

## HEMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Term 4 - April 2025

#### Message from Mr Randell

As we reach the end of term, it is heart-warming to reflect on the many highlights that have made this term such a memorable one for our children.

STEM Week was a real hive of activity and discovery, with our pupils engaging in a variety of experiments that sparked their curiosity and encouraged them to think scientifically. The excitement in the classrooms was palpable as children explored how and why things happen, fostering a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Our Dance Umbrella performance was another standout moment. It was wonderful to see the children performing their joyful, rehearsed choreography on stage, gaining confidence and sharing their talent with a large audience.

Children have enjoyed some fantastic trips this term including Brunel Class's visit to the Bristol Museum, where they had the opportunity to explore Egyptian artefacts and learn about history first-hand. Reception and Preschool had a wonderful time at Upper Row Farm, experiencing life on the farm and gaining a greater appreciation for nature and where our food comes from.

World Book Day was a huge success with children across all key stages taking part in creative activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Random Reading Challenge – the range of imaginative responses was impressive!

Our community garden project continues to make fantastic progress, thanks to your ongoing support through various fundraising events and activities. Once complete, this will make a huge difference to our school environment, and we look forward to seeing it flourish in the months ahead. One exciting upcoming event is the PTA quiz night – more details can be found below. Please also look out for a couple of important letters to follow about a school sleepover and activity day. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break!

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#### **Diary Dates**

Friday 4th April - Last day of term Monday 7th to Friday 18th April - Easter Holidays Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - First day of Term 5 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Brunel Class trip - Field to Food Learning Day Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Brunel Class swimming lessons start Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Brunel Class trip to SS Great Britain Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - School Photos Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Y2 Cricket event with School Sports Partnership Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - PTA Quiz Night Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

#### **Update from Governors**

School governors play a key role in supporting and our schools. We share a governing body with Leigh on Mendip Primary School and also Sophie Flook, one of our parents is a governor. They help influence the strategic direction of policies and monitor teaching, always with the best interests of the pupils in mind. Governors work closely with school leaders to ensure our schools are a positive, thriving place for all children. If you ever have any feedback, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our governors – they're here to listen and help make our school even better!

At our recent meeting, we discussed school attendance. While Hemington's overall attendance is below the national average, it's great to see persistent absence rates going down, and we appreciate all the effort families are making to improve attendance further. On the school improvement front, things are looking good! Hemington is making great progress with science resources and fun STEM activities, while Leigh on Mendip is focusing on fine-tuning the curriculum and supporting staff wellbeing.

We also talked about the exciting hands-on science experiments that children carried out during STEM week and heard about plans for exciting future workshops and trips. We were pleased to hear positive feedback from the recent parent survey, and were grateful for suggestions on how we can improve communication about student progress even further.



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# Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

## Easter Excitement

## 7, 9, and 11 April 2025

Get ready to celebrate the joy of Easter with our seasonal trail, and crafts to make and take home!

### **Monday 7: Cross Creations**

Collect beads on our Easter crosses trail and make a necklace or keyring

### Wednesday 9: Glorious Gardens

Discover the Easter story as you follow our Cathedral map, then make an Easter garden

### Friday II: Card Crafts Follow our Easter story trail and make a card or decoration

### FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

### Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

WELLS CATHEDRAL There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.

10.30am-3.30pm

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