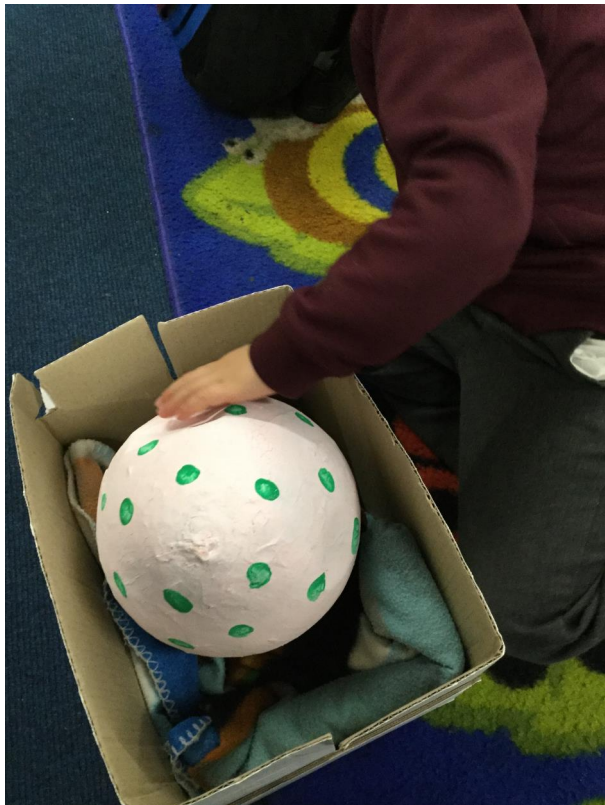
“It can’t be too warm, or it might not hatch” – Zannah

“I can see some cracks in the egg” - Harper

On Wednesday, we found a copy of a book called ‘The Odd Egg’ and thought that it looked very similar to our egg. We read the story and were so surprised to find out that it was a crocodile egg! We are keeping a very close eye on our egg now...









This half term, Reception PE will be taking place on a **Friday** afternoon. If they have not done so already, please can all children bring their PE kits into school. Thank you.

Here are a few junk model vehicles from Monarch's workshop last half term – apologies for the delay in sharing them!







Year 1

In our music , we have been learning about pitch. We have learnt to recognise high and low sounds, and have used our 'pitch hands' to show the pitch of notes as we sing. The children enjoyed finding the low and high notes on glockenspiels.

Year 2

Year 2 are learning division by sharing. We practise splitting objects into equal groups and writing simple division sentences (for example $12 \div 3 = 4$). Children will use counters and everyday examples so they can see how fair sharing helps us solve problems.. You can help at home by asking your child to share snacks or cutlery into equal groups and explain the number sentence they'd write.

Year 3

Maths

In Maths, we have continued developing our calculation skills and practising our **Key Instant Recall Facts (4x table)**. The children have been working hard to build fluency and confidence.

We have been learning to:

- Find **non-unit fractions of amounts**
- Count in fractions on a number line
- Add and subtract fractions (including fractions less than one whole, equal to one whole, and greater than one whole)

English

In English skills lessons, we have been focusing on sentence structure and improving the quality of our writing.

This week we have:

- Recapped subjects and verbs using sentence-building cards
- Expanded noun phrases to add more detail
- Expanded verbs using prepositional phrases
- Learned how to use fronted adverbials
- Practised using conjunctions

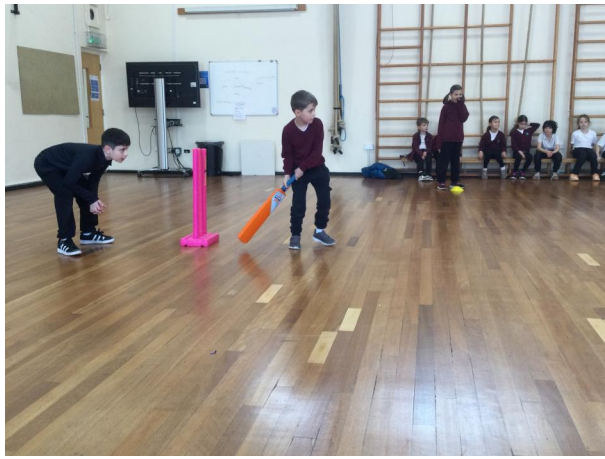
A Major Highlight – Cricket Festival at the University!

The highlight of our week was undoubtedly our trip to the university for the Cricket Festival!

The children took part in a range of activities focused on developing their batting, bowling and fielding skills. They showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day.

It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they played games and practised new techniques.

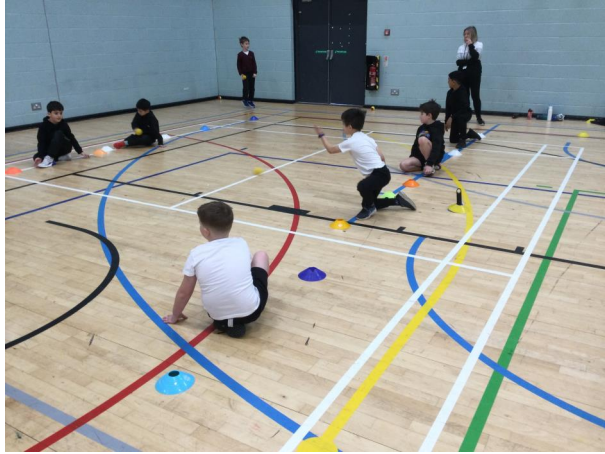




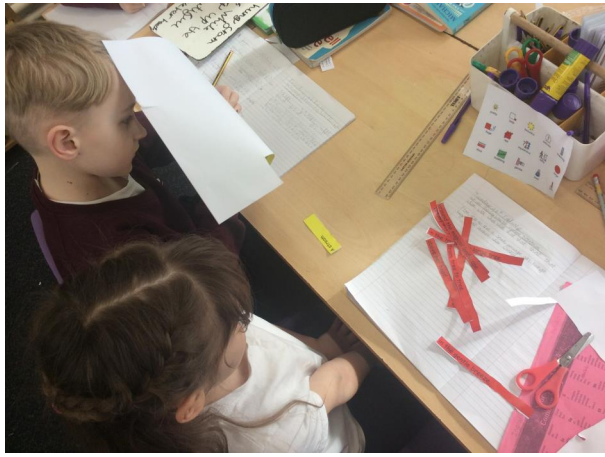
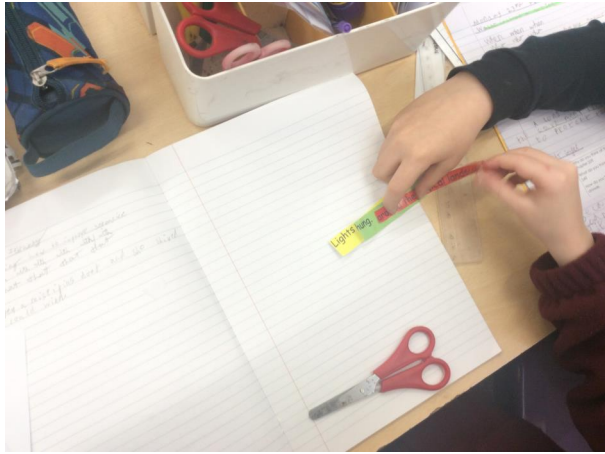
























Year 4

Science

This week you may have heard about our Science lesson as we got a little bit messy recreating the digestive system!

As you know, we started our learning in the Spring term about Teeth and the Digestive system. Since then, we have learnt about the different types of teeth that have different jobs, about animals and skulls and what they tell us about their diet and finally how the digestive system works by absorbing nutrients and breaking down our food with stomach acids.

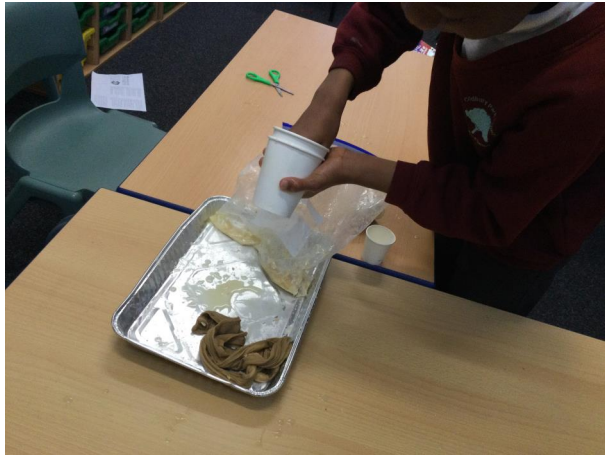
Below you can see how we recreated this process with crackers, a banana, water, orange juice and a pair of tights! We 'chewed' our food in the plastic bag and past it through a pair of tights, which acted as our intestine. The 'nutrients' could be squeezed out into our 'bloodstream' while the rest was left as 'poo' – something our bodies had no more need for.

PE

Reminder that the next 3 Monday's PE will be held at the university. Please make sure your child has a water bottle for this and a coat as we will be walking.









Year 5

Year 6

Year 6 pupils returned with enthusiasm after the half-term break, making excellent progress across the curriculum. In Maths, we completed our unit on perimeter, area, and volume, challenging the children with complex reasoning problems. English lessons saw the creation of first drafts of Maia's diary from "Journey to the River Sea," showcasing impressive

descriptive writing. In Science, we began our exploration of evolution and fossils, identifying different types and their significance. Finally, our Geography studies of the Amazon rainforest continued, with a focus on deforestation, leading to balanced arguments considering both its benefits and drawbacks on a global scale.

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