



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 5 Week 3

Friday 7th May

### British Citizen

This week's British Citizen award goes to Ashleigh for being really helpful and kind to friends in her class, especially if they are finding a task a bit difficult!



**Well done, Ashleigh!**

### Attendance

Whole school: week: **97.9%**  
year: **96.9%**

Maple: **95.0%**

Cherry: **98.1%**

Willow: **97.2%**

Lilac: **100%**

**Less than 94.9% - Red**

**95 to 96.4% - Amber**

**96.5 to 99.9% - Green**

**100% - Gold**



### Top Tips

- **Letters home:** Year 6 - Bikes to Forest School.
- **Lunches:** Please be aware when booking for lunches that the system closes early on the day so preferably book the night before and if you cannot book but have red crosses, you need to update your account financially.
- **Plants:** If you are splitting any bedding plants, please bring your excess to school!
- **Bike required:** If you have a spare bike, usable by someone 154cm tall, please call the office!



### School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in Class.

We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

This term we are looking at Friendship.



### Friendship

#### Week 3:

Friendships that are strong are like an unbreakable chain.

Write your name and decorate the strip of paper to create a paperchain of all your classmates' names.

### Learning Powers Certificate

In our Celebration Assembly today, the following children celebrated their achievements:

**Maple:** Elsie      **Cherry:** Imogen

**Willow:** Lucas M      **Lilac:** Ahlia

**Well done to all!**



Brave Bee



Persevering Parrot



Concentrating Crocodile



Linking Lemur



Confident Cat

### Reading Reward Scheme

Thank you for your ongoing support in totting up the minutes read at home, and for the additional comments you make in the reading records.

Reading Records are checked weekly in school by the class teacher or teaching assistant and minutes are counted for the class total.

This week's results for our Reward Scheme:

**Maple:** 408 minutes

**Cherry:** 1,245 minutes

**Willow:** 1,620 minutes

**Lilac:** **2,361 minutes**

**Well done, Lilac!**



If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

### Dates for your Diary

#### May

10th-14th: Bikeability Year 5  
11th: Willow Class Swimming  
13th: Year 6 Bikes to School  
13th: Lilac Class Forest School  
18th: Willow Class Swimming  
20th: Chartwells' Theme Day  
20th: Maple Class Forest School  
25th: Willow Class Swimming  
28th: May Festival (letter to follow)  
28th: Last Day of Term



### St Mary's



Our lovely PTFA continue their work behind the scenes so don't forget to have the School on your Amazon Smile account, be signed up to 'Easy Fund Raising', add any clothes to our collection bin, or to pop us onto any re-orders for Stikins labels! The PTFA is always open to new volunteers so if you have a bit of spare time and would be happy to join them, please get in touch.



### Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Chloe, who was recently selected to represent the All England Taekwondo Association in the European Championships, which were going to be held in Poland but due to Covid-19 has been conducted online.

Chloe managed to beat opponents from Finland, Austria and Germany reaching the Final of the European Championships for the 11 and under category for green belts, and green belts with blue tags.

In the final, she was in competition with the Czech champion, who is a higher belt grade, and Chloe took the Silver medal!

Reaching the final was way beyond expectations and has been an astonishing achievement!

**Congratulations  
Chloe we are very  
proud of you!**



### St Mary the Virgin Church

#### **Worship for Rogation Sunday**

God's blessing on the land

Sunday 9th May at St Mary's Church. 9.30am in the churchyard.

St Mary's Church will be holding an outdoor service on Sunday 9th May at 9.30am. The theme is 'Rogation' Sunday where we give thanks for the land around us, our communities, our school and everything that makes up our community. We would love you to join us. We will be planting sunflower seeds and enjoying singing outside. If you would like to come please could you send an email to our bookings email letting us know how many of you will be attending. [Smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com](mailto:Smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com)

We would ask you to stay in your family bubbles and to bring a mask with you. All of us have been grateful for our outdoor spaces. The Forest and places to walk. This is an opportunity to give thanks and pray blessing on our community for the coming months.

Rev Julie 01892 770 436. [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com)

Website: [www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org)



### Headteacher Award

We have an amazing four Headteacher Awards this week, two each in Maple and Cherry Class!



**Marlie:** for incredible progress in writing and handwriting.  
Great use of phonics to sound out words.



**Thomas B-S:** for unbelievable progress in writing and using sound buttons.



**Amelie:** for fantastic measuring of flowers in maths and huge progress in writing.



**Imogen:** for amazing progress in writing words and numbers - what a star!

**Well done, Marlie, Thomas, Amelie and Imogen!**



### Needed in School

**1. Spare Clothes**

Please would you take a look at home for any clothing that may have been lent from our school supplies; we are running short and it would be good to have them returned.

**2. Empty Washing Up Liquid Bottles**

Required for glue.

**3. A Bike to Borrow**

Unfortunately, one of our delightful Year 6's has had their bike stolen. Does anyone have one they could loan for Bikeability (June) and a cycle to Forest School (next week)? Needs to suit height of 1.54m.

**4. Unwanted Bedding Plants**

If you are splitting any plants or clearing any flower beds, we are planning to develop the colour at the front of school so any unwanted foliage appreciated!



## Willow Class Forest School Thursday 29th April 2021



Willow class were full of energy, so we started our sessions by playing some games we knew and learning some new ones. They played a game of 'Scissors, paper, stone' on the bridge in teams and 'Giants, Wizards, Elves' in the bluebells in the woods. The impact of Forest School can be seen through the skills, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and



knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

Willow Class had a challenge to find something in the woods to classify. They talked about different animals, birds, plants and other features and objects they could find in the woodland. Then they went off to collect things which they could classify. They drew and wrote about them as they classified them on the table.



Then it was onto drawing, stream play, and tree climbing and also challenging themselves to walk the slack line without a guide rope.



Many thanks to our fantastic volunteers who support the children so brilliantly in the woods.

We couldn't do it without you!





## Celebration Assembly

Every Friday morning we have our virtual Celebration assembly as a whole school! It's a brilliant opportunity to see the whole school together and lovely to see the children waving to their friends in other classes. We celebrate those who have been on Blue or the Star during the week, as well as giving out Learner of the Week, Sports Star, British Citizen and awarding the Reading Cup and Attendance Ted to the winning class. We finish each assembly with cheering a big happy birthday to those who have celebrated birthdays in the week - it's the best way to start a Friday morning.



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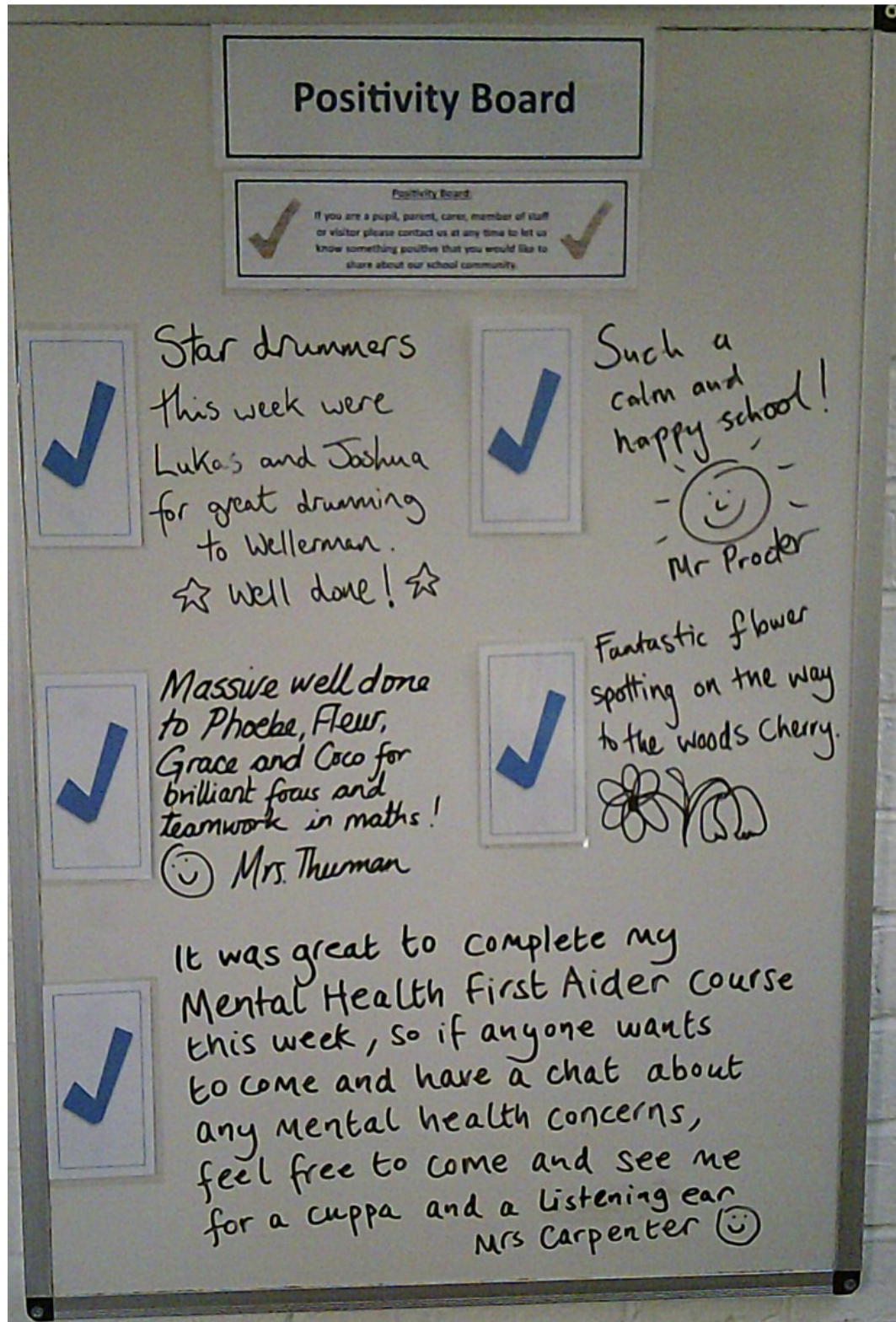
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## Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



## Well Being Poster

As Monday 10th May - Sunday 16th May is Mental Health Awareness Week in the UK this week's well being poster comes from an article on the NSPCC [website](#) about promoting mental health and wellbeing.

"It's important that all the adults in a child's life are able to promote that child's mental health and wellbeing." Things to consider:

### Maintaining a routine

A steady routine can help provide stability in a child's life, which can give children and young people a sense of security and help reduce stress. Here are some tips you can suggest to parents and carers you work with:

- plan regular weekly activities, such as seeing friends and relatives or taking part in a club or hobby



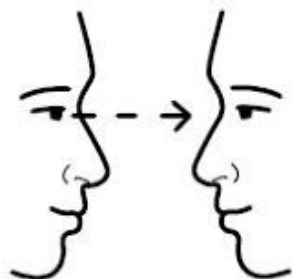
- have regular mealtimes
- set and stick to bed times, particularly for younger children, as sleep is important for children's mental and physical wellbeing (NHS, 2017)
- establish a night time routine for younger children, such as reading a story before bed
- work with older children to create a routine that works for them – including homework, seeing friends, extra-curricular activities and time offline



### Interacting with younger children

The early years of a child's life can help lay the foundations of wellbeing for their future (Falcounbridge et al, 2019). Positive interactions with adults during this time can help improve child's mental wellbeing throughout their lives.

- have individual face-to-face activity with their child, such as talking, singing and playing
- follow the child's lead: focus on what they choose, and support and encourage their curiosity
- maintain eye contact, as this helps build a strong relationship.



## Chartwells' Theme Day

On Census Day, Thursday 20th May, Chartwells will be offering a Taste of America Theme day.

The menu is presented on a dark blue background with a large, stylized American flag motif on the left side, featuring red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars. The title 'TASTE OF AMERICA' is written in a large, white, serif font with a blue outline. The menu items are listed in white text. The date '20/05/21' and price '£2.10' are displayed in white text on dark blue banners. A 'Food Super Heroes' logo is in the bottom right corner.

# TASTE OF AMERICA

**Tasty Mains**  
Beef Burger  
Veggie Hot Dog

**Scrummy Sides**  
Chips  
Sweetcorn  
Baked Beans

**Yummy Desserts**  
Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake with  
Chocolate Custard

**20/05/21**

**£2.10**

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Years 1 or Year 2!

To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

**Food Super Heroes**

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# Housing Advice

## Free legal housing advice

- Homeless, sofa-surfing, nowhere to live?
- Facing eviction or worried about losing your home?
- Rent or mortgage arrears?
- Disrepair affecting your health or safety?

BHT Advice is a specialist legal housing advice service with three offices in Sussex. We have experienced Housing Solicitors and Advisors to help you resolve your housing issues.

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