

# Warwick Prep

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## 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. The term has, as ever, flown by and I hope you enjoy reading but a little of what we have been up to. Our skilful Year 6 Editors have distilled the essence of 'Squirrel Spirit' in the pages before you, capturing brilliantly life both inside and outside the classroom.

Particular highlights have included our curriculum days, focusing on life in Kenya, Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece whilst Year 6 have been time travellers in their studies, moving from 3000 years ago right through to today's space travel. In November, Year 5 led the school's tribute to the fallen and our various committees have been active in all manner of areas.

Away from the classroom, the Sport department have really lived the maxim maximum participation. The countless events have seen children travelling all over the country and enjoying success in regional events which will lead to nationals later in the year. Music continues to flourish in every way, whether it be increased numbers of children receiving instrumental lessons or the debut of new ensembles; the Winter Concert was a showcase of joy!

Further afield, our 'Squirrels in the Community' have been busy taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's.

Beautiful ceramic decorations were made by Art Club for Warwick Prep's tree and our senior musicians entertained residents of local care homes to great acclaim. We have also welcomed a new member of our community, Ollie; in a short space of time he is already making a big difference to the lives of our children.

We end the term with our customary Christmas celebrations. It has been a privilege to share in the Pre-Prep Nativities and school Carol Services, all masterminded by our incredible staff. As always during the term, they 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. As the corridors and halls echo, once more, with the sound of carols, I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas, and a happy and healthy 2023.

Mrs Hellen Dodsworth



# Welcome from the Principal

It has been another busy and productive term, with vast amounts to celebrate and reflect on with pride in each of our schools.

This time of year is packed with Christmas festivities across our Foundation, and each reflects the character and personality of the different schools. The season started with Warwick Prep's superb Winter Concert, and as I write, I have just returned from a Reception Nativity Play. A particular highlight is the relatively new, but now annual, Landor Association Carol Service, which brings together the communities - past and present - of Warwick Prep and King's High. I find events such as this particularly moving, as they are a tangible expression of the deep and ensuring relationships we build across the generations, and across the schools. There is much strength to be drawn from these Foundation family occasions; they help to remind us of the service our schools have given to so many, and of the service so many give to our schools. We are all part of this living tradition, bringing to it our own gifts and talents.

Earlier this year, I wrote to our community about the appointment of a Foundation Director of Safeguarding. I'm delighted to say that Rebecca Jessup joined the Foundation team in September. Formerly the Education Safeguarding Lead for Dudley Metropolitan Council, Ms Jessup brings significant new skills to our critical safeguarding responsibilities.

We are always looking for how we can find meaningful ways for our pupils across our schools to work together - the added benefit of being part of a group of schools. A particular

aspect of collaboration we are keen to develop is Music. We have recently appointed an Executive Music Lead, who will develop a Foundation music strand, building on the excellent Foundation Orchestra, work with Orchestra of the Swan and other residency programmes, and support our community partnership programmes. As you can imagine, such a unique post generated a great deal of interest and following an exhaustive search process, Stuart Thompson will take up this role in September 2023. Mr Thompson is currently the Senior Deputy Head at Loughborough High School, having previously been Director of Music at Leeds Cathedral, and Caterham School before moving into school leadership. He remains active as a musician, and is an award-winning composer. We look forward to welcoming him to the Foundation.

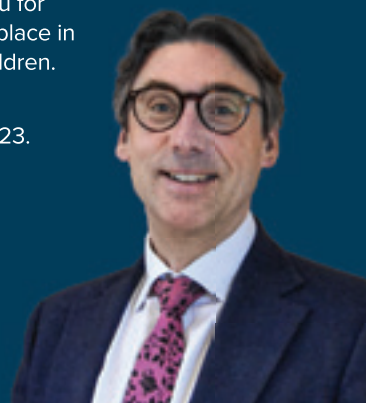
I would like to thank each of you for your support and the trust you place in us for the education of your children.

I wish you all the happiest of Christmases and a peaceful 2023.

Mr Richard Nicholson

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# Meet the Editors

Introducing our fantastic Year 6 editor team who have worked incredibly hard to help produce this term's edition of Warwick Prep Life. Daisy, Sasha, Maggie, Ella, Bea and Amarleen, all from 6CM, have been busy interviewing, writing articles and putting their creative heads on to help design our wonderful, wintery front cover. Let's find out what they enjoyed most about the role of editor.

*"I loved taking part in interviewing Miss Carvell and hearing all her wonderful answers."*

Ella

*"I really enjoyed the interviewing part about this job. The answers to our questions were wonderful."*

Amarleen

*"I loved getting to know more about Mrs Morrish, since she is our new DT teacher."*

Sasha



*"I loved conducting and writing up the great answers from our interviews."*

Bea

*"My favourite bit was the creativeness and that we could be free and independent. I loved working together in pairs as well."*

Maggie

*"I loved finding out more things about the school and learning new skills on the computer."*

Daisy



NURSERY NEWS

# Star Light, Star Bright

In the autumn term, the Nursery children have enjoyed many opportunities to develop their creativity through art, music, dance and role play. Colourful autumn pictures were created with leaves and stampers. The children loved using their whole bodies to swoosh and twirl ribbons to music. The role play hairdressers was a firm favourite, with children keen to have their hair washed, blow dried and styled!

The children enjoyed a wonderful week of Diwali activities, including a lively Bollywood dancing session with a special visitor, Mrs Bains. Their Christmas Nativity gave a beautiful bird's eye view of the birth of baby Jesus.

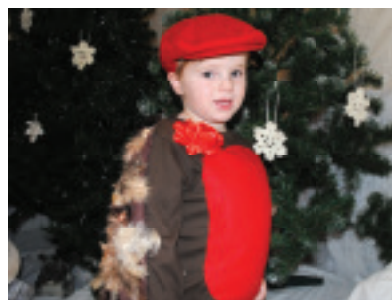
As part of their understanding of the world, the children explored the differences between day and night time by sorting objects. They loved making a den under the tables and playing with torches, exploring the shadows. Everyone enjoyed the story of Owl Babies and the children supplied us with lots of facts they had found out at home such as owls can turn their heads 270 degrees, nearly all the way round and a group of owls is called a parliament!



*Edward, Rosie and Isla in NWL at the hairdressers*



*Bollywood dancing with Mrs Bains*



*Iwan in NHT dressed as a robin for the performance of 'A Little Bird Told Me'*



*A gathering of scarecrows by children in NHT*



*Autumn leaf painting by Mati in NPB*



*Elodie, Noor, Louis and Jeevan in NHT sorting day and night objects*



*Diya lamp by Simrani in NWL*



*A joyous Harvest Festival performance*



## RECEPTION NEWS

# I'm Stick Man!

Reception children have had a busy start to school! After spending time settling into new lessons and routines, we were able to welcome guests into school in October for our 'Grandparents' Afternoon'. All Reception classes enjoyed singing for their guests and showing them around their classrooms.

In November, we were interested to learn about the festival of Diwali. We made rangoli patterns and diya lamps in a variety of different ways and used puppets to act out the story of Rama and Sita.

We also began rehearsing for our class Nativity performances of 'Shine Star, Shine'. It was lovely to hear the children sing their songs with such enthusiasm!

This half term, we have been reading the story 'Stick Man' in preparation for our theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre. Reception children have been learning about collaboration and worked together to create displays along our corridor to tell the story of 'Stick Man'. We hope that visitors to our corridor have enjoyed following our story as much as we have!



Anika, Arabella and Cordelia in REB with their 'Stick Man' creations



RHE children enjoying Grandparents' Afternoon



Self portrait by Francesco in REB

Self portrait by Kishan in RSJ



Self portrait by Emilia in RHE



Fireworks by Rosie in RHD to celebrate the festival of light



RSJ entertaining on Grandparents' Afternoon



Leonardo in RHD with his grandparents



Children from RHD performing 'Shine Star, Shine'



YEAR 1 NEWS

# Toy Story

What a wonderful start to the year! The children have settled well into the routines of Year 1 and are building their skills of resilience, perseverance, and independence. We are starting to challenge our thinking by asking, "Do you agree with somebody else's ideas or can you build on them or do you challenge their suggestion, and can you explain why?"

In Science this term, the children have enjoyed learning all about their senses and were curious to find out all about their taste buds and which foods are bitter, salty or sour. Practical investigations have encouraged them to make simple predictions. Great fun was had by all when exploring our sense of touch, when we did a 'tickle' test!

Year 1 enjoyed our 'Toy Day' and we saw some fabulous costumes! Everybody was enthusiastic to hear about the history of toys and use their observational skills to sort toys of the past and present. It was fun to create moving old bears and use different shading techniques to add distressed textures.

There has been lots of incredible art work this term. We have looked at different famous artists and used their work to inspire our own portraits in their style. The Year 1 corridor has been like an art gallery!

The term has ended in style. The children have amazed us in their performance of 'I'm Gonna Shine!'. Year 1 is brimming with actors and singers and the children really shone in their roles to tell the story of the Nativity. The singing was from the heart and gave us many goosebumps! Bravo! Bravo!



Charlie in 1SK in his fantastic Toy Day robot costume



Elodie in 1JF transformed into a Lego person on Toy Day



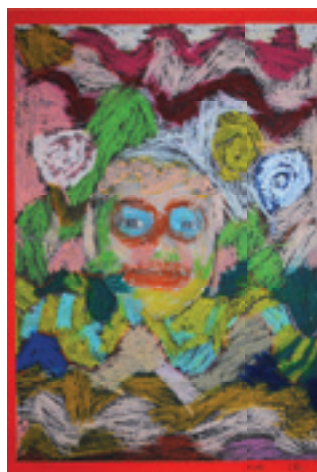
Laurel in 1HC taste testing



Dayaal in 1JB enjoying Toy Day



Isabella and Daisy in 1JB taking part in a tickle test!



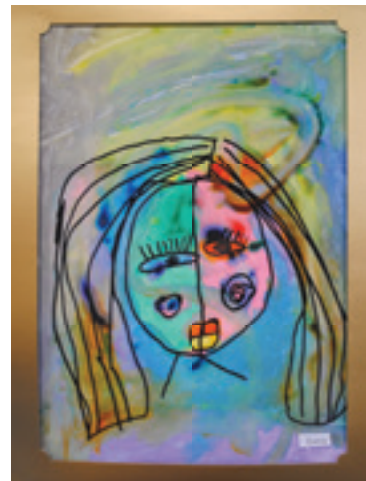
Oil pastel Hundertwasser inspired portrait by Ansh in 1SK



Warhol inspired art by Oscar in 1JF



Year 1 performing 'I'm Gonna Shine!'



Picasso inspired painting by Esme in 1JB



## YEAR 2 NEWS

# Out of Africa

Well done Year 2 children for settling into your new Year Group so well! You have practised following our routines and are trying very hard to be more independent. As the oldest children in Pre-Prep, you are also aiming to be responsible by setting a good example for the younger children. These are such important Skills for Life to develop - keep up the good work throughout the rest of the year.



In our Geography lessons, we enjoyed exploring Kenya and finding out about what it would be like to live in this interesting African country. The children worked hard in lessons and we also used the inspiration of Kenyan/African art in our creative lessons. This year, we introduced a new 'Kenya Day' at the end of the half-term to bring the topic to a conclusion. The children enjoyed a Music/Dance session, two different Art activities and a Computing task using the iPads. Thank you everyone for joining in so well – the teachers had such good fun, and we hope the children really enjoyed it too!

Since half-term, we have moved on to a History theme of 'Flying Adventures' where we are learning all about the history of flight, from the Montgolfier brothers right through to the present day. In Science, we started the year thinking about how we can be healthy and we have recently been investigating 'Forces'. In RE lessons, we have learnt about Hinduism and we created diva lamps in our Art lessons to link with this area of study. PSHEE has found us discussing 'Being Me in Our World' and 'Celebrating Difference', in addition to completing our unit on Protective Behaviours.



*Kehinde Wiley inspired portrait by Tilly in 2AD*



*Kenyan mask by Archie in 2JW*



*Learning Kenyan dancing on Kenya Day*



*Lucas and Joe in 2AD enjoying a computing task on Kenya Day*



*'Mirror mirror on the wall' portrait by Lily in 2JA*

We have worked hard in our English lessons. We have focused on poetry using Kit Wright's poem 'The Magic Box', expanded noun phrases using a Literacy Shed Unit called 'Catch-It!' and studied 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson for our non-fiction text work. We completed research for a homework task to create fact files about Kenyan animals and the children have written their own fable using the moral 'Many Hands Make Light Work'. In Maths, we have focused on the number system, number facts, place value, addition and subtraction. During Maths Week, we completed problem solving, tessellating shape pictures, writing mathematical questions and we have begun to learn the two times table.

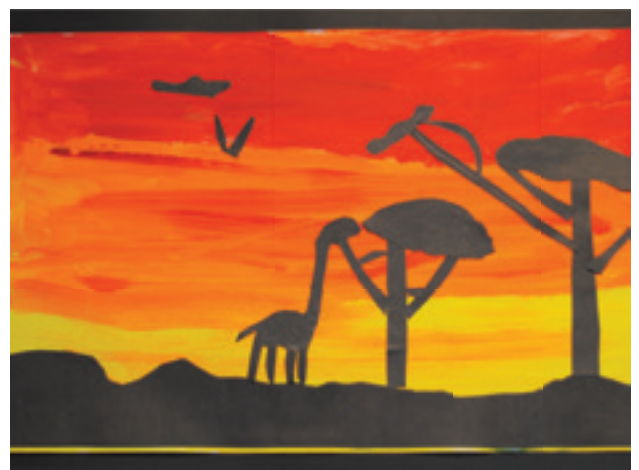
We very much enjoyed our Christmas Service and all the joys that the festive seasons brings both in school and out.



*Shiloh in 2JW studying fur patterns of Kenyan animals*



*Ellie in 2EC creating a Kenyan mask*



*Kenyan sunset by Erin in 2EC*



YEAR 3 NEWS

# Zipping into Year 3

The term started with great excitement when, on their third day in Year 3, the girls visited Umberslade Adventure for a bonding day. They spent the day getting to know their new classmates better whilst; ziplining, building dens, hitting the target in archery, orienteering and scrambling through the assault course! The girls all showed super resilience and determination throughout the day and made some new friends along the way.

During the term, it has become apparent that the Year 3 pupils have a serious interest in Ancient Egypt. They were set a homework challenge which lasted for half a term where they could choose an activity from a given selection, taking ownership of their learning each weekend. The classrooms are now full of pyramid models, homemade games about Ancient Egypt, maps and names written in hieroglyphics, to name but a few. A big highlight of the term was Ancient Egyptian Day in November when we were visited by Professor McGinty. He brought his time machine to school and regaled us all with his tales of travel to Ancient Egypt. Everyone loved handling real artefacts and listening to his hilarious stories.

Towards the end of term, the pupils began preparations for their Christingle service which was a beautiful start to the Christmas season in the Prep department. The girls retold the story of the first Christmas and carefully explained the importance and significance of the Christingle to the parents. Rev McHale kindly joined us from St Nicholas' Church in Warwick and gave a blessing.

Everyone will be ready for a rest after such a busy and exciting term! What will the spring term have in store?



*Girls from 3LG den building at Umberslade Adventure*



*Simran in 3VS tackling the commando course*



*Savannah in 3LW keeping her balance*



*3LW on Ancient Egyptian Day*



*Captivated by Professor McGinty's time travelling tales*



*3LG on Ancient Egyptian Day*



*3VS on Ancient Egyptian Day*



## YEAR 4 NEWS

# Tales of Ancient Greece

The Year 4 girls have made a fabulous start to the year. The Harvest Assembly was superb, and we could not have been prouder of the girls' beautiful and mature presentation. As a school, we received donations totalling an amazing £287.93 for our Harvest charity, Treetogether.

In true Warwick Prep style, the girls have been cheerful and hardworking. As the season changed, we visited the Headmaster's garden which inspired our delightful, descriptive and creative autumn poems which adorn the middle school corridor.

In History, the girls in both forms have enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece and have written superbly presented, detailed reports about Medusa the Gorgon which have been collated into a class book.



Harvest Assembly

A definite highlight from the term was our trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford where the girls' behaviour was commended by fellow visitors of the public. Democracy was brought to life in Greek style when they held their very own vote on whether the girls would like to bring the goddess Nike or Athena back to Warwick Prep – Nike, the goddess of victory, was the winner!



Lily-Rose and Mila in 4WS  
exploring the Ashmolean Museum



4MC at the Ashmolean Museum



4WS at the Ashmolean Museum

Project Fortnight resulted in stunning 'Gardens of Hesperides' alongside a creation of their very own Greek myth; we were blown away with their final pieces.



By Maya in 4WS



By Phoebe in 4WS



By Loretta in 4MC



By Annabel in 4MC



YEAR 5 NEWS

# Lest We Forget

The Year 5 pupils have certainly impressed, having made a seamless transition from Middle School into Upper School. The girls have enjoyed opportunities for further responsibility around school including Play Leaders, Librarians and Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Our learning this term has been extraordinarily thought provoking, with World War One a focus across the curriculum. Michael Morpurgo's novel 'War Horse' inspired written pieces from the perspective of a War Horse, a soldier, and a civilian impacted by the tragedies of war. Our History lessons were brought to life through visits from Mr Lewis and Mr Sandhu, as well as an all-day workshop delivered by Time Travel Education expert, Sergeant Parsons. Mr Sandhu provided insight into the valuable, yet often forgotten, contributions of Commonwealth soldiers to the War effort; whilst Mr Lewis allowed pupils to closely examine an array of authentic artefacts including disarmed pistols, shell casings and regimental photographs. Through virtual reality, Sergeant Parsons took the girls on a tour an authentic World War One trench. Lessons helped the girls contextualise the War, enabling each pupil to make a respectful, poignant contribution to our Remembrance Service held in the Warwick School Chapel.

In Geography lessons, we compared The Commonwealth during World War One and today; examined changes in land borders over time; identified flags of Commonwealth countries; and explored the human and physical geography of these nations. The girls impressed with factual and creative projects about Commonwealth Nations, with presentations ranging from cross-stitch flags to informative posters, to geographical models.

The final highlights of our term included the fabulous Winter Concert; our Carol Service at St Mary's; and of course, Christmas Lunch and the Upper School party! A fantastic term indeed!



Holly and Amaya in 5AM with a WWI artefact



WWI workshop by Sergeant Parsons



5AM supporting Children in Need Day



Experiencing a WWI trench through VR



Arabella and Scarlett in 5RM and Molly in 5AM at Warwick Junior School for a link afternoon



Matilda in 5RM and, Amelie and Aashga in 5KC enjoying the link afternoon at Warwick Junior School



## YEAR 6 NEWS

# Outer this World

Year 6 started the term working hard towards their entrance exams. We were delighted and very proud of all their many and varied achievements.

In October, we had our first trip of the year to Compton Verney - a first for Year 6! We had a truly inspiring day looking at some genuine Ancient Chinese artefacts from the Shang Dynasty. The girls were then allowed to handle three different Bronzes, each of which dated back to over 3000 years! The day was rounded off with the girls making their own Shang vessel out of clay. A truly Shangtastic experience.

The autumn term in Year 6 and our Solar System topic would not be complete without our visit to the Space Centre in Leicester. In the planetarium, the girls were treated to an animation about life as an astronaut and then explored the Space Gallery where they learnt space facts and looked at memorabilia.



Visit to Compton Verney



Amarleen in 6SW, and Sophie and Abi in 6JJ holding an Ancient Chinese artefact



Ella and Maira in 6CM creating their clay Shang vessels



Ready for 'Battle of the Boats' on STEAM Day



Trip to the Space Centre



Ashley and Grace in 6JJ with their boat

## Seas the Day!

By Ella and Maggie



Year 6 were lucky enough to welcome a member of the Marine Society and Sea Cadets for a STEAM workshop on density and the science behind floating and sinking.

Firstly, he taught us about buoyancy and how it features in everyday life. We were then tasked with building a vessel from only card, foil and sticky tape and making it float on water. We thought hard about the shape and tried to recreate a boat with air compartments, for balance. The boats all looked fabulous! When the boats eventually floated, our extension task was to fill it up with as many marbles as possible until it sank to the bottom of the water. The winning team, Bea and Amarleen, held 164 marbles! A great accomplishment! The afternoon of science and building was loads of fun and we're glad that Year 6 had the opportunity to enjoy this uplifting treat.



# Sports Round-up

What another fantastic term of sport we have had here at Warwick Prep. We are in a full swing of fixtures. Over 200 children have competed across the country in an array of activities from hockey to gymnastics. Not only have the children worked as a team among their own year groups but they have also worked in mixed year group teams for swimming and hockey, as well as competing at various fixtures with Warwick Junior School.

Pupils from Warwick Prep and Warwick Junior School travelled to Worcester to compete in cross country and what a wonderful, mud-covered afternoon we had! Our teams came 2nd overall and the children enjoyed being with their counterparts at the Junior School. At the beginning of the academic year, we once again joined forces for the biathlon. It was a roaring success with children competing from both schools in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It was an excellent event that showed athleticism and resilience from our pupils.



*U9 hockey tournament at Repton School*

We have had the busiest hockey season we have ever seen at Warwick Prep, with hundreds of children participating across all the year groups. We have travelled far and wide playing in tournaments across the country, including IAPS at Oundle School where the U11 team gained a well-deserved 2nd place in the plate competition. This year, we have developed the U8 fixture calendar and it has been a huge success with them ending the season unbeaten. Our U9 and U10 teams have also had a fabulous season, coming away with an incredible number of wins. We are so proud of all the girls and it is great to have so many children attending the hockey clubs throughout the term.

In the swimming pool, alongside Warwick Junior School, we attended galas against Bluecoat School and Bromsgrove School; we even raced against the Junior School. Our girls have been developing their techniques and trying to maintain them at speed, producing lots of personal best times.



*Cross country at RGS The Grange*

Our gymnasts in Years 4, 5 and 6 joined King's High gymnasts in Years 7 to 13 at the Independent School Gymnastics Association National 2 piece competition in Guildford. This competition saw girls complete a set floor routine and vault. Highlights from this include Annabel, in Year 4, placing 9th overall, Sophia, in Year 6, placing 8th overall and Imogen, in Year 5, placing 1st overall. Congratulations to all girls who took part. This has qualified all girls for 4 piece Nationals in March.

Pre-Prep children have been developing their fundamental movement skills in PE and games lessons; they have been running around collecting treasure, jumping from island to island, racing bikes around the playground and using their imagination and creativity to have a wealth of fun, while learning essential life skills.

Here, in the Warwick Prep PE department, it is incredibly important to us that the children enjoy being active. We look forward to what the rest of the academic year will bring but what a joyous start we have had!



*Reception children jumping from their islands*



*U11 IAPS hockey at Oundle School*



*U8 hockey at Manor Prep*



# Musical Matters

As is ever the case in our musical school, the children have been sharing their talents and experiencing the joy that comes with performing to others.

It is always a great pleasure for the girls to perform in outside activities. Recently, we were invited to entertain senior members of the community as part of the Christmas Tree Festival held at St. Mary's Church, Warwick. Children from Years 5 and 6 delighted members of local care homes who for some, had ventured out for the first time in recent years. There were also members of the general public visiting the festival who took the time to sit and listen. We received lots of positive comments about the standard of our young musicians.



*Squirrels in the Community*

The Winter Concert always brings much joy and sparkle to start the festive events off. It was a delight to see so many children performing in so many varied ensembles and choirs. This was the first of many performances for our school ensembles and we were especially excited to hear the Blue Lagoon Jazz Band and Camerata, both of whom are new ensembles.

This year, some of the King's High pupils have been supporting younger pupils in rehearsals and developing new skill areas. For example, Jessica, in Year 10, has been accompanying the Junior Choir. We look forward to further collaboration between students, as they all benefit from sharing their experiences at different stages of their musical journey.

The Informal concerts continue to give a platform for soloists to perform and showcase their talents to a smaller audience. This term, we had performances from Years 3 to 6 and we look forward to hearing Year 2 next term.



*Winter Concert*



*Year 5 and Year 6 Teatime Concert*



*Winter Concert*

At the start of the term, we welcomed Mr Panter (vocal & piano) and Mrs Elston (vocal). Mr Clarke-Butler (saxophone/clarinet) took over from Mrs Price who left us at the end of the summer term. We have an incredible team of Visiting Music Teachers who support and work with the children, delivering a total of 220 individual music lessons each week.

We finished the term with many wonderful Christmas performances and services. The Carol Service at St. Mary's is always a special time for Prep. A time where we can all be together and remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas.



*Year 3 and Year 4 Morning Melodies*



# Eco News

It has been a busy term and eco events have been underway since the new Eco Councillors were elected in September.

Warwick Prep has signed up to the Hedgehog Friendly Campus. Huge thanks to all the children who took part in The Big Hog-Friendly Litter Pick Challenge, going out at the weekend to collect rubbish and sending in pictures of their filled rubbish bags. Many children reported how surprised they were by the amount of rubbish they found! Forest School Leader, Mrs Lees, and her son, Oliver, made a beautiful hedgehog house which is now in Forest School! The Eco Council have been to visit it and we hope that some hedgehogs will find it very useful.



David in 2JA taking part in the Big Hog-Friendly Litter Pick Challenge



Gabriella in NHT making a cosy bed in the hedgehog house

In early November, Miss Wilby and Mrs Griggs held a STEAM meets GREEN assembly for Years 2 to 6, where members of the Eco Council told the school about the COP27 conference and the Transform Our World Youth Summit. The Eco Councillors talked about the need to reduce fast fashion, food waste and plastic pollution. All children from Years 2 to 6 then made an Eco Pledge on a piece of scrap paper, pledging to do their part in helping to fight climate change. These pledges will be made into a large display to remind the pupils to keep them close to their hearts.

# Forest School

The new cohort of Squirrels Nursery children very quickly embraced their weekly visits to Forest School. They explored with delight all the areas and they soon learnt the rules and immersed themselves in all the activities. This year, we have some very confident tree climbers and busy den builders. The children have been busy planting up wellies with narcissus bulbs and daffodils in the hedgerows. It will be lovely seeing them in spring. During half term, the Estates team revamped an old path to make a new entrance and planted a new hedge which has really enhanced the area and caused many discussions with the children. We have learnt about hibernation, made our own fir cone and clay hedgehogs and have a splendid hedgehog house hidden under some bushes.



Children from REB enjoying blackberry painting



Kit in NPB and Grace in NWL planting bulbs in wellies

Reception children have enjoyed making repeat patterns using natural objects, leaf man pictures, leaf crowns, painting with blackberries and 'Stick Man' puppets. During maths week the children did a series of maths challenges in Forest School, collecting a given number of natural objects found around them or making shapes using twigs and pebbles.

All the children have learnt some very important fire safety rules and we used the Kelly Kettle to make some delicious hot chocolate which was enjoyed with shortbread biscuits!



Joshua in RSJ creating natural patterns



# An Interview With...

## Ruby, Head Girl, and Sally, Deputy Head Girl

By Bea and Amarleen



Editors, Bea and Amarleen, interviewed Head Girl, Ruby, and Deputy Head Girl, Sally, to understand more about their important role within our school.

**Q** *How did you feel when you found out about your roles?*

**A Ruby:** I was excited, amazed and jumped around!

**Sally:** I was really pleased and at night I couldn't stop thinking about it!

**Q** *What is it like to be Head and Deputy Head Girl?*

**A Ruby:** It's busy and sometimes you have to give up your break but I enjoy being busy.

**Sally:** It's lovely writing birthday cards and delivering them.

**Q** *What is your favourite part of being Head and Deputy Head Girl?*

**A Ruby:** I enjoyed writing a speech for the September Open Morning and speaking in front of so many people. I like writing the birthday cards too.

**Sally:** I'm looking forward to writing and delivering my speech at the March Open Morning.

**Q** *What are the key skills required to be Head and Deputy Head Girl?*

**A Ruby:** You need to be very organised and have good communication.

**Sally:** Definitely good communication skills and patience to complete the birthday cards.



**Q** *What would you like to achieve this year as Head and Deputy Head Girl?*

**A Ruby:** I would like to make the school the best it can be and make it more eco.

**Sally:** To be the best I can be and reduce the quantity of food waste at school.

**Q** *What's your favourite book?*

**A Ruby:** My favourite book is The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. It's very adventurous and a big book so it keeps me busy for ages!

**Sally:** I have enjoyed reading The Guggenheim Mystery by Robin Stevens. It's about three cousins solving the mystery of a stolen painting.

# STEMillions Visit to King's High

By Ella and Maggie



STEMillions STEAM Club is a Year 6 after school club run by Miss Wilby, one of the Science teachers. STEAM is a subject that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. You start to learn about STEAM and do fun projects in Year 5 and do much more in Year 6.

Some of the many exciting activities we have done in STEMillions is creating a drawn human body containing all the organs. Our favourite activity was when we experienced a fun session at King's High and we learnt all about the Periodic Table and the gases. We were taught by Dr Mather, who is the King's High Chemistry teacher. The first experiment



*Lighting cotton wool on Dr Mather's hand!*



*Testing for oxygen*

involved testing for oxygen. We were shown how to use a Bunsen burner and then lit a match from the flame. We blew the match out so that it was glowing (glowing is where the match is put out but still has embers) and carefully placed the match into a bottle of oxygen to see whether it would re-light. This confirmed the presence of oxygen.

Another fun exciting experiment we accomplished was to set fire to a special piece of cotton wool. Dr Mather held the cotton wool in his hand, and we had to light it using a match. When we lit the cotton wool it burst into flames and exploded. Surprisingly, it didn't hurt Dr Mather even though there was an explosion in his hands!

Members of STEMillions had a lot of fun at King's High and found it a wonderful experience. We look forward to experiencing more fun days at King's High.

# News from our Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have enjoyed lots of focused training over this half term with the launch of the new Childnet Digital Leaders Platform and exciting new badges including: 'Using the Internet for Good,' 'Trust and Reliability,' 'Digital Wellbeing and Resilience' and 'Reporting and Getting Support.'

Many of the team of Year 5 and 6 pupils have completed the 8 badges, earning themselves qualified Digital Leader status and are ready to share their ideas on how to encourage safe online practices and support for their peers. We are currently 2nd on the national leader board and with a few more points to gather from our remaining Digital Leaders, we are hoping to hit the top spot!



Our Digital Leaders

We've also been working hard to update our shared online safety website with answers to your questions on the Digital Discussion page. Remember, there's no question too big or too small for parents and children that we will be able to find the answer to and add to our FAQ section, including information about safe messaging apps; Roblox safety links and age ratings for apps and where to find them.

We are looking forward to planning assemblies for next term and creating some information packs for children and parents to help us all with our online journeys.

## Cyril Investigates...

### Mrs Drury, Head of Computing

By Bea and Amarleen

Cyber Cyril joined Bea and Amarleen to interview Mrs Drury about all things digital.



**Q** How long have you been a Computing teacher?

**A** I was a Primary school and ICT teacher for 10 years before I taught Computing.

**Q** When did you join Warwick Prep?

**A** I started in September 2013, so have been here for nearly 10 years.

**Q** Why is Computing so important?

**A** Computing underpins everything we do in society. Most jobs require the use of computing, even jobs that haven't been created yet!

**Q** What do you enjoy most about your role?

**A** I like the excitement. There is always something new to explore and I enjoy seeing the reactions of the children when they discover amazing things.

**Q** What do you enjoy about Digital Leaders, Code Club and Touch Typing?

**A** I like how they're all different: with Code Club you do fun but challenging projects, Touch Typing is a really useful skill and Digital Leaders are important as they help other people and challenge the things we see online.



**Q** How much screen time should we have each day?

**A** it depends on the task you're doing. I would always recommend using a screen for purposeful content. If you're learning and challenging your brain, then screen time limits differ from say, watching videos on YouTube for fun.

**Q** What is your favourite type of device?

**A** This is tricky! I would say all devices are amazing as technology is incredible and can help in our everyday lives.

**Q** What do you do in your free time?

**A** I really enjoy sport, like hockey and netball, and in bad weather, I like to read a book or spend time with my family.



# Behind the Scenes – Design & Technology Teacher

By Daisy and Sasha



Daisy and Sasha met our new Design & Technology teacher, Mrs Morrish, to take a peek behind the scenes of her role.

**Q** What inspired you to do DT?

**A** I was one of the first students to take GCSE DT and my teacher was inspiring. We were one of the first schools to purchase a Vacuum Former which was very exciting.

**Q** How long have you taught DT?

**A** This is my first year teaching DT. Before, I was a Fabric Technologist and worked in fashion and retail.

**Q** What is your favourite part of DT?

**A** Everything! Especially seeing the pupils' faces when they've completed their projects.

**Q** What is your biggest accomplishment?

**A** My biggest accomplishments are when I was part of the team that developed one of the first machine washable blazers and when I helped create the first sportswear range for M&S that included Lycra.

**Q** What do you do in your free time?

**A** I'm currently training for a 10k run and I also enjoy hill walking with my dog. When the weather is poor, I like to do yoga or curl up in front of the fire with a book.



# Question Time

Miss Carvell, Physical Education  
Teacher and Swimming  
Co-ordinator

By Ella and Maggie



Ella and Maggie caught up with Miss Carvell, in the gymnasium, to find out more about her role and of course, her favourite sundae topping!

**Q** Have you always wanted to be a PE teacher?

**A** I originally wanted to be a nurse or swimming teacher because I like helping people. I hadn't planned to be a school PE teacher but after helping to set up the Warwick Swim School, and with some encouragement from Mrs Murden (I taught her children to swim), I began teacher training at Warwick Prep in 2010 and qualified in 2012.

**Q** What is your favourite sport?

**A** My two favourite sports are gymnastics and swimming. When I was younger, I had the opportunity to take part in a gymnastics competition and loved it so continued my passion for the sport. I have always enjoyed swimming.

**Q** Why did you choose PE and not Games?

**A** I feel more knowledgeable teaching PE because I have a background in those types of sports. I enjoy seeing individuals improve as well as the team's improvement.



**Q** What hobbies do you have out of school?

**A** Paddle boarding is by far my favourite thing to do out of school. I like being out on the water and try to go as often as I can. I also enjoy reading and travelling.

**Q** If you were an animal, what would you be and why?

**A** I would be a dolphin because I love swimming and being in the water. I think dolphins combine both gymnastics and swimming, my two favourite sports.

**Q** If you represented yourself as a sundae topping, what would it be and why?

**A** I would be hundred and thousands because they're fun, sweet and bring a bright, happy energy!



# Charity News

It has been a successful first term of fundraising and, as ever, the school community has come together to display their generosity. During the first half of term, we started by taking in a fantastic number of donations for the Warwick District Foodbank and Treegether Project, during our Harvest Festivals. It is expected to be a very busy winter for foodbanks around the country and with the cost-of-living crisis adding to the difficulties that many families will face, it is so important that we support our local community.

Following closely on from Harvest was Show Racism the Red Card; a day where the children came to school dressed in red to show our support and awareness. The school was radiant in red and many good discussions were had, including an introductory assembly at the beginning of the week. We raised a total of £725.95 for the charity.



Year 2 boys on Show Racism the Red Card Day



Francesca in RSJ donated birthday money to the Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary



Lily in 2JA and Ruby in 6CM raised over £700 talking part in a charity walk for Forte



Amrit and Bani in 4WS at the Year 4 Harvest Assembly



Children from NWL on Show Racism the Red Card Day



Riah in 1HC raised £500 for Children in Need and met Joe Wicks!



Year 6 girls with their teddies on Children in Need Day

Finally, Children in Need was a great success! Everyone, including many staff, thoroughly enjoyed being accompanied to school with one of their furry friends, which they carried everywhere with them and were given pride of place on their desks during lessons. During assembly, we heard stories from children who have benefitted from Children in Need through various projects they help to fund. We also watched a video about a specific centre that received funding to help support disadvantaged children and allow them access to craft and artistic activities. We learnt about where the money goes and how different projects are selected to receive funding from the charity, including many local groups offering support to young people across Warwickshire. We raised a SPOTacular £718.49!

There has also been a great deal of charity work outside school by many of the children. It has been so pleasing to read the lengths they have been going to, to raise money for such a wide range of charitable causes.



## Remembrance Day

As part of our Remembrance commemoration, Year 5 led a very moving and poignant service in Warwick School Chapel. Amidst memorials to Old Warwickians who gave their lives for their country, the children delivered a powerful testimony of the experiences of so many, with a particular focus on the 'Great War' of 1914-1918. Shan, in 5KC, played a moving rendition of The Last Post. After the service, parents and friends of Warwick Prep kindly donated £150 towards The Royal British Legion.



*In Warwick School Chapel*



*Shan in 5KC holding the Year 5 Remembrance board*

## School Council

At School Council, the children suggested planting bulbs in the planters at the front of school to add some spring joy. The children decided which colour flowers they would like and with help from Mr Toon, Grounds Manager, the children planted what will be a colourful display of tulips and daffodils. The pupils really enjoyed digging and getting their hands dirty!



*Year 6*



*Year 1*



# Anti-Bullying Week

The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week was 'Reach Out'. The Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales, consulted teachers and children up and down the country and it was clear that they wanted a theme that empowered everyone to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

We started off Anti-Bullying Week with an Odd Socks Day assembly where staff and children wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



*Nursery children supporting Anti-Bullying Week*



*Year 4 girls proudly wearing their odd socks*

Throughout the week, pupils took part in lots of different activities and assemblies, led by Miss Sarson, where we reinforced the key messages about bullying and how our school approaches bullying. This included; knowing what bullying is, types of bullying behaviour, what steps to take if pupils see bullying behaviour, ensuring our pupils know what to do if they are experiencing bullying behaviour, how to deal with anyone who bullies and that everyone should take bullying seriously because of the long-term impact it can have on friendships, self-esteem as well as emotional and mental health and wellbeing. Anti-Bullying Week was certainly a real opportunity to remind everyone to 'Reach Out' and show each other the support we need.

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## Introducing our School Dog

We are delighted to introduce our school dog who is set to become an integral part of our school community. Ollie is a 2-year-old Golden Retriever owned by Mrs Dodsworth and her family. He will visit one or two days a week and interact with some children as part of their wellbeing support, to read alongside or to provide a range of children with a therapeutic and calming experience.

The decision to introduce a school dog has been made following extensive research and discussion. As part of these discussions, the School Council had an opportunity to participate in the decisions and considerations. We discussed the benefits and the practicalities, including everything from risk assessments and insurance, to dealing with dog toileting and children's allergies.

We hope the children will gain a great deal of enjoyment from having a school dog and that Ollie quickly becomes an established part of life at Warwick Prep.



*Ollie resting his paws*



*Introducing Ollie*



# Wellbeing Ambassadors

On Tuesday 8 November 2022, our Wellbeing Ambassadors completed the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training Programme, run by the Diana Award.

Supported by HRH The Duke of Cambridge, The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign engages young people, parents and teachers to change the attitudes, behaviour and culture of bullying by building skills and confidence to address different situations, both online and offline.

The Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme is all about equipping pupils with the tools needed to tackle bullying behaviour head on and support our school's approach to anti-bullying. The idea is that this will help to continue to promote a safe, kind school community at Warwick Prep.



*Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training Programme*



*Our Wellbeing Ambassadors*

The Programme is pupil-led, and our newly trained pupils will be leading our anti-bullying campaign as 'Wellbeing Ambassadors'. We have decided upon the name of 'Wellbeing Ambassadors' as we want their role to be all-encompassing when it comes to pupils social, emotional, physical and mental health.



The Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training Programme was simply amazing. Our pupils left the training feeling truly inspired and ready to take on their role as Wellbeing Ambassadors for Warwick Prep.

Huge congratulations to Zoe, Kylie, Maggie, Cara, Shan, Penelope, Eleanor, Katherine, Ayla, Sophia and Khadeejah on their appointment to Wellbeing Ambassador. We very much look forward to seeing them grow and flourish in their new role.

# St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

A display of over 50 decorated Christmas Trees were on display at the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2022.

The Warwick Prep Art department sponsored a tree and beautiful ceramic decorations, made by the Year 5 Art Club girls, adorned the branches, expertly dressed by Mrs Dodsworth.

We hope you were able to go along and view our tree, and cast your vote!



*Members of Year 5 Art Club*



*Art Club handmade decorations*

*Our tree at St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival*

# Art Gallery

## Reception



Mahi in REB - Self portrait



Will in RSJ - Self portrait



Rosa in RHE - Self portrait

## Year 2



Tyler in 2EC - Kenyan sunset



Ruhani in 2AD - Kehinde Wiley inspired portrait



Heather in 2JA - Self-portrait

## Year 3

Year 3 have been studying the work of Angie Lewin, a British printmaker, artist and designer whose work is inspired by the clifftops and saltmarshes of North Norfolk.



Simran in 3VS



Flora in 3LW



Alice in 3VS





Sophia in 4MC

#### Year 4

Year 4 have been inspired by Hong Kong based artist and illustrator, Peony Yipp.



Lottie in 4MC

#### Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about Sarah Graham, a British photorealist painter.



May in 5RM



Margo in 5AM



Darcey in 5AM

#### Year 6

Year 6 have been inspired by the American artist, Klari Reis, who uses the tools and techniques of science in a really creative manner to produce 'jewel like' Petri Dish installations.



Maggie in 6CM



Haruka in 6CM



Chloe in 6CM



**WPSA**

Warwick Preparatory School  
Association

## WPSA News

By Clare Phillips, WPSA Communications

### WPSA Committee

What an exciting start to the year we have had, firstly with the Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a huge success, so many of you baked and donated lots of wonderful cakes! It was lovely to see so many people inside the school hall enjoying the tea, coffee and cakes, whilst meeting with friends face to face. We raised a whopping £1,252.40 for Macmillan Cancer Support. That's now £24,894 since 1995. Amazing! Thank you all so much! We couldn't do it without you and your generous donations, and of course the delicious cakes! Thanks to the uniform shop too for their kind donation.

Next up, we had the spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Competition. There were so many scary and creative entries! Thank you to everyone who took part. It was very difficult to choose the winners from so many fantastic pumpkins. Well done, to everyone.



The winners were:

- Pre-Prep – Hunter, in REB
- Prep – India, in 3LG
- Family – Ellie, in 1JB
- Overall – Lydia, in 5AM
- Most creative pumpkin – Isabela, in NHT, and Gaby, in 3VS

## Pumpkin carving winners!



Well done to Hunter,  
India, Lydia and Ellie.



The WPSA phone booth has been a hive of activity. Thank you to WPSA members and their children who have been busy decorating it for Show Racism the Red Card and Children in Need 2022.

WPSA have been busy behind the scenes donating books to local charities including Acorns, Headway, Myton Hospice and the school classroom libraries.







We were very excited to welcome so many of you to our Christmas Fair on Friday 9 December. We had lots of festive stalls with games, tombolas, crafts and there was even a special visit from Father Christmas' reindeer! We hope you enjoyed joining in with the festive cheer.

#### Warwick Prep Family Tree

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 to fund items outside of the normal school budget. This is an opportunity to be part of something special, and to support future WPSA fundraising initiatives. If you wish to sponsor a personalised oak leaf or acorn as a Christmas gift, please scan the QR code.



#### WPSA Uniform Shop Update

We have had a number of very successful sales this term, despite the new uniform being introduced at the start of the school year. Our sale at the end of September coincided with the Macmillan Coffee Morning and proved to be very busy. As usual, we donated half of our profits from the sale (after parent payments) to Macmillan Cancer Support. The total raised this year was £414.88, £30 more than last year!

We have also started to allocate our funds from the previous academic year. We will be donating approximately £2000 to the school Science Department to support 'Science Week' events, in January, for all year groups.

Plus, we are planning on £1000 donations to two local charities who support families and children in the area: Evelyn's Gift <https://evelynsgift.co.uk/> and The Evergreen School's Music Bus Project <https://www.evergreenschool.co.uk/community-links/fundraising/>. We hope to share more details on this throughout the year.

As always, many thanks for your support of the WPSA Uniform Shop. Shopping and selling with us really does a lot more than just helping to rehome school uniform!

Our next sale in the New Year is on Friday 13 January 2023, 7.45-8.45am.

**f** @WPSACentral

**t** @WPSA10



# Foundation Community

## A New Look For Warwick Schools Foundation

Following an extensive consultation process and strategic alignment of our schools' brands, we are pleased to unveil the new visual identity of Warwick Schools Foundation – Enabling transformation through the power of education.



## King's High Sixth Form Boarding

Warwick School has, for many years offered boarding as an option for boys joining the senior school. Over recent months we have been considering how best to develop our boarding provision, and after much consideration and evaluation, we are delighted to share with you our development plans for boarding at the Myton Road Campus.

There are two main parts to our plan. First, an extensive refurbishment and expansion of the current boarding facilities for boys. This increase in size for the boarding house will enable Warwick School boarders to be housed together in one larger boarding house. Second, from next September, King's High Sixth Form pupils will have the option of weekly or full boarding in a dedicated and newly refurbished, Girls' boarding house. King's High School boarders will add a new and important dimension to our school communities and a further milestone in our 'Best of Both Worlds' vision.

After consulting with a number of specialist architects and external agencies we have commenced these exciting refurbishments to create an exceptional boarding environment for the benefit of all boarding pupils.



# Warwick Schools Foundation



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## His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant Visits Warwick Schools Foundation

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Tim Cox, visited the CCF in December in order to present The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal to seven of the CCF staff for their service to the cadet forces. He also took the opportunity to promote some of the cadets and toured the afternoon's activities, speaking to a large number of cadets. Well done to all those who were promoted or received awards.



## Canticum

Canticum, the choir for all members of the Foundation community, past and present, relaunched this term with 'The Best of British' workshop. This was followed by the Canticum Christmas Concert, in Warwick Hall, where Foundation families and friends enjoyed performances of festive favourites including Vaughan-Williams' 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols'.





#### Orchestra of the Swan – From The New World Masterclass

The Orchestra of the Swan performed 'From The New World' in November at Warwick Hall, and Foundation pupils from Warwick School, King's High School, and The Kingsley School were able to participate in a masterclass to perform one of the pieces from the performance.

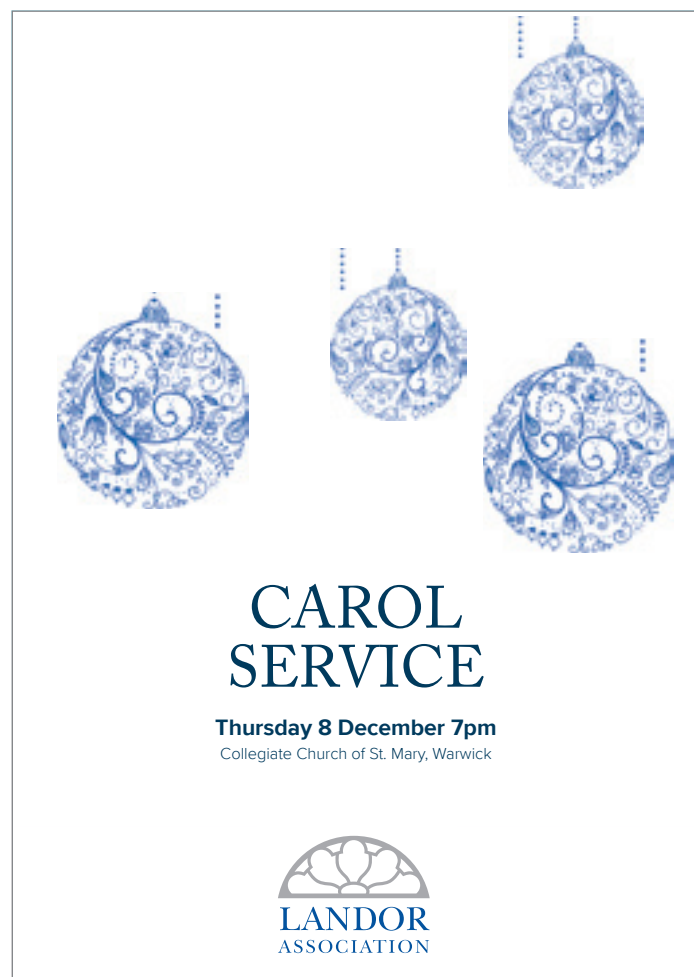
#### Warwickshire Youth Choirs

Warwickshire Youth Choirs welcomed children from the Foundation to a free singing workshop at King's High School on Saturday 15 October. There will be a second free singing workshop running on Saturday 17 December. More information can be found here [www.choristers.org](http://www.choristers.org)



## Landor Association Carol Service

Parents, friends and pupils were delighted with a musical feast at the Landor Association Carol Service including: the Foundation Chamber Choir singing My Lord Has Come; the Junior Chamber Choir with A Child is Born in Bethlehem; a wonderful reading of Joseph's Carol by Lily, Head Girl at Warwick Prep, and beautiful vocals from Anna, in Year 6. Thank you to the Music department for putting together such a magnificent programme.



## Landor Association 'The Ilex 2022'

We are delighted to share the latest edition of The Ilex magazine, summarising the activities of King's High and Warwick Prep over the 2021-2022 academic year.

Many former pupils and staff remember The Ilex magazine as King's High's school publication from 1912 to 2014. In 2020 we relaunched a new-style Ilex as the magazine of the Landor Association, including features from pupils, staff, governors and parents past and present – the whole Landor community of King's High and Warwick Prep School. We hope you enjoy Issue No. 133 of the Ilex, the third in its new form [landorassociation.co.uk/ilex2022](http://landorassociation.co.uk/ilex2022)



## Landor Association – Landor Lecture

The Landor Association is thrilled to announce details of its seventh Landor Lecture which takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 25 January, 2023. Our guest speaker will be King's High Old Girl and award winning thespian, Gemma Whelan. Gemma is well known for her television roles in Game of Thrones, Upstart Crow, Killing Eve and Gentleman Jack, among others. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance; please email Landor Association Administrator Polly Beidas on [p.beidas@kingshighwarwick.co.uk](mailto:p.beidas@kingshighwarwick.co.uk) for a booking form.



## Online Mentoring

Our Warwick Foundation Connect platform has powerful mentoring tools to make it easy for members of our community to connect, network and offer support to one another. Our mentors use their knowledge and experience to help recent school leavers develop new skills and build larger networks. The scheme has proved to be very popular, with almost 1,000 people on the platform who are willing to offer their connections, expertise, and support to others. We are very privileged to have such a vibrant and generous community that supports one another at every stage of their careers and lives. If you would like mentoring or are happy to offer mentoring, please register at [warwickfoundationconnect.com](http://warwickfoundationconnect.com)



# Ignite

At Warwick Prep, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to discover and grow their inner passions and talents. As Early Years and Primary educators, we understand the importance of these crucial foundation years and we strive to provide an environment in which these passions and talents can be awakened, nurtured and cultivated, allowing our children to become the very best that they can be.

As part of our co-curricular programme, we already offer an extensive range of activities and clubs which are sure to cater for all interests, whether in Street Dance, Cross-Stitch, Glass-Fusing or Karate. The opportunities are wide and varied – and we warmly invite all pupils to participate in the wonderful activities on offer.

This year, we are excited to launch Ignite - our Academic Enrichment Programme. In addition to the array of activities on offer through the co-curricular programme, Ignite will provide interested pupils with greater opportunity for new passions to be discovered and for existing ones to flourish, for intellectual curiosity and creativity to be encouraged, and for independent thought to be enhanced.

In the months and years to come, we hope to broaden our Ignite Programme to offer more opportunities for all age ranges. This will take us a little longer, but we have no doubt that this will continue to grow and become a truly bespoke offering for our school.

We hope that our pupils will embrace the exciting opportunities on offer and ignite that spark that lies within.

**Mission:** To provide an academic enrichment programme of excellence.

**Vision:** To provide outstanding opportunities for our pupils to discover, explore and ignite their interests, passions and talents beyond the classroom.



## Events and Competitions

7-18 November

### MATHS WEEK – NURSERY-YEAR 6

A variety of challenges and activities will take place all week to celebrate and promote Maths Week, including the following two competitions.

### BEBRAS CHALLENGE – YEARS 3-6

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to pupils in Years 3-6. Participants answer questions that focus on computational and logical thinking.

### PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE – YEARS 5-6

An advanced-level national Maths competition. Created by The Mathematical Association, the Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC) is a fun and exciting mathematical challenge for pupils in Years 5 and 6, run as part of our Maths Week.

Thursday 1 December and  
Thursday 8 December, 7.00pm

### WARWICK UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS LECTURES, WARWICK UNIVERSITY VENUE – YEAR 6

Scientists from the University of Warwick leave their labs to entertain and amaze audiences with experiments and research that make us scratch our heads and shout from our seats. This December, Year 6 pupils are invited to visit Warwick University for an incredible evening of audience participation, explosions, discovery and wonder!

Closing date Friday 2 December 2022

### YOUNG WRITERS CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION – AGES 5 TO 11

Pupils are invited to be part of the fantastic 'A Twist in the Tale' story-writing experience, by writing their own mini saga – a story told in just 100 words – with a twist. Pupils could write an original story with a twist or retell a classic tale with a new spin. Open to all aged 5 and above. Independent work only, mums and dads!

### December - March

### POETRY BY HEART RECITAL COMPETITION – OPEN TO ALL AGES; NATIONAL COMPETITION OPEN TO YEARS 3-6

Poetry by Heart is a national poetry speaking competition. Taking part in Poetry By Heart is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way. Choose a poem, learn it by heart and perform it out loud! Open to all pupils in KS2.

### December and March submission deadlines

### SPARK YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION – YEARS 5-6

Spark Young Writers is a writer's group and online magazine for children and young people in the West Midlands. Creative writers in Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to submit their short stories or poems for publication in this local magazine. Each entry receives an editor's letter and feedback. A great opportunity to write for an authentic audience!



# Key Dates Spring 2023

Term Commences:  
Thursday 5 January

Half Term:  
Monday 20 – Friday 24 February

Term Ends:  
Wednesday 29 March

## OPEN EVENTS 2023

Entrance Assessments:  
Monday 23 January  
– Year 3

Wednesday 25 January  
– Years 4, 5 and 6

Open Morning:  
Saturday 18 March

For more information about our events,  
please visit our website  
[warwickprep.com](http://warwickprep.com)



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