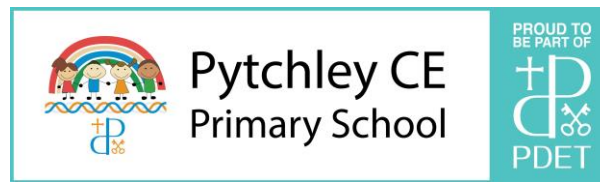


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Pytchley CofE Fortnightly News

“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28:6

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have survived yet another term and are now two thirds through the 2023/24 academic year. Although a short term, it has been packed with lots of learning and activities that I am sure you have all heard or read about.

This week, you should have received a spring term report that offers you a brief overview of your child's attainment and progress. They also confirm the behaviours and attitudes your child offers to all subjects. I am sure that you will want to discuss the content of the reports with your child class teacher. If you haven't done so, please make an appointment to meet at next term's parent/teacher afternoons/evenings.

It seems that there may be some confusion with regards to the Rock UK residential in the summer. Please note that this year's residential is for year 5/6 children and at the time of writing only two places were available. I am aware that deposits are still outstanding and that payments for the full amount will need to be made shortly. Please contact the school office for further information. At Cottingham CofE, for the last six years we have provided residential experiences to year 2, 4 and 6 children. The year 2 children attend a one night stay at Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire. The year 4 children stay there for two nights whilst the Year 6 children enjoy four nights at the nearby Rock UK. These residential come at a cost and rely on parents funding them and staff being willing to give up their time to attend. I am looking to book these experiences for the children at Pytchley CofE for 2024/25 and would welcome any feedback. In the meantime, do check out the [Cottingham CofE](#) website for more information. The dates of these residential always depend upon spaces available and costs etc.

It is disappointing to read that the average daily time for all year groups on TTRS is just 2mins. Please, please do allow and encourage your children to spend more time on TTRS to ensure that their times tables knowledge is as good as it should be. As well as TTRS there are many websites out there that you can access. One of them being [TEACHING TABLES](#). Play games with your children and test your own multiplication knowledge.

Next term, the children will look forward to more sporting experiences. These will include skateboarding, cricket, scootering and Breakdance. On the first day back (April 15th) children are to wear their PE Kits to enjoy the breakdance sessions. With regards to PE kits - you will hopefully have received a new BLUE PE T-Shirt and a TEAM T-Shirt (RED, BLUE, YELLOW, GREEN). The blue T-Shirt is to be the main colour for PE please. Whilst that is in the wash, children can of course wear their house colour (Or the white t-shirt they have already) I hope you like these FREEbies and I look forward to seeing them worn next term. You will be able to order further t-shirts in these colours also.

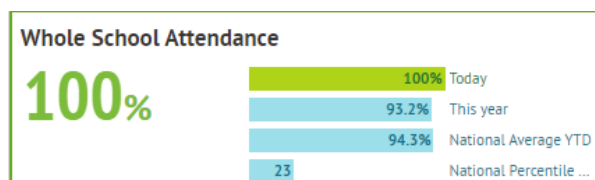
You may know that the children recently enjoyed two days of 100% attendance. That was amazing and I am always pleased that the children are happy and healthy and attend school as a result. The children enjoyed some extra break time as a result. Once again this term, you will receive an email relating to attendance. Again, these emails are sent in the hope that attendance is celebrated and improved where required. Thank you for your support and understanding.

I am looking forward to the nice long Easter break and will be spending some time in Berlin for my son's 18th birthday. He is looking forward to enjoying a legal German beer! I am sure I will join him in having one. I hope that you will all enjoy the break with family and friends and then return ready for a sunny term! Duckling's will enjoy being taught an extra day by Mrs Litchfield whilst Merlin's will enjoy having Mrs Hammil teach them in the absence of Mrs McGinn who we all have in our thoughts and look forward to her return.

Have a lovely Easter - See you on April 15th (PE Kits!!)

Mr Scott

Welcome



Places Available - Spread the word!



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Pytchley CofE is a lovely village school and we need to promote that fact. It needs to be the school of choice for those living locally and further afield. At the moment, we are able to offer places in most years with children being able to start ASAP. Word of Mouth from you all is so important. Our information shared via Twitter and Instagram for example is also important. Please Share the information contained in the flyer below with anyone whom you can think of have children looking for primary school places or maybe a move from their current school. We would love to show more families around the school. Thank you for promoting our/your school. Anyone wanting a visit can simply call or email to school office to arrange this.

LEARNING AND FLOURISHING TOGETHER



Primary & Pre-School places available.

Your local school that ensures strong moral values run through the whole school and all of the children are given every opportunity to achieve their potential and feel proud of themselves in a caring Christian environment.

Respect - Friendship - Responsibility - Truth - Resilience - Hope

- Small Village School
- Wrap-around-care
- Pre-School provision
- Caring environment

Call us for your one-to-one tour

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High Street, Pytchley, Kettering, NN14 1EN www.pytchleyprimary.org.uk



Easter Service - Values

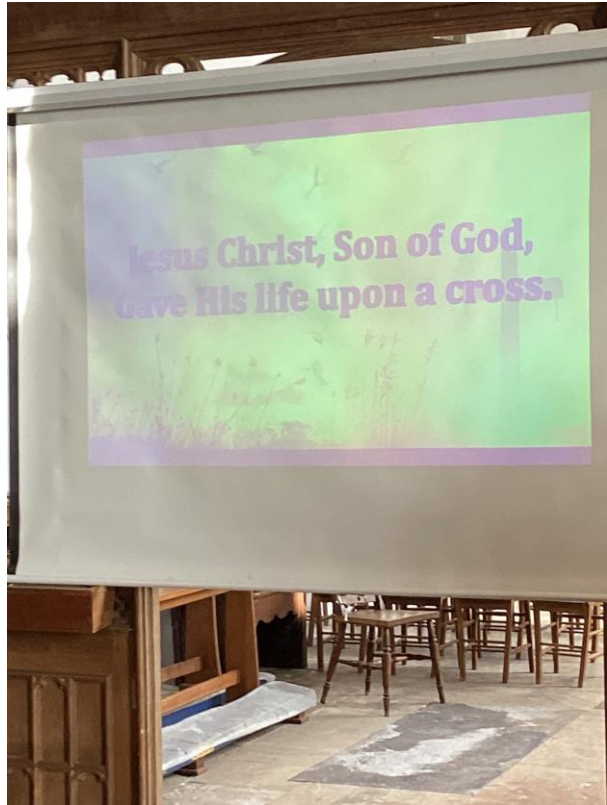


Our Easter Service at the church was lovely. We are lucky to have such an amazing place to visit that is just on our door step. A massive thank you to Claire Barber and Reverend Denise for helping with the service. For those of you who could attend, you would have enjoyed the children's speaking and singing. Not to forget the super values work from Ducklings. The worship tied in the Easter story with our very own school vales and the children were able to describe the values that they had seen. Have a look at and please do share the images below with your children. Thanks also to FoPS for the refreshments for our guests.

Well done to those children whom have this term received their **Truth** Values badges. Children can still earn this particular badge during the rest of the year and when they have completed the truth section of their passports. The next badge and value that we will be focussing upon will be **RESILIENCE**. This is certainly an important value that many children do struggle with. Your help and support at home will certainly help to develop more resilient learners.






















WELCOME TO OUR EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE!

WELCOME	Mr Scott, Headteacher
SONG	Sing out an Easter Song (everyone)
THE EASTER STORY INTRODUCTION	Rev. Denise Maud & Claire Barber, Mission Enabler
OUR EASTER STORY TOLD THROUGH OUR SCHOOL VALUES	Readings by Kites class pupils and help from Ducklings class
SONG	Lord of the Dance (everyone)
SUMMING UP OUR EASTER STORY	Claire Barber & Ducklings class
PRAYERS	Led by Merlins class pupils
SONG	Give me oil in my lamp Led by Robins class
CLOSE & BLESSING	Mr Scott & Rev Denise Maud



Ukuleles - Merlins



Next term, NMPAT First Access will introduce the Ukulele to Merlin's class. Every Wednesday, the children will learn to play the instrument to then be ready to perform to us all. We may well be able to send home a ukulele that you and your child can have fun playing at home. It's a fantastic instrument for children to learn and we look forward to hearing more!

Parent-Teacher Meetings



As you will already know, we will be holding our spring Parents' Eve/meetings starting the 1st week back after the holiday (w/b 15h April) The days and timings are as below. If you have not booked a slot, please do so as this is the perfect time to discuss your child's attainment, progress, attendance, homework and behaviour etc with the class teachers. Please contact the school office to make a booking. This is also a good opportunity to discuss your child's recent spring report.

- Tuesday - Merlins - Mrs Litchfield/Mrs Hammil
- Wednesday - Kites - Mrs Ellingworth
- Thursday - Robins - Miss Haughton Brown
- Friday - Ducklings - Mrs Litchfield

Library



Our new school library is taking shape and snakes throughout the school corridors. We are carefully displaying books and choosing new titles to order. You can see in these pictures that new additions include books related to RE, festivals, diversity and being different. We will soon have new dictionaries and atlases that will take pride of place on a shelf. Over time, we will develop the library further and look forward to sharing it with you.







Safeguarding - It's everyone's responsibility.



Please familiarise yourself with the safeguarding team at Pytchley CofE.

The safeguarding of our children is something we place huge importance upon. From attending school daily to the care and wellbeing for all children, we would expect that you do too. We ask that you are always vigilant and share with us any worries or concerns that you may have about your own child or another child or parent for example. If you do ever have a concern, you can contact a member of the safeguarding team and your concern will always be dealt with confidence.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Mr Scott head@pytchley.pdet.org.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

Mrs Litchfield t.litchfield@pytchley.pdet.org.uk

Mrs Ellingworth j.ellingworth@pytcheley.pdet.org.uk

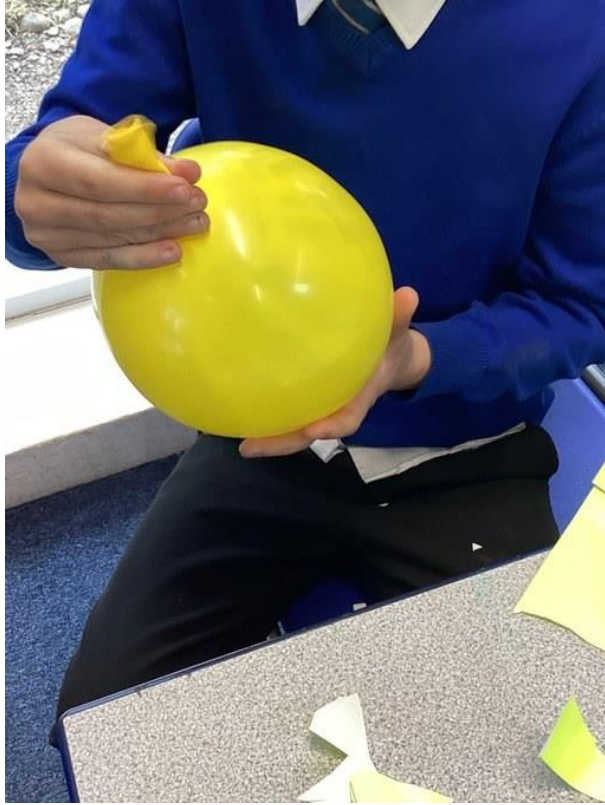
Alternatively, you can contact MASH on 0300 126 7000. For urgent matters out of hours please call: 01604 626938. Further information can be found via the safeguarding tab within the school website.



Merlin's DT



In Merlin's this term, the children have been learning about Pneumatics as part of the DT curriculum. They designed and made toys that used pneumatics to open and close. Lots of skills were involved of which you will see some in these pictures.





Values Passports/Garden Opening

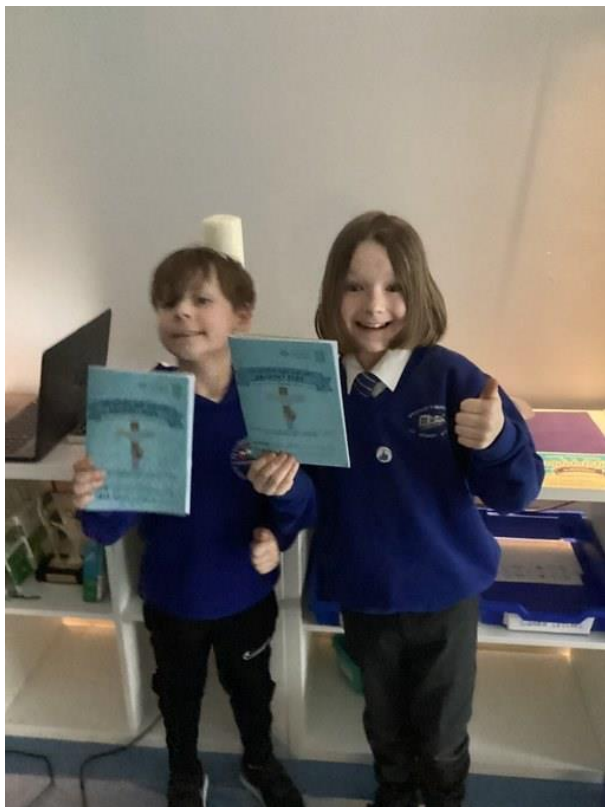
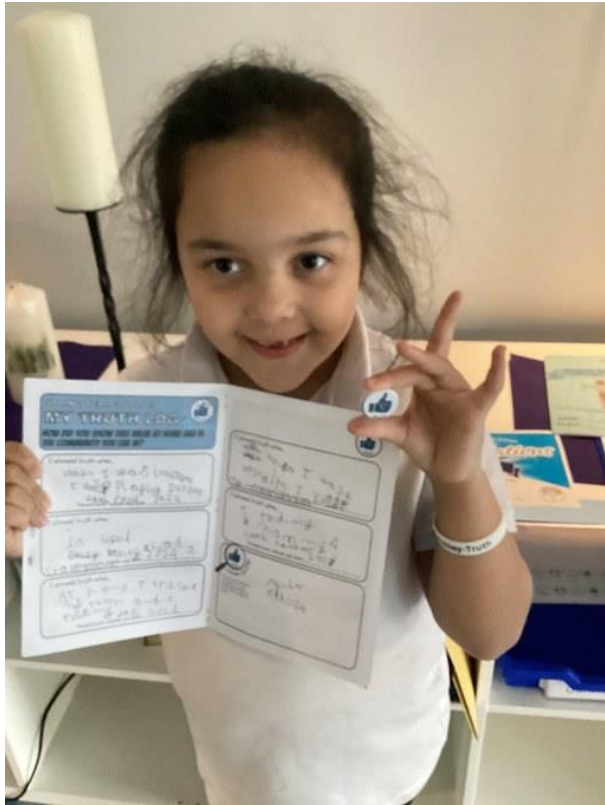


As mentioned above, the children are taking to the challenge of their values passports slowly but surely. A number of children have been rewarded with their Truth badge and others remain on course to do so. You will have seen the super values logos already but do check out our outdoor versions. These will take pride of place in our new values garden that will open soon. One date for your diary is May 22nd. We have Bishop Debbie visiting who will officially open the garden and offer a blessing. You will all be welcome also from 1:15 on that afternoon.

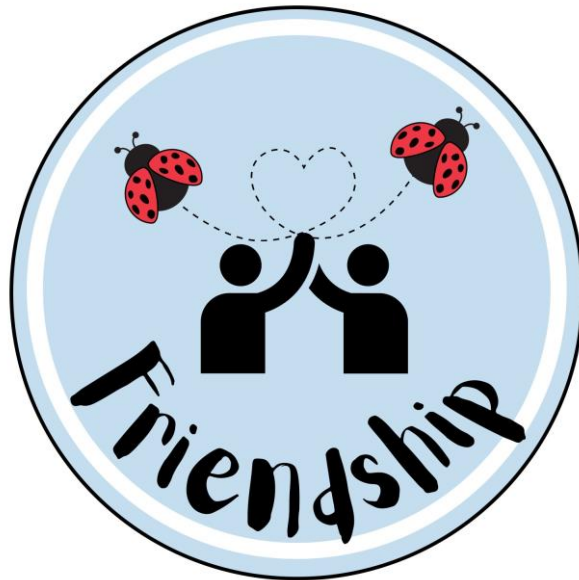












Values Champions

As a Christian school, we are committed to equality in all areas of school life. We hold our Christian values close to our heart and these form the basis for our learning. As a school, we pride ourselves on our curriculum being progressive and engaging which develops pupils thirst for learning. We promote respect and open-mindedness towards others and encourages pupils to develop their sense of identity and belonging through self-awareness and reflection. 'With God all things are possible.' Matthew 19:26

This role, as a Values Champion, will involve the children supporting in the following ways: • as "caretakers" – preparing our hall for worship and clearing up afterwards • as "technicians" – working the IT • as "welcomers" – holding open doors, speaking opening sentences. • as "props" – being called up by adults to take part in a drama, lead actions to songs etc

At Pytchley CofE Primary School we want the pupils to be as much of a part in worship, and have an important role in leading the faith community. Remember, Jesus welcomed children and used them as models of faith when speaking to his followers (Luke chp 18 vss 15-17)!

These children will take part in:

- leading prayer and reflection time
- Supporting younger children in worship
- To be a positive role model and ambassador for the school, demonstrating Pytchley CofE School Values.
- To be enthusiastic and committed to the House System
- To be friendly and positive with all students, particularly within your House.
- To be part of the team of House Captains who work together to achieve success for a

Easter Gardens



Duckling's made these lovely and special Easter Gardens that showed their understanding of the Easter story. They look great and the children were proud of their efforts.





Year 4 - PDET BIG SING



A reminder that, on **Weds 26th June**, the year 4 children from all 33 schools within the trust will be performing at the Derngate in Northampton. Each school will be learning various songs/parts of songs in readiness for this exciting event. Parents and carers will be able to purchase tickets directly from the box office. This event will be popular so do look out for ticket information. We cant wait to get started and to get singing!

TTRS - 144

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The Year 4 multiplication check

For more information on this please see the attached link

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

The termly average thus far for each year group on TTRS is:

Y1 - 80%

Y2 - 63%

Y3 - 100%

Y4 - 92%

Y5 - 100%

Y6 - 100%

The average daily time for all year groups is just 2mins. This can improve and the impact will be massive on maths learning across the school.

We now have 24 members of the 144 club. Quickest time is Willow and Mrs E - 2mins 19 secs!

Online Safety





At Pytchley C of E, Online safety is of great importance to us. Please do take the time to read the latest guide from the National Online Safety for parents and carers all about acts of kindness online. We will aim to provide regular online safety notices. In this day and age it is so important that we are keeping our children safe on line so that they can become strong digital citizens. In school, all children have their own passwords to access the IT. Our firewall is also very strong. Is yours at home?

Parent Governor Vacancy - Update

UPDATE



Congratulations to our two newly appointed parent Governors. More details coming soon. Thanks to everyone who voted. We received 21 votes in all. We are still seeking a Church (Foundation) Governor. There is a different process involved with this role so please contact Mr Scott for more information head@pytchley.pdet.org.uk

Term Dates



Academic Year 2023/2024

Term 4 Tuesday 27th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5 Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

INSET Days

Monday 26th February 2024

Academic Year 2024/2025

Term 1 Wednesday 4th September 2024 - Friday 25th October 2024

Term 2 Tuesday 05th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Term 3 Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Term 4 Tuesday 25th February 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025

Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

INSET Days

- Monday 02/09/2024
- Tuesday 03/09/2024
- Monday 04/11/2024
- Monday 06/01/2025
- Monday 24/02/2025

School Uniform



We request that school uniform is worn by all pupils, as we feel this develops pupils' sense of belonging to the school community. Thank you for your support. To help with PE uniform, ALL children have now been provided with a blue PE T-Shirt AND a House Team T-Shirt. Either can be worn for PE or events outside of school. Having provided these FOC, we expect ALL children to have appropriate PE kit including shorts and bottoms (Leggings/joggers etc).

Will write again soon.....

