



## Curriculum update

Our theme this term has been Leaders and Followers. There have been lots of activities and learning in classes, as groups and houses and as a whole school learning about Leaders and Followers.

Each term we organise our learning around a theme to give a richness to our curriculum. Our Summer term theme will be Stories and you will receive further information as to how the learning will look for your child's class.

## Celebrations

It has been a busy term for us with lots of learning and achieving for all. We are proud of each individual's achievements, no matter what that be, and enjoy sharing and celebrating those moments. Some wider school activities that we have enjoyed include visits out to the community including Cosford Museum and the Belong Centre amongst others.

There have been successes in our sporting events with our Table Cricket Team winning and being invited to the next stage at Edgbaston Cricket ground in the near future and our netball team proudly representing us against other schools.





# Blackfriars Update

## Careers

We recently held our annual Job's fair for some of our older pupils with a range of local employers visiting and having a question and answer session with the pupils. Some of the feedback from the employers included: 'A great event. Well organised.'

Children were amazing and attentive. Thank you for inviting me', 'What an exciting carousel. The pupils were exciting to chat with and are a credit to the school. Thankyou', and 'The students were very polite. Asked lots of questions which they'd obviously put a lot of thought into. Thankyou for having me back'.

**Well done to everyone involved.**



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## March for March

As part of the Shaw education trust 10 year anniversary, we took part in a 'march for march' event which saw classes 'march' by whatever means they chose to come up with a total distance. As a school we marched a combined total of over 500 miles!

Prior to this a group of pupils represented our school, as one of the founding members of the trust, to be part of the start of sending a baton that will travel around all the schools in the trust. This ranges from North of Birmingham to the Manchester and North West area – quite a distance.

You find out more on <https://shaw-education.org.uk>





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## Forthcoming dates:

Thursday 10th April	House Day – fun activities taking place for all of the School House Groups (information will come home from class)
Friday 11th April	Own Clothes Day – come along in your own clothes for the last day (no contribution necessary)
Friday 11th April	Break up for Easter
Monday 28th April	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – NO PUPILS IN TODAY
Tuesday 29th April	Pupils return to school for Summer Term
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

A big thank you to you all for your amazing support which helps make the school a fantastic place for your child to be part of. We appreciate it and look forward to another busy summer term. Have a lovely break.

Yours Sincerely,  
Jamie Campbell, Headteacher.



# Notice Board

Wincanton are working with Workfit to provide support into employment for people who have Down's Syndrome. Details of the programme is here: <https://www.dsworkfit.org.uk/>

Julia has asked if I can share her details with anyone who could have young people suitable (although the programme is open to anyone with Down's Syndrome regardless of age).

Her email is [Julia.Sullivan@wincanton.co.uk](mailto:Julia.Sullivan@wincanton.co.uk)  
Please contact her directly if you are interested in discussing further.

## New Stay Well service will support hundreds of Staffordshire children and young people

From 1 April a new service called 'Stay Well' will provide emotional health and wellbeing support for children and young people aged five to 18 years old (25 years with SEND) in Staffordshire. The service will also help families and professionals gain the knowledge and confidence to create an emotionally healthy environment and support children and young people.

### Stay Well will offer early intervention and prevention through:

- Group and one-to-one emotional health and wellbeing sessions for children and young people
- Peer support groups for children and young people
- Access to a wide range of positive activities for children and young people
- Information, advice and guidance for children and young people, families, professionals and schools
- Workshops and training opportunities for children, young people, families, professionals and schools

The service will be provided from local venues across Staffordshire, including wellbeing centres, community venues, schools and colleges.

### How to make a referral

Children, young people and their families can refer directly into the service, or they can be referred by a professional.

Call: 01782 418 518





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## Holiday Activities

Department for Education Staffordshire County Council HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

# HAF fun this Easter

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals\*. Paid places also available.



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**Kicks FREE**  
**DISABILITY YOUTH CLUB**

We now offer a fun and exciting youth club for males and females aged 12-18 with disabilities and additional needs.

The session includes a mix of activities such as; pool, FIFA, colouring, games, sport and much more!

WHEN | LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
TIME | 5:00 - 6:30PM  
WHERE | TOMMY CHEADLE'S, ENTRANCE C, ST6 1AW  
COST | FREE!  
AGES | 12-18 YEARS OLD

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