

## **School closed Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Following the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Monday has been declared a bank holiday to enable us all to be a part of this momentous occasion, with a day of mourning for her funeral. We give thanks for her dedication to her country and our thoughts are with her family at this time.



### **Message from the Headteacher**

# ATTENDANCE



**Every day COUNTS!**  
School success starts with attendance

Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

## Attendance

### How can I help my child?

- ✓ Only keep your child at home if they are really too sick for school.
- ✓ Always phone the school if your child is going to be absent. You must ring school for EVERY day of absence.
- ✓ Let school know of any medical appointments and keep children away from school for as short a time as possible. Where possible, make appointments outside of school hours.
- ✓ Please DO NOT take your child out of school for holidays or family visits. They will not be authorised and you could receive a fine.
- ✓ Be organised to arrive on time. Set routines that the children can help with.
- ✓ If you need any help regarding attendance or punctuality, please ask.

## Punctuality

Lateness	Days Lost
5 minutes late everyday	3 days lost!
10 minutes late everyday	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late everyday	10 days lost!
20 minutes late everyday	13 days lost!
30 minutes late everyday	19 days lost!

**Overall attendance so far this year: 94.47%**

**The national target for attendance is 96%**

**Best attendance: EY/KS1 is Reception with 95.34%**  
**KS2 is Year 4 with 98.61%**

**Late arrivals and unauthorised absences: 20 (totalling 12 hours and 55 minutes) which equates to 2.15 school days**

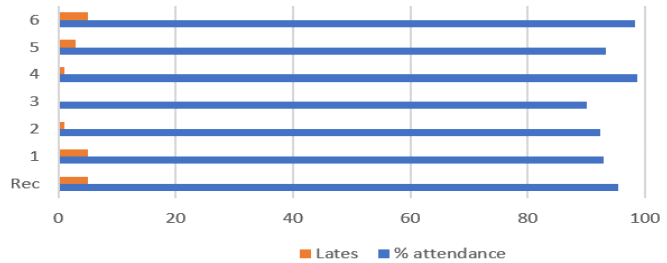
Please remember that if your child is late, this impacts on both their learning time and that of their classmates.

Please do your best to arrive on time. Doors are open from 8.45am and the gate closes at 9.00am.

Could you please ensure you let the office know before 09:10 if your child is going to be absent from school with an illness, or if they have a medical appointment.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Percentage attendance and lates  
6th September 2022 to 15th September 2022



# NURSERY



## Welcome back Nursery!

It has been an absolute pleasure having the children back in Nursery. They have settled straight back in and have been busy exploring what the classroom has to offer. They have shown particular interest in the dinosaurs and trains this week. They have been playing beautifully together and have been Collaborative Cleo's by working as a team to do some exceptional tidying. We also took our first trip down to Forest School where the children enjoyed digging, playing on the swing, learning all about the rules of the base camp and nibbling on yummy biscuits.





# RECEPTION

What a wonderful first week we have had in Reception. We have been busy getting to know all of our new friends and catching up with our old ones from Nursery. We have had so much fun playing in our new classroom and exploring all the different activities. Reception have loved the home and creative corners. We look forward to a fantastic first year of school! Forest school and PE will be on a Tuesday for Reception.



# YEAR 1

What a start to Year 1 we have had! The children have settled back in really well and are enjoying exploring their new classroom. They have come back into school with really positive learning attitudes and are keen to learn. We have been reading the story 'Giraffes can't dance' and practising retelling part of the story with actions in talk for writing, discovering our senses in science, dancing in PE, adding 1 more in Maths and so much more! We are really excited to continue our learning journey in Year 1!

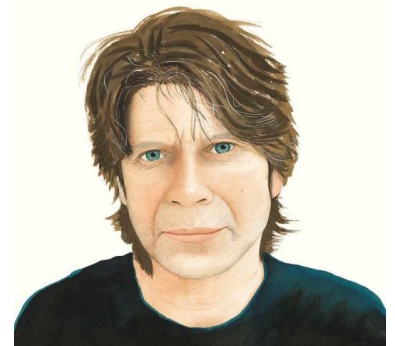
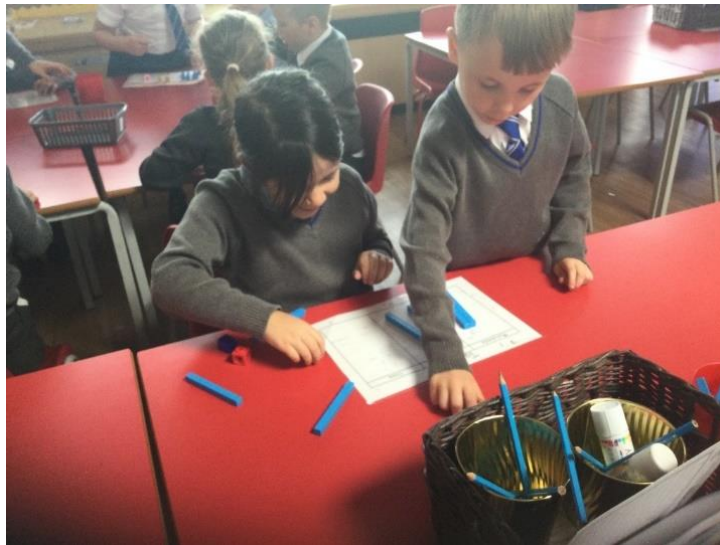
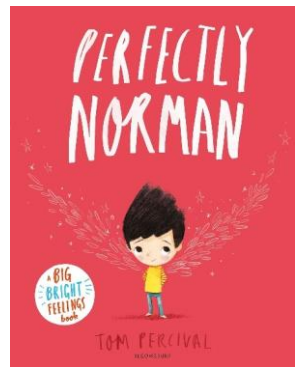


## YEAR 2

This week we have been great mathematicians and using our knowledge of place value to partition two-digit numbers, using part, part wholes, tens and ones charts and numicon.

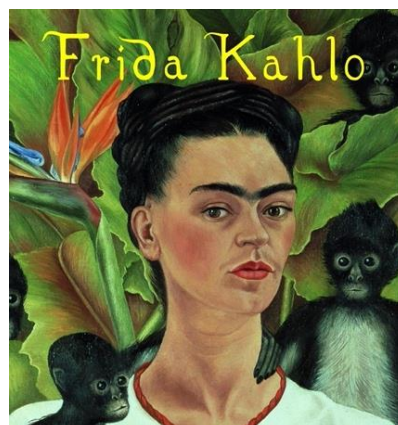
As writers this week we have been exploring the book *Perfectly Norman* by Tom Percival and using a range of adjectives to describe the character. We have also started using a range of coordinated conjunctions, i.e. 'and', 'but', and 'or' in our writing.

In Art, we have been looking at our artist Anthony Browne's artwork and how he uses lines, patterns and colour in his illustrations. We experimented using a range of lines and explored how the lightness and darkness is impacted by the pressure we put on our pencils. We also looked at the characters he draws and discussed the similarities and differences between them.



## YEAR 3

It has been a fantastic start to the term in year 3. We have enjoyed reading stories by Tom Percival, writing based on our story 'Perfectly Norman' and understanding the place value of numbers up to 1000. We have also loved exploring the work of Frida Kahlo in art and we look forward to creating our own self-portraits.



We have also begun 'forest school' again this term; building dens, making fires and spotting frogs! In the upcoming weeks we have lots to look forward too including ukulele lessons and beginning our history topic on the 'stone age'.



## YEAR 4

In Year 4 we have had a great time enjoying being back with our friends and meeting our new class teachers, Mrs Boyden and Mr Prigg. We have all settled back into school well and are rising to the challenges of working in Year 4.

In Maths we have been looking at the topic of place value and using our knowledge of place value to represent and compare numbers greater than 1000.

We enjoy our 'Drop Everything and Read' times and have been enjoying using this time to read more from our reading text of 'Diary of a Killer Cat' By Anne Fine. During this time we have been sharing stories written and illustrated by Emily Gravett, who is our focus artist in our Art lessons this term. Our text linked to our writing topic is 'Perfectly Norman' by Tom Percival - we have been imagining what it is like to feel different to others and to use our writing skills to write a diary entry based on the events in the story (borrowing some ideas for writing style from Tuffy's diary (Diary of a Killer Cat'))

We have been on our first swimming lesson with everyone displaying improved confidence from when we went last attended as a class in Year 3.

We have had fun in singing assembly and joining in a danced based music lesson, but also taken time to reflect and consider the life of Queen Elizabeth II and to think about King Charles III and his feelings as he begins his reign.

We are looking forward to a food technology focus soon where we will get to make food in the classroom.

We will also be choosing our class ambassadors with roles and responsibilities both within Year 4 and the wider school.

A busy few weeks but we are up for the challenges it presents.



## YEAR 5

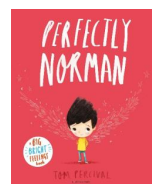
Year 5 have settled in well and are getting into a positive routine.

We have begun timing our mile runs and are already starting to beat our own times! We enjoyed our first forest school session this week, exploring the area and making fires. We finished by eating smores, which were delicious! We have discussed our British values and how we demonstrate these values within school, feel free to ask us what they are!



During our reading lessons, we have been enjoying the book, Anglo Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman and after a class vote, at the end of the day, we **Drop Everything And Read** The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas by David Almond.

In our writing lessons, we are going to be rewriting the story of Perfectly Norman by Tom Percival but from the perspective of the parents. We are trying hard to improve our speech punctuation. We look forward to sharing our stories once they're finished!



We are very excited to be competing in our houses against each other in TTRockstars. Our first tournament hasn't finished yet but we look forward to revealing the results soon!



## YEAR 6F

What a great first two weeks back we have had! We are thoroughly enjoying Year Six especially sitting on the benches during assemblies!

Ms Ferguson and Miss Holland are really impressed with our learning attitudes, and we have hit the ground running!

As part of our DEAR time, we have been reading 'There's A Boy In The Girl's Bathroom' which is also the text we have been exploring in reading. We have been learning more and more about the complicated of Bradley and his relationships with those around him.

In Writing, we have been looking at the whole school text, 'Perfectly Norman' all about being ourselves, open and honest. We have been reactivating all our writing skills from last year and practising our handwriting.

In science, we are learning all about the circulatory system and how the heart works. We pretended to be blood cells being pumped around the heart then made a mini version of the heart to explore how valves work – our bodies are amazing!

## YEAR 6C

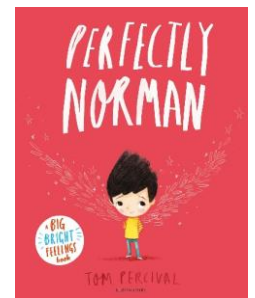
We began the year by looking at the book 'Perfectly Norman' where we have identified that there is no such thing as 'perfectly normal'. We have thoroughly enjoyed diving deeper into the book and creating different writing pieces from the story.

As mathematicians, we have been looking at reading, writing, and comparing numbers to 10million.

As scientists, we have been exploring how the circulatory system works and the key parts of the heart. We created our own model of a chamber of the heart and identified how the blood cells travel through the heart.



We are looking forward to tackling new learning in maths and using our Thinking Theo powers to problem solve.



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - AUTUMN TERM

AUTUMN 2022	CLUB	COST FOR 8 WEEKS	CLUB LEADERS	ELIGIBLE YEAR GROUPS	LIMIT
Monday	Mindfulness	FREE	Mr Prigg & Miss Smith	Y1 to Y6	20
Monday	STEM	£8	Mrs Lees	Y5 & Y6	15
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts	£8	Mr Cox & Miss Hemming	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	30
Tuesday	Sign Language	£2.50	Miss Jones & Mrs Boyden	Y1 to Y6	30
Thursday	Stay and Play	FREE	Miss Jones & Miss Cole	Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2	30
Thursday	Choir	FREE	Miss East, Mrs Hawkes & Miss Newton-Smith	Y2 to Y6	30

Letters have been sent home today. **Please return these asap as places are reserved on a first come, first served basis.** Places cannot be reserved without payment. Clubs that have a charge are available to book on sQuid.

## Worcestershire Libraries



### Space Day

**Saturday 8th October – 10:30am – 4:00pm, The Hive, Worcester**

Join us for Space Day at The Hive with free talks, storytelling, activities and displays for anyone interested in space including a **FREE planetarium experience!** Organised by the British Interplanetary Society, this drop in event will include experts and authors who will be sharing their stories and knowledge on the sun, stars, our solar system and how astronauts live in space. Suitable for both adults and children, there will be an opportunity to try out super powerful telescopes, listen to talks, take part in children's activities in the library and visit more than thirty displays!

#### **FREE Planetarium Experience**

Fly through the universe and learn what it's like to become an astronomer in this multi award-winning 360° Digital planetarium from Immersive Experiences. Places are FREE of charge but strictly limited.

Activities will also include:

- Space career tours
- FREE talks
- Children's activities
- Space craft models
- Interactive games
- Author stands
- Rocket engines and motors
- Quizzes

Join us - it's going to be out of this world! To book your place or for more information, please visit:  
[www.thehiveorchester.org/space\\_day/space\\_day.html](http://www.thehiveorchester.org/space_day/space_day.html)



**Tudor Grange Academy Worcester**  
**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

Pre-bookable slots available at  
5pm, 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 7pm

[Click here to reserve your place](#)

Applicants for a school place must register for  
[Fair Banding](#)  
via the admissions tab on [www.worcs.tgacademy.org.uk](http://www.worcs.tgacademy.org.uk)



**Tudor Grange Academy Worcester** is a mixed 11-18 comprehensive school and sixth form. Within our positive and caring learning environment, TGAW provides a safe and happy setting which allows every child to fulfil their potential and make a valuable contribution to both the Academy and wider community.

Our **TUDOR** values of **Tolerance, Unity, Democracy, Opportunity and Respect** run through all aspects of academy life and are a formative tool in character development.

The “*norm*” for students in our school is a love of learning, working hard and respecting others. Our focus on **proactivity** encourages students to own and maximize their learning opportunities.

We strive to provide a world class education which supports the unlimited potential of each and every student, no matter their starting point. Whilst our exam results are strong and this is important, the Academy offers a broad curriculum that develops the whole child. Our exciting SAS curriculum, The Duke of Edinburgh Award, Young Enterprise, the Combined Cadet Force, STEM club, as well as many period 6 (after-school) opportunities in the Arts and Sport widen interests and broaden horizons, opening doors to whole new worlds.

**“Big, impressive, full of knowledge. These are all words to describe Tudor Grange Academy but one word stands out: Friendly!”**

TGAW student voice

**N.B.** Visits during the school day are by appointment only and are arranged dependent on need.  
Please contact the school office if you require this option on 01905 454627





# Endeavour together at Bishop Perowne

Come along  
to our  
**Open Day**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Morning: 9am - 12noon

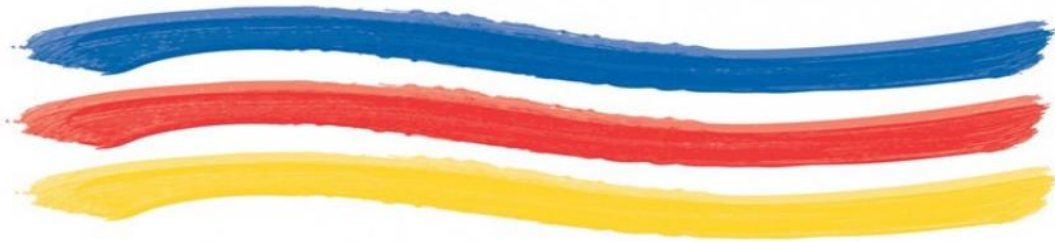
Evening: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Merriman's Hill Road, Worcester, WR3 8LE

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# Triple P

Positive Parenting Program

## One OFF Digital Sessions

Do you have a child or children aged 2years—10years old?


Do you want to manage or prevent some of the challenging behaviours that do and can occur?

Then come along and join one or more of our one-off discussion groups. Meet other parents in similar situations and get some advice, hints, tips and strategies to help make parenting children easier and less challenging

Each session is 2 hours long and is delivered digitally via Microsoft TEAMS

### Autumn/ Winter One-Off Online Sessions

Friday 23rd September	10:00am - 12:00pm	Developing Good Bedtime Routines
Tuesday 4th October	5:30pm -7:30pm	Managing Fighting & Aggression
Monday 17th October	9:30am - 11:00am	Hassle Free Mealtimes with Children
Thursday 3rd November	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Hassle Free Shopping with Children
Friday 18th November	10:00am - 12:00pm	Dealing with Disobedience
Thursday 1st December	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Developing Good Bedtime Routines

To book a place keep a look out on our  trybooking site or our 

Just scan this QR code to book!

[www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership)



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