

# Warwick Prep

## Life

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# Welcome from the Head

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Autumn Term edition of Warwick Prep Life. I know we all rejoiced when term commenced and everything felt a little more 'normal.' The pages before you capture another wonderful term at Warwick Prep, demonstrating the creativity of both our children and their teachers as learning has been brought to life in myriad ways.

Particular highlights have included our curriculum days, focusing on life in Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece and during the time of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. Year 6 brought us right up to date with their studies of our universe and small rock samples from the moon have been making their way around school! As the world watched COP26 with hope and expectation, pupils from Year 6 made the live final of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge, a global competition testing their knowledge of how we best look after our planet.

Away from the classroom, we were delighted to welcome parents to several informal concerts and to our simply magnificent Winter Concert. We also congratulated our U11 hockey team as they reached the IAPS National Finals and our gymnasts travelled to London to compete nationally.

We have been thrilled to welcome our community back into school and a celebratory weekend at the end of September reminded us of how important each and every one of us is to our school: a weekend of real joy! November saw the visit of HRH The Princess Royal to officially mark the completion of

'Project One Campus' and we finish the term with our customary Christmas celebrations. As always, the staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the richness of experience for our children and I am indebted to them for all they have done.

All that remains is to thank you for your tremendous support of Warwick Prep this term. As the corridors and halls echo, once more, with the sound of carols, I wish you all a peaceful Christmas, and a happy and healthy 2022.

Mrs Hellen Dodsworth



# Welcome from the Principal

As I write this message, the Landor Association Carol Service has just concluded. Current pupils, staff, parents, alumni and friends, all gathered to mark the start of the preparations for Christmas. It was a wonderful example of the community gathering together, to share an important moment in our collective lives.

Finding opportunities to bring together and strengthening our community have been key ambitions for us this term. Amongst the myriad events since September, our 'Welcome Back Weekend' stands out, thanks to the support by so many current and former families.

The visit of HRH The Princess Royal brought focus to the journey the Foundation has been on over recent years, with the formal opening of 'Project One Campus'. It has been wonderful to see pupils across the schools collaborating this term.

In the wider community, Warwick - A Singing Town, a partnership initiative between the Foundation and King Henry VIII Endowed Trust, is already having tremendous impact, with over 1,000 pupils in Warwick primary schools accessing the new choral programme each week. We were equally delighted to announce the Orchestra of the Swan residency, which will benefit our own pupils, local residents and school pupils. I do hope as many Foundation families as possible will join us for the Gala Concert on 20 January, which launches this unique development.

Thank you for the support you give to the schools and the Foundation, and the vibrancy that support brings to our collective endeavours.

I do hope you all have a joyful Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Mr Richard Nicholson





# Meet the Editors

This term, Year 6 girls from Mrs Murden's class were given the opportunity to be Editors for this term's edition of Warwick Prep Life. Find out what Aman, Fearne, Felicity, Georgina, Lucy and Meredith thought about their exciting roles:

*"I love being an editor because it helped me find out a little bit more about the school and members of staff, and I get to work with other editors and interview people."*

Aman

*"I have really enjoyed being an editor because I got the opportunity to interview people who work at Warwick Prep. I enjoyed collaborating with the other editors to put together the Warwick Prep Life magazine."*

Meredith

*"I have thoroughly enjoyed being an editor for the magazine because I have had the opportunity to try a new style of writing. When I visited Forest School, I found conducting an interview lots of fun."*

Lucy



*"I've loved my time as an editor because I was able to find out much more about Warwick Prep and learn new things about what goes on behind the scenes."*

Georgina

*"I liked being an editor because it has helped my writing and has showed me how much work goes into newspaper articles."*

Fearne

*"My favourite thing about being an editor has been working with everyone and it's been amazing to interview teachers and learn about their life!"*

Felicity



NURSERY NEWS

# Hunting for Bears and Casting Spells!

The Nursery children love their stories and one of their favourites is 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. The repetition of the phrases sweeps the children into an exciting adventure. Playing with the little characters on a story mat helps them recall and retell the story, squelching through the mud and splashing through the river. The children embellished the story using their imaginations. They loved hiding the bear in his cave. ROARRR!

This term the children have enjoyed their wizard and witch role play area, dressing up and making their very own wands. They have concocted exciting potions from enchanted water. With their cauldrons filled to the brim with gems, worms, spiders and rats they stirred up a magical brew, keen to turn Mrs Smart into a frog!



NAL going on a bear hunt



Alec and Theodore casting spells



Thea, Christopher, Mahi and Harri making potions

The Nursery children were keen to find out about Diwali. They were very creative, making diya lamps and decorating Mehndi hands with super patterns. They even celebrated with some special Yoga poses.



Shimmering Diya lamps



Cassie practising yoga



## RECEPTION NEWS

# Rockets, Bonfires and Diwali

Reception children have had a busy start to the school year, settling into the routines of school life and making new friends.

Phonics is an important part of our Autumn term programme of study and we have enjoyed many activities and stories linked to our new sounds. Making 'rockets' and necklaces are always popular activities as well as listening to favourite texts such as the 'Percy the Park Keeper' series, 'The Gruffalo' and 'Triangle'.

At Forest School, children enjoyed a wide variety of activities including painting bonfires, making clay models and digging in the mud. Sitting around the fire is always very popular and the children were delighted to have the opportunity to make popcorn, which they enjoyed with a cup of hot chocolate!

This term, we have been learning about celebrations including Diwali, where classrooms were adorned with colourful Diya lamps. As Christmas approached, the children were excited to perform 'The Big Little Nativity' to their parents, their first opportunity to perform at school. They worked very hard learning their words and songs and looked fantastic in their costumes!



REK Diya lamps



Posy, Harrison and Julieta



Aidan and Freddie



Norah and Arthur



Zhima



Aari making a Diya lamp



YEAR 1 NEWS

# Our Five Senses and Old Toys

Year 1 have had a wonderful term. It has been lovely to go back to some normality and be able to work together, showing great teamwork and cooperation.

Throughout the term we have been investigating our senses and the children have really enjoyed being curious and carrying out mini experiments to test their sense of smell, touch, taste, sight and hearing. They were enthralled to learn all about Louis Braille. We have been learning to tell stories using story language and maps. It was exciting to learn all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and write their own accounts.



Archie tasting a sour lemon



Jack reading Braille



Poppy, Rory and Amaya

We enjoyed learning all about old toys and there were some amazing costumes for our toy day. 1AJ and 1JF performed wonderful assemblies which was so exciting after such a long time of no performances!

There has been some fantastic artwork where children made self-portraits in the style of famous artists. Christmas ends the term and of course, the children have been incredible telling everyone about how Christmas is celebrated all around the world.



Ted



By Maddie



By Oliver



By Annabelle

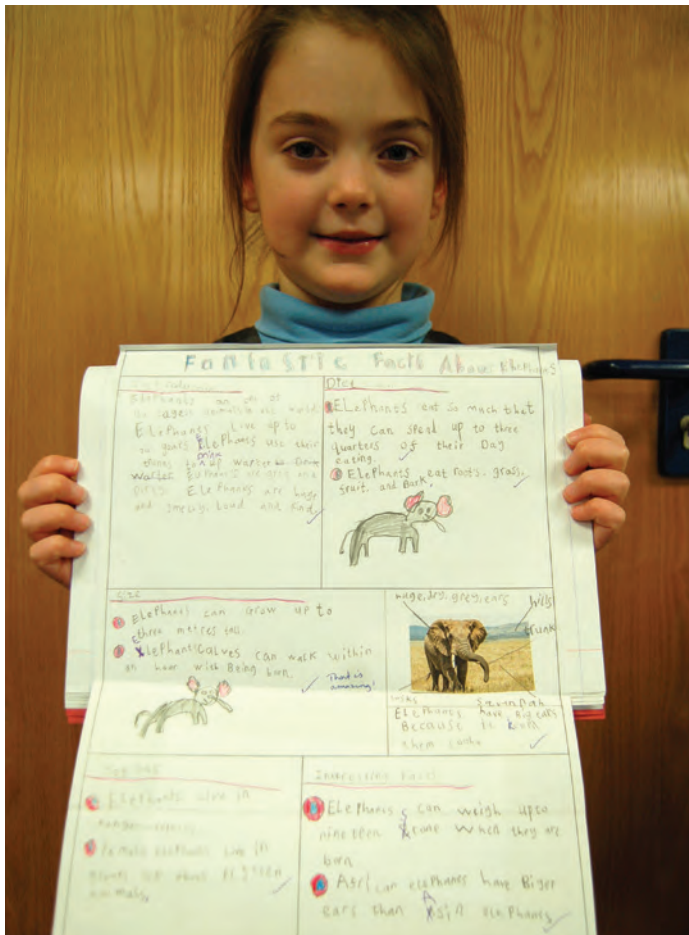


## YEAR 2 NEWS

# Hakuna Matata

The children in Year 2 have settled into their new classes; learning our different routines, responsibilities and expectations. They are all working on being more independent both in their approach to work and in looking after belongings, preparing for lessons and being organised. Keep up the good work everyone!

This term, we began by focusing on poetry using known rhymes and 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We used 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson as part of our work on 'Information Texts' and concluded this theme by producing fact files for Kenyan animals.



By India



Clara, Rory and Oscar

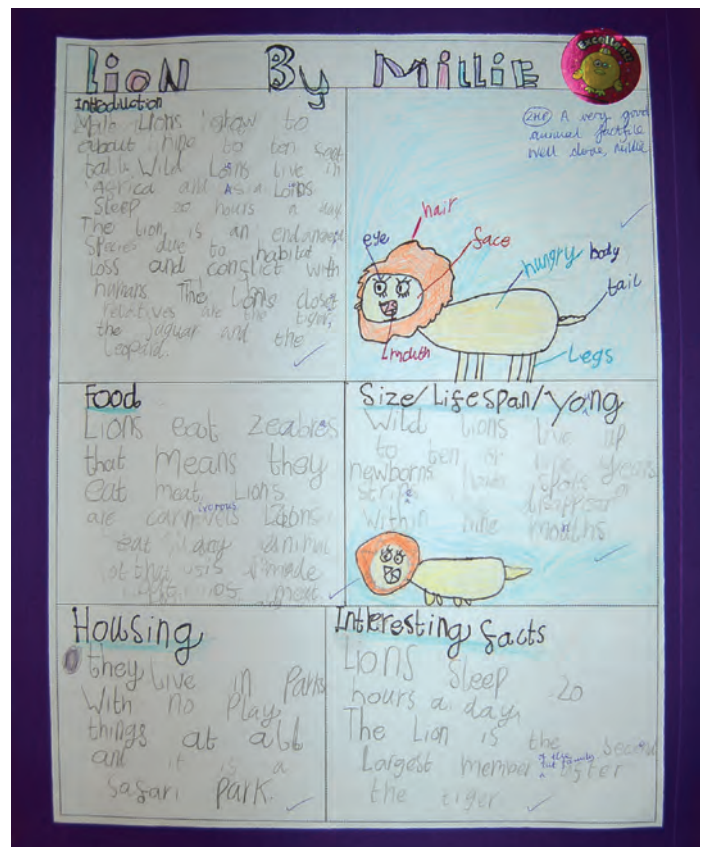


By Avery

In Maths, we have been learning many methods for answering addition and subtraction calculations. Problem solving and learning to explain our thinking have both been important skills that we have worked on too. The children completed a wide range of tasks as part of Maths Week 2021 – problem solving, writing mathematical questions for others to answer, producing tessellating shape pictures and exploring the two times table.

The children learnt all about life in Kenya in Geography studies and compared it to life in the UK. Our new History theme of, 'Flying Adventures' has involved us all finding out about the history of flight, beginning with the Montgolfier brothers' invention of the hot air balloon, then the development of the aeroplane, Bessie Coleman, Amelia Earhart and, Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon.

We are now very much looking forward to being creative and making preparations for our Christmas Service, and all the joys that the festive season brings both in school and out.



By Millie



YEAR 3 NEWS

# Walk like an Egyptian!

This has been a very productive term in Year 3! The girls returned to school with great excitement after the summer break and transitioned quickly into the Prep department.

We have linked our English work to our History topic, 'The Ancient Egyptians' and the girls wrote exciting descriptions about discovering ancient tombs and after half term wrote beautiful stories based on the picture book 'The Egyptian Cinderella'.

Egyptian Day proved to be a big hit, everyone looked amazing dressed in a wonderful variety of costumes (cats, gods, Cleopatras) and Professor McGinty came to entertain the girls with tales of his travels to Ancient Egypt. Mrs Lewis took them for a language workshop which was very inspiring!

The girls thoroughly enjoyed performing their Christingle service to their parents at the start of the Christmas celebrations. They clearly told the story of the first Christingle and spoke beautifully.

As well as working very hard across the curriculum, they found time to enjoy their many extra curriculum activities. A great term, Year 3!



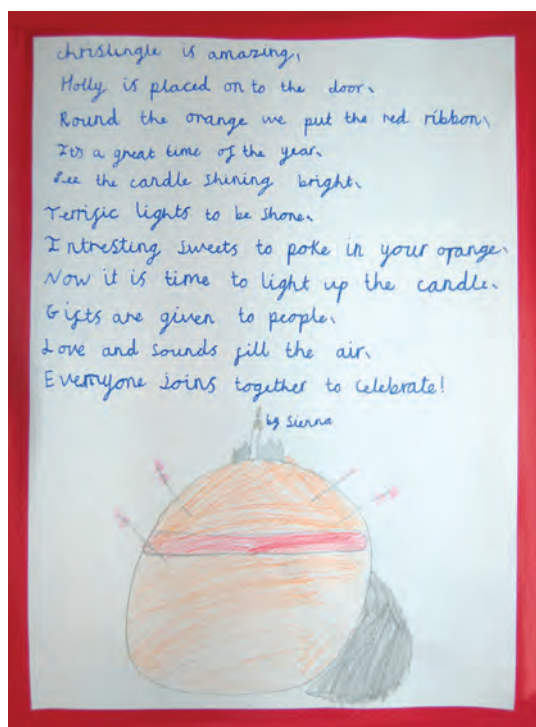
Ancient Egyptian Day



Listening to tales from Professor McGinty



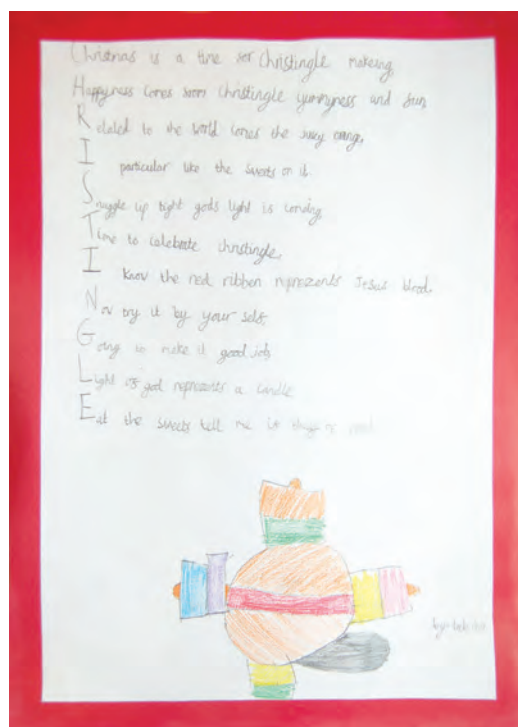
Christingle assembly



By Sienna



Elizabeth



By Tabitha



## YEAR 4 NEWS

# Skills for Life and Ancient Greece

The Year 4 girls have made an amazing start to the year. They are very much enjoying the chance to experience clubs and assemblies again. In true Warwick Prep spirit, the girls have been cheerful and hardworking.



Our Skills for Life afternoon provided them with an opportunity to develop these valuable skills, which were further honed during our collaborative work during Maths Week.

In History, they enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece; a highlight was a virtual visit to the Ashmolean museum in Oxford. The girls felt inspired when learning more about the goddesses Athena and Nike. They wrote detailed reports about Medusa the Gorgon, followed by instructions for how to slay her (should you ever find your neighbourhood at risk of being turned to stone). We rounded off our History unit with a fantastic Ancient Greek celebration day; special guests Mrs Lewis and Professor McGinty shared their expertise!

In Geography, the study of earthquakes led to an earthquake drill, with the girls swiftly and safely taking cover under their desks from falling debris! Well done, Year 4.



Skills for Life afternoon



Mahi



Eloise



Ancient Greek Day



YEAR 5 NEWS

# Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Year 5 have been extremely busy this term. The trip to St John's Museum was a fascinating start to their History topic, Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The girls explored the planning issues concerning the development of a new supermarket on an historic site. They enjoyed the immersive experience, taking part in role play including becoming archaeologists and discovering Anglo Saxon artefacts. At the end of the day, there was a concluding vote on whether the development should go ahead which stimulated much debate.

Another highlight was 'Viking Day'; the girls arrived at school in an amazing array of Viking costumes and thoroughly enjoyed a range of practical activities. They designed and created beautiful brooches inspired by Viking design. They made authentic shields complete with a boss and studs. The most memorable experience for many was dissecting a Viking coprolite (poop!) to discover the dietary intake of a typical Viking. The day ended with a live link to the Jorvik Viking Centre in York which gave the girls another insight into the Viking raids and invasion of Britain.

We were so proud of the girls' moving and poignant Remembrance Service. Each one spoke eloquently; the message of their words and singing was both powerful and emotional. Being in Warwick School Chapel, surrounded by the memorials of those Warwickians who had lost their lives serving their country, was evocative and thought provoking for all who attended.

We were wowed by the variety, creativity and individuality of the Project Fortnight models inspired by American National Parks as part of our Geography topic. The girls demonstrated a range of skills including researching, writing-up and sharing facts about their Park. There was an outstanding range of geographical features represented, demonstrating the diverse landscape of the United States.



Amarleen, Tilly, Mia and Rachel



Anna and Sophie



Erin and Maira



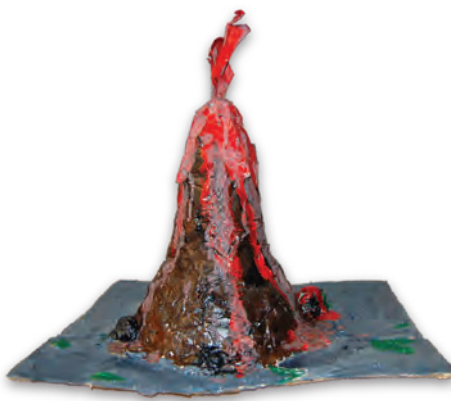
5LW on Viking Day



Eva Rose



By Amelie



By Theodora



By Grace



## YEAR 6 NEWS

# Totally intergalactic!

By Meredith and Lucy

We were delighted to start our final year at Warwick Prep, enjoying the responsibilities that go with being at the top of the school. Year 6 is an excellent time for us to develop our skills. We are learning to be more responsible in preparation for secondary school.

Just before half term, we went on our first trip of the year to Challenge Academy. We had a fabulous time completing team building challenges which gave us the opportunity to face our fears, learn communication and leadership skills, and have some fun!

In November, we visited the Bridge House Theatre for a 'Technical Theatre' talk from Mr Roberts. He taught the girls all about how lighting, sound and technical effects are possible in the theatre. The girls were fascinated and asked some great questions.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities of Maths Week. One of the highlights was the 'Join the Dots' webinar run by Vicky Neale, lecturer at the Mathematical Institute and Balliol College, University of Oxford. This was a great practical live session which focused on creating parabolic curve patterns. During 'Numberfit World Cup', we engaged in a 45-minute movement and mindfulness session. The week ended with an Escape Room, 'The Bullion Heist', where we had to work in teams to solve mathematical puzzles and crack a coded message. This was a challenging task but most enjoyable.

We were over the moon to be able to visit to the Space Centre in Leicester. We had a fabulous time learning about our place in the Universe and the other celestial bodies that make up our Solar System. Continuing with the space theme, we completed some out of this world, extra-terrestrial, Project Fortnights.



Challenge Academy



Georgina



Holly



Lottie and Lowenna



Isabel



Space Centre trip



# Sports Round-up

What a fabulous term of sport for Warwick Prep. As a department, it has filled us with pride and joy to be able to watch all the children compete and play together again. To see the Pre-Prep children going out to Forest School and enjoying the shared facilities, like the Astro, has been wonderful. We are true believers in starting the love for movement and the outdoors from the very beginning of their journey with us.

Years 3 to 6 have embraced the return of fixtures and the opportunity to work as a team. Swimming has been a highlight of the term with so many children participating each week, either recreationally or in galas. We had the Biathlon with Warwick Junior School last half term which was a test of the girls' resilience and determination but all involved completed it with a smile on their face. Furthermore, a big well done also goes to the girls who went to Bath to compete in the Modern Biathlon Championships.



Modern Biathlon Championships

We have participated in cross country during games and having year group trials showed us what grit and determination all our girls have here at Warwick Prep. We headed to RGS The Grange to compete against other schools and came away with the trophy for both age groups. It was an awe-inspiring performance from all the girls involved and another magnificent event enjoyed with Warwick Junior School.



Cross Country

Our skiers have also been out on the slopes competing most weekends. We are so grateful to the parents who encourage their daughters to thrive in this sport. The results have been amazing and we are so proud of the girls.



Bea



U10 Gymnastics Squad

Our gymnasts have travelled as far afield as London for their competitions, with a whole weekend working their socks off. They showed such finesse and strength throughout. It was so wonderful to watch such a high level of skills being performed by our girls.

It has been a fantastic term of hockey and all our age groups have made so much progress and performed amazingly. Huge congratulations go to the Year 6 IAPS Teams for making it into the top 24 teams in the UK after a sterling performance at the qualifiers. They headed down to the IAPS National Finals at Millfield School and after two wins, a draw and a loss, the girls gained themselves a place in the plate competition. They fought triumphantly, but it was not to be. We are so proud of the girls and have no doubt they will continue to enjoy their hockey next year.



Year 6 IAPS Team

We are so excited to see what next term brings in netball for the Prep girls.

It really has been a phenomenal term after the strangest couple of years. We are always so proud of our children but never more than this year. They have overcome lots of challenges and enjoyed working together again while learning new skills.



Netball



# Cyril Investigates...

**Mrs Lees, Forest School  
Co-Ordinator and Nursery  
Room Leader**

By Lucy and Meredith



Cyril joined Editors, Lucy and Meredith, in Forest School where they interviewed Mrs Lees, to find out more about this exciting new project.

**Q** *Who inspires you and why?*

**A** Someone who stands out for me is Andy Goldsworth. He's a British artist who uses natural materials to create his artwork. His artwork changes throughout the seasons, or he moves the artwork himself so it is always different.

**Q** *Why did you start Forest School?*

**A** My grandad was a farmer so I always enjoyed being outside with nature. I used to volunteer at a Forest School and I loved seeing the smiles on the children's faces. I decided a year ago that it would be superb for the children at Warwick Prep to have a Forest School too. The joy which children experience when being outdoors with nature is marvellous.

**Q** *What are your visions or ideas for Forest School?*

**A** I would like to add a willow shelter for when it is very hot or very cold. We have a blue rope around Forest School but I would like this to be replaced with a hedge to create a stronger, more nature friendly barrier.



**Q** *What life skills do the children who attend Forest School learn when participating in activities?*

**A** The children who attend Forest School learn skills such as problem solving, social skills, team work and perseverance. These skills help them in their future at Warwick Prep and beyond.

**Q** *Will there be a possibility for girls of an older age to attend and participate at Forest School in the future?*

**A** It would be superb if another piece of land were adapted to suit girls of an older age.

**Q** *Which activities on offer at Forest School and in Nursery stand out for you, and why do the children and you enjoy them?*

**A** I enjoy hands on messy play the best, such as playing with the shaving foam and dancing to music. The children's favourite activity at Forest School is cooking popcorn over the fire whilst drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows.

## Forest School

Forest School sessions have been part of the school for a year now, with children in Nursery and Reception visiting each week.

This term, in Forest School, the children have been embracing the change in season, watching each week as the leaves have begun to turn into beautiful reds, golds, yellows and browns. We have used these leaves to create some splendid crowns and along with autumnal materials collected on scavenger hunts, produced resilient art inspired by the book, 'Leaf Man'.

The new intake of Nursery children quickly learnt our Forest School rules to keep themselves safe and look after the garden. They are very adventurous exploring the climbing tree, digging in the mud kitchen, using simple tools and building dens. A highlight has been harvesting the vegetables we grew in our raised beds; carrots, onions, pumpkins and some very impressive butternut squash.



Anika and Bella



Julieta



Henry, Amaya and George



## Musical Matters

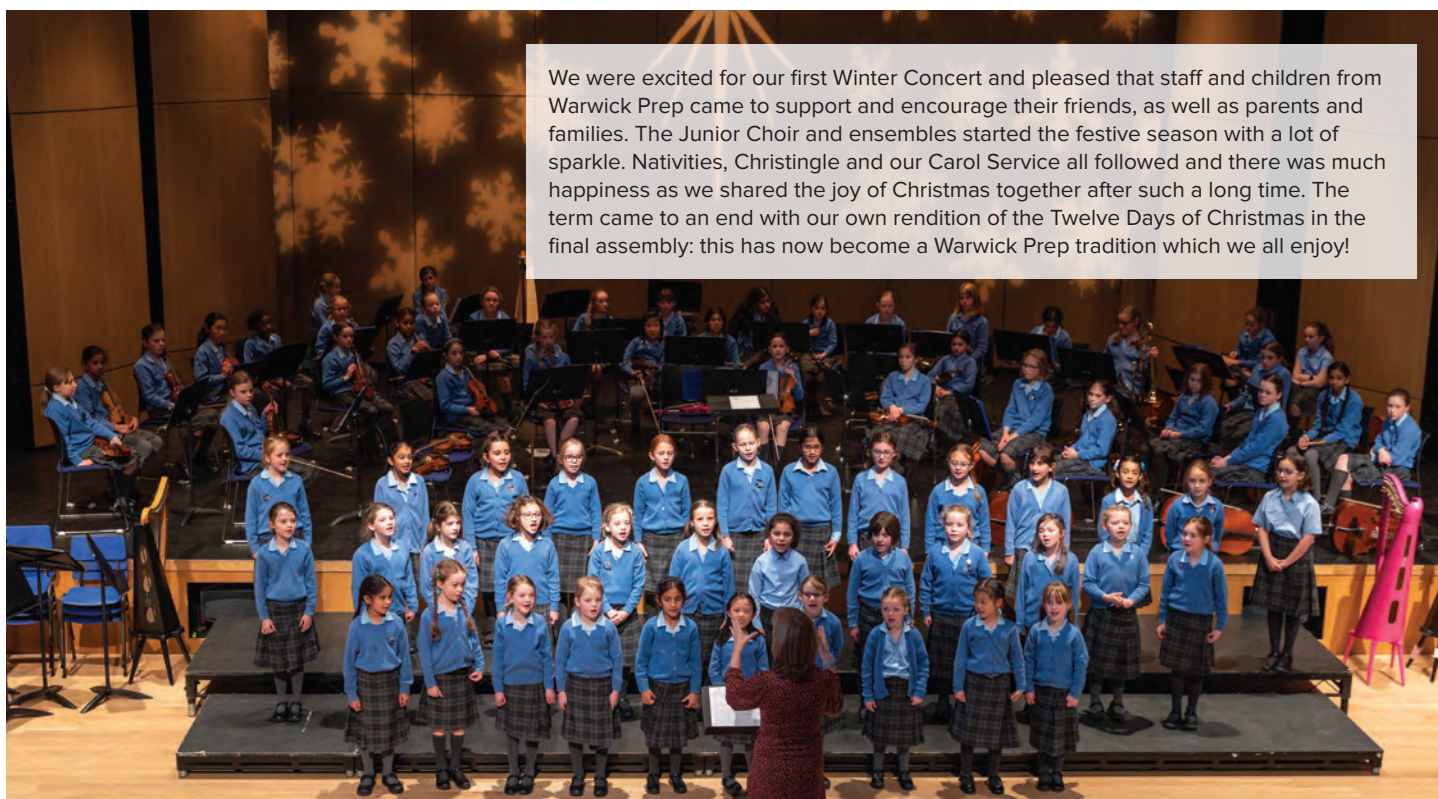
What a joy it has been to return to 'live' concerts this term and finally being able to sing! We have all missed this so much. The Music School has been buzzing with excitement as choirs have returned, orchestra has recommenced, and ensembles have resumed. The joy of girls from all ages sharing in music together has been wonderful to see.

We have seen an extremely high standard of solo performances at the Morning Melodies and Tea Time Concerts and these concerts held in the auditorium have certainly been a highlight for many this term.

The Senior Choir had their first public performance at the High Sheriff's Legal Service at St Mary's Collegiate Church, and the spontaneous applause warmed all our hearts. The High Sheriff herself was clearly moved by our performance of, 'The Music's Always There With You', a beautiful John Rutter piece.



The number of children taking up individual music lessons continues to grow and has seen our visiting music staff welcome several new members to the team: Mr Rawlings (vocal), Miss Roberts (vocal), Ms Cozens (piano), Mrs Newton (guitar) and Mr Crawford (guitar). Miss Cheng also joined us on the Instrumental Schemes teaching Double Bass. We are delighted that Mr Hancock has been running an Organ Club this term and we hope that more pianists will get involved in the future.



We were excited for our first Winter Concert and pleased that staff and children from Warwick Prep came to support and encourage their friends, as well as parents and families. The Junior Choir and ensembles started the festive season with a lot of sparkle. Nativities, Christingle and our Carol Service all followed and there was much happiness as we shared the joy of Christmas together after such a long time. The term came to an end with our own rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas in the final assembly: this has now become a Warwick Prep tradition which we all enjoy!



## Behind the Scenes – Early Years Specialist Music Teacher



By Felicity and Georgina

Felicity and Georgina met with Miss Hollocks, our new Early Years Specialist Music Teacher, to find out more about this important role.

**Q** When did you become a music teacher at Warwick Prep?

**A** I started at Warwick Prep in September. Before then, I worked as a visiting music teacher for primary schools and gave singing lessons.

**Q** What inspired you to be a music teacher?

**A** When I was a little girl, I was always very fond of music as a subject and my mother was a music teacher, so I wanted to follow in her footsteps.

**Q** When you were a little girl at school, did you enjoy music as much as you do now?

**A** I loved music when I was at school. My dream was to teach music to others and work as a teacher.

**Q** What is your favourite Christmas song you teach to the Pre-Prep children?

**A** My favourite song to teach them is, 'We Are Naughty Sheep'. I also enjoy, 'Sing The Good News' and 'Hallelujah'.



**Q** Do you teach music to others out of school?

**A** I am a part of, 'Singing Medicine', who run music classes at children's hospitals, such as the Birmingham Children Hospital. The music really brightens the children's day and the parents enjoy watching their children having a music opportunity.

**Q** Besides music, what do you like doing at the weekends?

**A** I enjoy swimming, going on country walks and playing with my two cats; Dottie and Lottie.

## Orchestra of the Swan

We are delighted to announce a new music residency programme on the campus with the Orchestra of the Swan.

The Orchestra of the Swan is our local professional orchestra, which has a reputation for innovative programming and working creatively with younger musicians. This new partnership creates outstanding opportunities for our pupils, and for other schools and residents in the local area.

**For our own pupils, this includes:**

- Workshops as part of the KS2 strings schemes and Year 7 instrumental schemes
- Composition workshops for GCSE and A level music students
- 'Finlandia in a Day' as part of the Artsfest Week in July
- Mentoring opportunities by members of the orchestra and to attend the rehearsals on site.

**For those in the local area:**

Three major concerts in Warwick Hall, helping to establish it as a significant concert venue:

**20 January**, programme including Mozart Clarinet Concerto (soloist Matthew Collins)

**17 March**, programme including *The Lark Ascending*

**9 June**, family concert including *Peter and the Wolf*



ORCHESTRA OF  
**The Swan**

Tickets are £5 each for all members of the Foundation and members of their family (please apply the code **FOUND5**). Tickets may be booked on the Bridge House Theatre website, [www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk)

There will also be workshops for pupils in local schools, in further partnership with Warwickshire Music Hub, culminating with 'Come and Play' days on the Foundation site.

We believe that this partnership is unique and we are all excited by the possibilities which it brings.



## Question Time

### Mrs Ward, Head of Prep

By Aman and Fearné



Editors, Aman and Fearné, spoke to Mrs Ward, Head of Prep, to find out more about her role within Warwick Prep.

**Q** What do you enjoy most about being Head of Prep?

**A** I feel so privileged to be a teacher. As Head of Prep, I enjoy making a difference, inspiring and empowering individuals, and I also love seeing children inspire other children.

**Q** Why did you choose to teach Religious Education?

**A** It's a fascinating subject where you celebrate diversity and explore life's big questions. I get to teach every girl in the Prep department every week which is an absolute pleasure; brightening each day.

**Q** Do you get nervous whilst doing assembly?

**A** I honestly don't get nervous because talking to the Prep girls is like talking to one big school family. It is an amazing way to start my day!

**Q** You have given us a few mindfulness lessons in the past. What are the benefits of mindfulness?

**A** I believe mindfulness helps you stay focused on the present and is a real life skill. It can develop our ability to focus, develop self-awareness and enhance self-control.



**Q** What do you enjoy doing out of school?

**A** I like to be creative. I enjoy crocheting, glass fusing, jewellery making, and I recently got into origami and painting. I have even painted Cyril the Squirrel!

**Q** Did you ever picture yourself being a teacher when you were younger?

**A** Since I was about 5, I always wanted to be a teacher. I used to play schools with my siblings and toys! Being a teacher now is like living my dream.

## Charity News

Charity is always at the forefront of life at Warwick Prep and this term started with another successful Macmillan Coffee Morning cake sale. Every child brought in a donation for a cake which they ate at break time and parents were able to purchase delicious treats sold by WPSA.

The Head and Deputy Head Girls, Lucy and Lottie, joined with other Foundation Senior pupils to plant trees in the Remembrance Garden, with representatives for Leicester House Care Home as part of the Kissing it Better charity campaign.

Children in Need proved to be as popular as ever. All children took part in games such as 'Name the Teddy' and 'Decorate the Pudsey', and then came to school on the Friday wearing their own clothes. The wonderful assortment of outfits from fancy dress, football kits and onesies fitted the theme of, 'Wear Whatever Makes You Happy' and an impressive total of £1,000.70 was raised.



Caring for others is a key part of our Warwick Prep Skills for Life and we look forward to raising more money for worthy causes during the rest of the year.

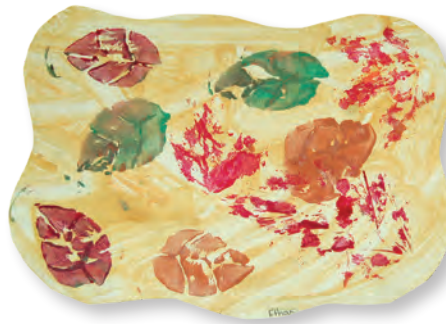




# Art Gallery



Henry in Nursery - Autumn Leaves



Ethan in Nursery - Autumn Leaves



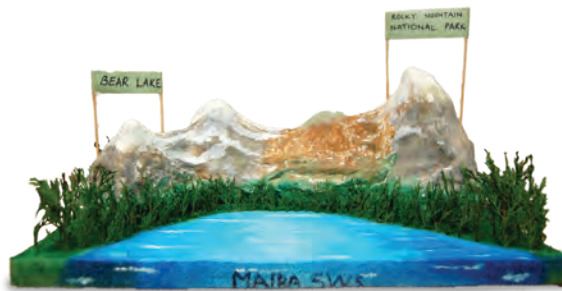
Amaya in Nursery - Autumn Leaves



Michelle in Year 6 - Mixed Media Self-Portrait



India in Year 1 - Famous Portrait Artist Self-Portrait



Maira in Year 5 - Rocky Mountain National Park



Eliza in Year 6 - Mixed Media Self-Portrait



Annika in Year 5 - Mammoth Cave



Jai in Year 1 - Famous Portrait Artist Self-Portrait



Celia in Year 5 - Big Bend National Park



Eva in Year 6 - Mixed Media Self-Portrait





**WPSA**

Warwick Preparatory School  
Association

## WPSA News

by Helen Owen, WPSA Chair

### WPSA Committee

It has been an exciting start to the year for the WPSA committee. Our first event of the year was the Macmillan Coffee Morning cake sale, where kind donations of cakes and treats from parents helped us to raise a staggering amount for Macmillan Cancer Care. Including the donation made from the WPSA Uniform Shop sale which took place on the same day, we raised just under £1,500! A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to or bought from the sales. We even had a little help from some former pupils from the Junior School.

As we face the 'new normal', we are trying to hold a selection of both virtual and in-person events, so after the excellent feedback from last year we decided to run the Pumpkin Carving Competition again this year as our first WPSA Fundraiser. We received almost 100 entries of whacky, weird and wonderful pumpkin designs from the children and families of Warwick Prep. Again, a great big thank you to everyone who took part in this event, it was great to see so many families getting involved and having fun together.



Winning pumpkins



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Throughout the festive period, WPSA will continue to support local and national charities, as well as continuing our own fundraising which helps us to provide equipment, events and experiences for the children which fall outside of the usual curriculum.

Sadly, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Christmas Fun Afternoon and The Christmas Disco until the Spring Term.

We feel more confident that we can successfully run these events early next year when we can hold activities outdoors as much as possible. But all is not lost; we had great reviews from the children and teachers after last year's virtual Christmas pantomime so WPSA are funding it again this year. We have also arranged for another visit from Father Christmas to make a magical (albeit socially distanced) appearance in school in December and a meet-and-greet with some of his reindeer.

After the success of the Macmillan event, we plan to hold a Festive Bake Sale on the last Friday of term, with a percentage of the takings being donated to Myton Hospice.



### Warwick Prep Family Tree

Finally, we continue to grow our Warwick Prep Family Tree. It is a beautiful piece of artwork which also acts as a fundraising aid for WPSA. This is an opportunity to be part of something special, and to support future WPSA fundraising initiatives, which could be both supporting Warwick Prep and other important local charities. If you wish to sponsor a personalised oak leaf or acorn as a Christmas gift, please scan the QR code.



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### Bursary Appeal

Whether by the sacrifices made by parents, the support of the Direct Grant or Assisted Places schemes or other means, all pupils have attended our schools thanks to the generosity of others. Our modern Bursary Fund continues to support pupils from all backgrounds to attend King's High and Warwick School and to benefit from being part of this community for the rest of their lives. We are delighted to announce that our recent appeal raised nearly £110,000 – thank you. It is our ongoing commitment to continue to increase these funds and to do this, we rely on the financial support of our alumni and friends to create new bursaries for future pupils. Please do get in touch if you are interested in supporting the appeal at [development@warwickschools.co.uk](mailto:development@warwickschools.co.uk).



Margaret Stone

### Musical Connections: Margaret Stone

You may have seen The Margaret Stone Practice Room in the music building. Margaret Stone attended King's High from 1916 – 1923, and Margaret's family reconnected with us as we made the move from Smith's Street to the new campus. Her son David and his wife Jo explained what the school had meant to Margaret and how it shaped her life, and also their lives, as children growing up. David and his siblings have followed our journey to our new home and came along to the Music Centre opening in September. They were inspired listening to our Artistic Director, Alex Laing which led to a family discussion about how they could assist with equipment. The Squires family have kindly agreed to fund a new Xylophone for the Music Department. Thank you to David and his family for this support.



### Lander Association Carol Service

The Lander Association Carol Service is now a firmly established favourite in the Christmas calendar. Back this year from its exile on line in 2020, its audience of parents, friends and pupils looked forward to a musical feast, including: the Foundation Chamber Choir in full voice for A Tender Shoot; the Junior Chamber Choir with Tomorrow Will Be My Dancing Day; Year 13's Maud with a fast-moving poem Run Shepherds Run, and stunning vocals from Year 13's Taryn on Adeste Fideles. Thanks are due to the schools' Directors of Music Mr Alex Laing and Miss Alison Griggs for putting together an exceptional programme.



### Lander Association: Calling Entrepreneurs

Following the success of our previous Lander Careers Evenings, which featured Engineering, Medical careers and the Law, we are hosting an evening on Thursday 21 March, 2022. The theme for the evening is Entrepreneurship – and we need the help of the Lander community. Do you have your own business? What were the pitfalls, what are the highs, and what advice can you give to our future entrepreneurs? Whatever your experience, we would love to hear from you, to help and participate in our Careers Evening. We are looking for entrepreneurs from the Lander community to give ten minute talks or presentations on their business lives and answer questions from the audience. If you are able to help, please email us at [khs-landorassociation@kingshighwarwick.co.uk](mailto:khs-landorassociation@kingshighwarwick.co.uk). Thank you.



# Foundation News

## Foundation Weekend

The Foundation Welcome Back Weekend was a spectacular occasion, bringing together our community after many months apart.

Friday started with the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's, Warwick, featuring all of our schools in a service to celebrate our Foundation. We also commemorated our links with the wider community, and were delighted to welcome the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Warwickshire and civic dignitaries of Warwick and Leamington Spa. It was a joyful moment of celebration.

Further collaborative activities on Friday included combined afternoon activities, such as members of the CCF teaching our Year 2 Warwick Prep pupils to march, plus a new Encounters lecture, Year 9 Poster event, and an Open Rehearsal by the Foundation Symphony Orchestra in Warwick Hall. The day concluded with an exciting 'Friday Night Lights' Warwick School rugby match under the floodlights of our 3G pitch.



On Saturday, school families, alumni and friends came together for a series of events: the Foundation Aquathlon, an Ex Cathedra Singing workshop, the CBSO's wonderful Stringcredibles, a workshop with amazing percussionist, Simone Rebello, drama taster sessions with the Bridge House Theatre Young Company, and a fun campus treasure trail. Not forgetting some fantastic King's High Hockey, Netball and a 'come and play' Rounders tournament.

Alumni of King's High and Warwick School enjoyed visiting their schools for coffee mornings and tours. There was an opportunity to hear the Warwick School Archivist, Gervald Frykman, and the authors of 'Of Mulberries, Ilex and Acorns', Polly Beidas and Jennifer Edwards, gave a fascinating insight into the book and history of King's High and Warwick Prep.



A highlight for many was the splendid Barbeque lunch served by our Catering teams in the late-summer warm weather.

Sunday saw the official opening of King's High and Warwick Prep's new Music School with Jess Gillam MBE, who unveiled a plaque and gave a fabulous performance. There was also collaboration between Warwick Independent Schools Foundation and Warwick – A Singing Town: A 'Come and Sing' event, culminating in a performance of The Messiah with singers from the Foundation and local community.



Members of the sports and holiday activities clubs also led an afternoon activity taster session for children from local primary schools, with a bouncy castle, archery, and indoor games.

Thank you to everyone who made the weekend such a success.





# Royal Visit from HRH The Princess Royal

We were honoured to host HRH The Princess Royal, when the Princess visited Warwick, to celebrate the work of local charities and organisations, and mark an important milestone in education – the completion of Project One Campus at our Warwick Independent Schools Foundation. It was a truly memorable day for all our pupils.

Her Royal Highness was welcomed by children from local primary schools, as ten Brethren from the Lord Leycester Hospital formed a Guard of Honour. Accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, and Chair of Warwickshire County Council, the Princess spoke with local charities and organisations at Warwick Hall, including Helping Hands, Kissing it Better, Young People First and Armonico Consort.



Mr Nicholson introduced the new project, 'Warwick – A Singing Town', which aims to bring singing into the lives of more young people in Warwick and promote the health and social benefits of singing. Jeremy Dibb, who leads the programme, was supported by the Classic FM Presenter, Catherine Bott, a Patron of Warwick – A Singing Town, and a former pupil of King's High. Students from St Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School, one of ten Warwick schools involved in the scheme, also performed for the Princess. The programme is funded by the King Henry VIII Endowed Trust, through the Foundation.



As she left Warwick Hall, pupils from Warwick Independent Schools Foundation's Combined Cadet Force formed a Guard of Honour. Pupils and staff from Warwick Preparatory School and Warwick Junior School greeted the Princess, before she was introduced to Mrs Sally Austin, Chair of Foundation Governors.

Her Royal Highness toured the new King's High School, starting with the Arts and Sports building where she met and spoke with pupils and staff. She was introduced to Dr Stephen Burley, Head Master of King's High and Ms Liz Middleton, creator of 'The Spirit of King's' sculpture. The Head Girl team spoke about the school's new Changemaker Gallery, and the Prefects were then introduced to her.



The Princess was then introduced to key pupils and staff involved in making 'Project One Campus' a reality, including former Governors, senior staff and pupils from King's High and Warwick School, Mrs Hellen Dodsworth, Headmistress of Warwick Preparatory School and Mr Andrew Hymer, Headmaster of Warwick Junior School, and the Foundation Bursar, Mrs Victoria Espley. Finally, staff and pupils from the Drama Departments of King's High and Warwick School, as an outstanding example of collaboration between the schools, were introduced to the Princess.

The Princess Royal unveiled a plaque outside the shared Sixth Form Centre, in front of an audience which included all pupils from King's High and Warwick School, teaching and support staff, Governors and guests, and the Head and senior pupils from The Kingsley School. Two of the Foundation's youngest pupils, Olivia from Warwick Prep School and Teddy from Warwick Junior School, both stepped on to the rostrum to present the Princess with flowers.

Thanking her, Richard Nicholson said: 'From our youngest pupils in Nursery to our oldest students in the Sixth Form, you have generously allowed us to demonstrate 'Project One Campus' in action, more eloquently than any words could.'



## ***School Officials 2021/ 2022***

**Head Girl** – Lucy Brimble

**Deputy Head Girl** – Charlotte Duckhouse

**Art Captain** – Sophie Hanncock

**Drama Captain** – Tia Cinar

**Music Captain** – Annabel Attwood

**Choral Captain** – Isabel Digby

**Instrumental Captain** – Roxana Kamali

**Sports Captain** – Lowenna Robinson

**Cross Country Captain** – Holly Margree

**Football Captain** – Paige Brogan

**Hockey Captain** – Charlotte Drury

**Tennis Captain** – Charlotte Gifford

**Netball Captain** – Isla Hinton

**Cricket Captain** – Georgia Ainley

**Swimming Captain** – Ellie Watson

**Athletics Captain** – Poppy Price

**Gymnastics Captain** – Tabitha Hawkesford

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## ***House Captains Autumn Term 2021***

### **Beaumont**

House Captain

Vice Captain

Georgina Priestley

Isla Stewart

### **Greville**

House Captain

Vice Captain

Tia Cinar

Bethany Hobbs

### **Dudley**

House Captain

Vice Captain

Eva Barrett

Isabel Digby

### **Rich**

House Captain

Vice Captain

Isla Hinton

Bobbi Kang



# Executive Committee of School Council

## Chair of School Council

Eliza Cartwright

## Vice Chair of School Council

Lucy Anderson

## Secretary

Bethany Hobbs

## Treasurer

Lena Macheng-Midsaeter

# School Council

## Reception

REB Arthur Hurley  
REK Posy Allard Mclean  
RHE Stephanie Andrews  
RHS Beth Bennett

## Year 1

1HC Madison Cusdin  
1JF Arjan Golhar  
1JB Hattie Whitehall  
1AJ Stella Hinton

## Year 2

2EC Alice Patterson  
2JW Flora Harrison  
2JA Beatrice Guthrie  
2AD Ted Marr

## Year 3

3LG Chloe Whitehall  
& Daya Toor  
3VS Alice Robertson

## Year 4

4JB Margo Paul  
4AM Siya Kanwar  
4MM Amelie Harper

## Year 5

5KC Anna Chester  
5WS Sally Harding  
5LW Isla Rimmington

## Year 6

6CM Eliza Cartwright  
6JJ Florence Sharples  
6SW Paige Brogan

# Food Council

## Reception

REB Sophia Follett  
REK Nimrit Mann  
RHE Dayaal Aujla  
RHS Isla Whisson

## Year 1

1HC Lily Olaleye  
1JF Lily Pierce  
1JB Elliot Jones  
1AJ Joe Withers

## Year 2

2EC India Hunt  
2JW Ben Storer  
2JA Paul Hodge  
2AD Arabelle Young

## Year 3

3LG Lily-Rose Nikolaou, Liv Owen  
& Tabitha Laird  
3VS Ava Dizqah

## Year 4

4JB Elena Pass Jimenez  
4AM Eloise Barroso  
4MM Norah Walton

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# Key Dates Spring 2022

**Term Commences:**  
Wednesday 5 January

**Half Term:**  
Monday 21 – Friday 25 February

**Term Ends:**  
Wednesday 6 April

## OPEN EVENTS 2022

### Entrance Assessments:

Tuesday 11 January  
– Year 3

Wednesday 12 January  
– Years 4, 5 and 6

**Open Morning:**  
Saturday 12 March  
9.30am-12pm

For more information  
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