



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*'Belonging, Being, Becoming'*

*Welcome to a new academic year at our school!*

*What a start to the first week back! It has been absolutely wonderful seeing our children back in school this week and showing a determined attitude to their learning. As always, the holidays are over so the sun is gloriously shining but that makes our first week back easier and happier. Thankyou for sending the children in with hats and water bottles as this is very much needed!*

*We have lots of exciting plans for this term, which is a long one! I will send the dates for your diary out at the beginning of next week so you can plan ahead.*

*Our behaviour focus this week has been UNIFORM and we have been very proud of how smart our children look. Our focus next week will be uniform and moving around the school.*

*Thankyou for your support and please share any concerns you have with us.*

*Mrs Tomlinson*

*Headteacher*



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## Swimming Success

The arrival of the pop-up swimming pool for PE lessons has started the school year off on a high! Children from Years 3 to 6 have used the pool and it has been a huge success for their swimming lessons. Our children have demonstrated great water confidence and a determination to learn to swim a range of strokes. The children have loved the pool (particularly in the hot weather) and it has brought plenty of smiles around school. 😊 We have featured in the Shropshire Star and BBC Radio Shropshire are coming on Monday to do a live interview! Look out for these... This is a fantastic opportunity for our children funded from our Sports Funding Grant that we get from the DfE each year. More pictures to follow.....



God Bless  
the Queen  
Rest in Peace



### UNIFORM expectations

Please remember:

- Plain black shoes or trainers to school
- Only one pair of stud earrings (no hoops)
- Blue t-shirts for school
- Grey hoodies are only for PE and not everyday school
- Watches can be worn but no SMART technology.





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### What a wonderful space!

Over the Summer holidays, our Den nurture provision has had a fantastic makeover led by the vision of our new Den staff, Miss Phillips and Mrs Jones-Davenport.

It is an area for learning that has a feeling of the classroom as well as the home. A more relaxed space, where children can engage in high quality activities designed to support, foster and grow social and emotional wellbeing.

We look forward to seeing the Den prosper and grow.



## SAF Attendance

Our attendance target is: **96.5%**

This week's attendance was: **95.56%**

Next week we will start our schoolopoly awards!!

Our attendance was amazing last year and we were above National at 96.4% and was the 3<sup>rd</sup> best in Telford and Wrekin!!

Well done everyone 😊

If your child is poorly and needs to miss school then please contact us first thing in the morning to let us know. We will make home visits and phone calls to check on children as per our attendance policy (on website).



# Outdoor Learning

This week, in Outdoor Learning, the children have been very busy making observations about the changes to our gardens over the summer and harvesting fruit and seeds.

It was so lovely to be able to get back into the Allotment and the Hazels. We noticed the changes to the plants- with lots of fruits and seeds waiting to be collected. We gathered lots of tomatoes and cucumbers for the school kitchen, as well as having a taste of our Blackberries. Yummy 😊.

We noticed lots of the flowers had produced seed heads and were able to collect sunflower, poppy and (with the most amazing name) Love-in-a-Mist flowers. We made our own paper envelopes to put our seeds in. It was fascinating seeing how many seeds came out of each seed head. The poppies were incredible- hundreds of seeds, as small as grains of sand- in each seed head. We kept some for school, and some of the children took some home. We will keep them in a cool, dark and dry place ready to sow them next year for another display of beautiful colours.

Well done, everyone.

We have big plans to continue our Outdoor Learning provision with volunteering roles in our local community and developing the EYFS Forest School Area! It is an amazing resource for our children's physical and mental health.



Our wonderful 'RHS School gardening Award of the year 2023'

The best garden out there!! 😊