



# Court de Wyck Church School

## New Year Newsletter

### 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### A message from your Headteacher...

Dear families,

We would like to wish all our families a very happy New Year and welcome everyone back after the Christmas break. It has been lovely to see the children return so positively, and classes have quickly settled back into school routines. It was lovely to hear the children to share their 'best bits' of the week in Celebration Assembly this morning.

All classes have now begun their new topics and core texts, and there has been a great deal of enthusiasm—particularly around the new English texts being explored. Further details about what your child will be learning this term can be found on the class pages of our school website.

This term, we are placing a strong focus on reading across the whole school. Reading is fundamental to children's success in all areas of the curriculum and plays a vital role in developing vocabulary, comprehension, writing skills and confidence, as well as supporting learning and enjoyment beyond school. Regular reading also has a lasting impact on children's wider life skills.

We ask that children read their reading books at home at least three times a week and that it is recorded in their reading record books. This does not need to be for long periods of time—short, regular reading sessions are extremely effective. Talking about the book, asking questions and sharing enjoyment of reading all help to deepen understanding and foster a love of books.

We would also like to remind parents of the importance of arriving at school on time. A punctual start helps children to settle calmly, engage fully in learning and begin the day feeling ready and focused. Please remember that the gates are locked at 8.50.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding term ahead, working together to support the children's learning and development.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jo Baker-Brown



#### TERM DATES:

Term 3 – 05/01 – 13/02/2026  
Term 4 – 23/02 – 02/04/2026  
Term 5 – 20/04 – 22/05/2026  
Term 6 – 01/06 – 22/07/2026

#### INSET DAYS:

Monday 20/04/2026

#### Dates for your Diary!

**14/01/26** – Reception Parents Phonics meeting @ 9am  
**15/01/26** – Christingle Service in school for children. Please bring an orange.  
**21/01/26** – YR and Y6 Height, Weight and Vision checks  
**27/01/26** – Coffee @ CdW @ 08:50  
**29/01/26** – Dental Check for some 5 year olds  
**03/02/26** – TT Rockstar Day  
**24/02–27/02/26** – Book Fair  
**05/03/26** – World Book Day  
**21/03/26** – PTA Chilli & Quiz Night for Parents  
**24/03/26** – Coffee @ CdW @ 08:50  
**25/03/26** – Beats Dance, Dance Festival at Weston Playhouse  
**31/03/26** – Rocksteady Concert for parents  
**02/04/26** – Half Term

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!



Please use the following link to book your child onto the new Forest School After School Club that takes part on Tuesdays.

[Court De Wyck Church School Forest School After School Club | Book Now | Primary Forest School & Outdoor Education](#)

Learn a new routine every term, learn new skills, improve confidence and coordination, and HAVE FUN!

Dance class takes place every Wednesday after school for years 2 – 6!

Please email Hayley at [beatsdance10@gmail.com](mailto:beatsdance10@gmail.com) who will be able to book your child a place and provide you with any other information.

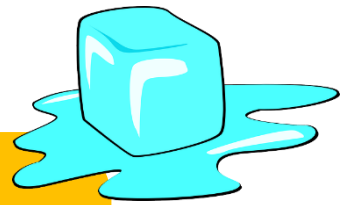


## TT ROCKSTARS!

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February children are all invited to come to school (appropriately) dressed as a ROCK STAR!

This is to promote our times tables learning. In school on that day, the children will be able to focus on their learning of maths fluency skills and times tables. They have their log in details to continue this practice from home!





## ROBIN CLASS

In Robin class this week we have shared the poem of Jack Frost. In drawing Club, the children have been thinking about what he could look like based on the description of him in our poem. We were hoping that Jack Frost might pay us another visit this week as we left out some of our water with our small world creatures to see if Jack Frost would trap them in the ice, but he is yet to come back. We have also been designers this week, learning about Bridges and the different types that there are. We particularly enjoyed sharing the story of The Three Billy Goats gruff.

## GOLDFINCH CLASS

Goldfinch have been looking at the artist Jasper Johns. We recreated his famous Alphabet picture by printing letters and then thinking about the background colours.



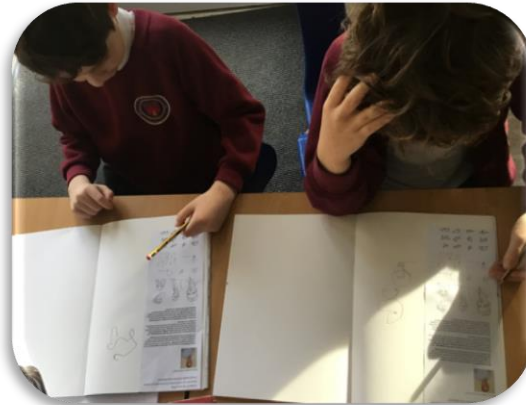
## KESTREL CLASS

Kestrel are looking forward to learning about their new topics of: Ancient Egypt, Volcanoes and Earthquakes, Living things and habitats, the Messiah, Nutrition and Boris Schmitz.



# KINGFISHER CLASS

This week, Kingfisher have started learning about the contemporary artist **Boris Schmitz**. He is most famous for his one-line drawings. This means that he creates pictures using one continuous line. As a class we practiced taking our lines for a walk to see what animals and objects we could draw using this technique.



# FOREST SCHOOL



## Safeguarding

At Court de Wyck we are committed to safeguarding – please see our policy on our website: [www.courtdewyck.co.uk](http://www.courtdewyck.co.uk)

Useful online safety links:

<https://net-aware.org.uk>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>