



# St Ethelwold's VA School

18th November 2022



Hello everyone and welcome to your weekly newsletter.

We hope that you have seen our recent communications about our upcoming Parents' Evenings and also our Christmas Performances. Thank you to all who have responded to book a Parents' Evening slot next Tuesday and Wednesday, if you have not requested a time yet, please contact us here in school and we will get you booked in. You can order (free) tickets for our Christmas Performance by emailing the school office - tickets are selling fast so you may need to be hasty with this.

This week I met up Flintshire County Council's Biodiversity team and we had a walk around our school grounds to see how we can create a more biodiverse environment within the school grounds. Not only are we looking at increasing the size of the orchard and introducing native Welsh Fruit trees, including plum, cherry and pear, but we are also looking to introduce a five-metre stretch by the perimeter fence which we do not mow. This will be sown with wildflower species which will create a rich habitat for bees and butterflies and will add some colour to our field. Finally, we will introduce a hedge on our side of the chain fencing which will give us a degree of privacy from the road and the path whilst at the same time provide a much-needed habitat for birds. All being well, the work will be started after Christmas, and I will keep you updated on its progress.

We are gradually increasing the attendance of pupils, but we are still a little way short of our pre-COVID levels. You may have had a letter recently informing you that your child's attendance is causing concern and if you have, we would like to work with you to help bring attendance up to acceptable levels. We understand that there are numerous reasons for children having time off, but we also see the impact of poor attendance on self-esteem and learning. We always work consistently and fairly through our policies with the sole intention of improving attendance and therefore attainment and we thank you for your support in this area.

The children looked resplendent in their own clothes for Children in Need today. Your support and donations were greatly appreciated, and we managed to raise £97.45 for the cause. Well done everybody!

Here's hoping that the weekend is a little drier than it has been these last few days and that you enjoy some time doing what you like with your loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.



# Look what we achieve when we 'Be the Best we can'



## VALUES AWARD

### KINDNESS

Ella-Rose  
Maja  
Nevaeh  
Louise

## MOST IMPROVED PRESENTATION AWARD

Oliwia  
Ruby J  
Liam O  
Georgi

## READER OF THE WEEK

Joel  
Harri  
Jack  
Rylee

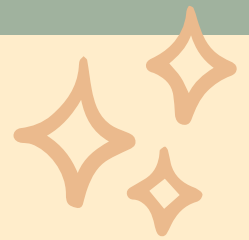
## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Annabell  
Oliver  
Dawid  
Harvey

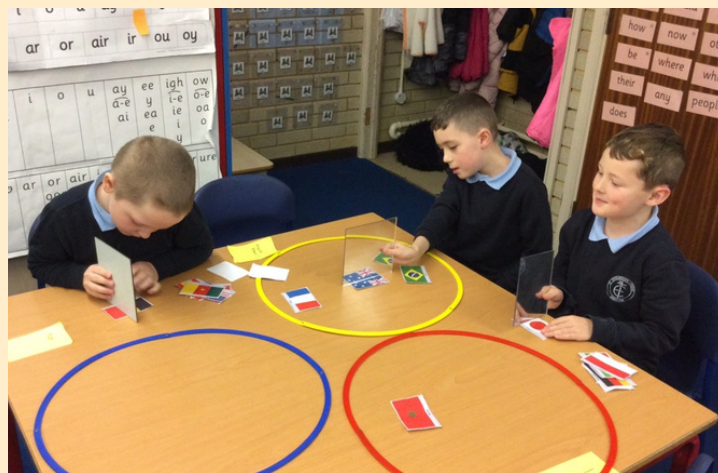
## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Peter  
Chloe  
Jacob  
Blake





Thank you for your Son Jesus, for the truth of his word and the example of his life. Replenish our spirits with new strength and prepare us to meet each day with renewed gratitude and joy. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. May all of our words and actions give you praise and glory.



## EVENTS

- 21st November- Tempest photography
- 22nd November- Parents Evening
- 23rd November- Parents Evening
- 8th December- Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th December- 9am & 2pm- Infant Christmas performance
- 15th December- 2pm & 6pm- Junior Christmas performance
- 21st December- Christmas lunch
- 21st December- Junior Christmas party
- 22nd December- Infant Christmas party
- 23rd December- 3.15pm- School closes for Christmas

