



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'

Friday 11th March

Dear parents,

We have had a very busy start back to this half term with many enrichment activities for our children.

We were incredibly proud of Oak class children who competed in the Hertford and Ware Sports Partnership sports hall athletics at Wodson Park. Many of them took part in several events and our team came 3rd overall. Staff from the sports partnership commented specifically on our children's enthusiasm and resilience.

Thank you to Miss Fitzgerald for organising a fun World Book Day for the school. We were impressed by everyone's outfits and the children enjoyed having a book swap. This was a great way to help promote the importance of reading and our children's love of books!



Last week, children in Years 2-6 visited Bedford on our Faith Tour. We were lucky enough to visit the Gurdwara, Mosque and Church, which are all situated along one road. Children had tours of the places of worship and talks from members of the religious communities. Miss Nicolaou and Mrs White reported that the children were respectful and asked many interesting questions.



We are grateful to Mrs Coleman for inviting representatives from the local authority into school to share an interactive presentation on recycling for Pine and Oak classes. It was a great way to enhance children's geography learning and encourage understanding of the importance of recycling.



Next week we will be celebrating National Science Week in school with practical activities and special assemblies.

As we get closer to the start of our formal federation, please see a message to parents from me below.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman
Red Nose Day



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Look no further than the school office to buy your Red Nose. This year's Noses are 100% plastic-free and we have a box of 40 to sell at £1.50 each. School council would like to invite the children to come to school wearing something red for a donation.

Key Dates

WB 14 th March	Science Week
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 22 nd March	8.45am Parent Forum (focus on equalities)
Friday 25 th March	2.30pm SEND Coffee Afternoon
Friday 1 st April	First day of formal federation with Thundridge School closes 1.15pm
Saturday 11 th June	F.O.T. Summer Fair (Jubilee Theme!)

Dear parents/carers,

I am incredibly pleased and excited to have been appointed as the new Executive Headteacher of the Thundridge and Tonwell St Mary's Church School Federation from 1st April.

I have always had a passion for small schools and the unique experience they offer. I have been instrumental in planning for the new federation and am confident that it is the best way forward for our schools – I am excited for the enormous potential this partnership will bring our children.

I believe that the federation will offer the best of both worlds: the wider curriculum opportunities for children, more broadly shared workload for staff and long-term financial sustainability afforded by the creation of a larger organisation without losing the special 'family feel' our smaller setting provides.

I am committed to continuing to work in partnership with you as parents/carers, with staff and governors to ensure we are able to provide the very best for our children.

My aim is for life at Tonwell to continue as normal, but with the benefits of additional experiences, broader peer relationships and varied opportunities through the federation. We are fortunate to have a committed and well established staff team who will continue to provide the same excellent care, support and high learning expectations for our children. I will share information about communication channels at the beginning of the summer term.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your families.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Sarah Bridgman