



Message from Mrs Crocker

Firstly, I want to apologise once again and to thank everyone for your support this half term during the recent closures. It's never an easy decision to make, and one we always try to avoid. Unfortunately, the situation this week was completely beyond our control, and we are grateful to the contractors who worked so quickly to get everything back up and running so that school and preschool could reopen as soon as possible. We really appreciate how patient and supportive everyone has been, and we very much hope there won't be any further unexpected closures in the near future.

Despite the closures, we've all still been really busy this halfterm in school and preschool. I wanted to take a moment to celebrate what a super few weeks it's been – so much learning and so many experiences packed in. Among other things, Sapling Class impressed everyone with their fantastic Viking assembly, Oak Class enjoyed a brilliant trip to Gloucester where they visited the Masjid E Noor mosque and the Cathedral, and Acorns have been thoroughly engaged in their topic *Animals Great and Small*.

Preschool have also had a wonderful halfterm. I really enjoyed spending a morning with them recently – their curiosity is infectious, and they've loved learning about Candlemas. They've also had great fun with cardboard boxes, using them in the most imaginative ways!

It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and excitement across the whole school and preschool.



Exciting News

I'm delighted to share that Miss Cook has had her baby! She has welcomed a little girl, Poppy. I'm sure you will join me in sending Miss Cook our warmest wishes and congratulations.

Bingo Night – 6th March

Please come along and support our Bingo and Auction evening on March 6th. It's a brilliant opportunity to brighten up a dark March evening, enjoy some fun and laughter, and come together as a community to raise much

needed funds for Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Preschool.
Bring your friends, neighbours, relatives – anyone who'd enjoy a cheerful night out. The more the merrier, and it's always lovely to welcome familiar faces and new ones too.
We'd love to see as many of you as possible.

Parents Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for a parents' meeting straight after halfterm. As you'll have noticed, we're now using the Arbor app for bookings, and we hope you've found the process straightforward.

Happy Halfterm Holiday!

I hope the break brings a chance to slow down a little and enjoy some well earned time away from the usual routines. After what feels like endless days of grey skies and rain, the forecast suggests we might *finally* see a bit of sunshine tomorrow (Saturday) — so do make the most of it while it lasts! I think Mr Crocker is keen we go on a bike ride to make the most of it!

Wishing you all a lovely halfterm, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week.

Louise Crocker
Headteacher

Preschool News

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This morning out walking we saw the sunshine and a beautiful rainbow maybe to celebrate we are half way through the Spring term!

We have been following the children's ideas around Winter such as making snow in our sensory tray, painting snowmen, building bird feeders, baking birthday cakes and to celebrate Candlemas we planted daffodils in our garden pots.

On our daily walks there has been huge excitement apparently ice skating on frozen patches of water in the fields, very, very, muddy puddle splashing a game of hide and seek amongst the rushes and an exploration of the woods.

Thank you for continued support in supplying waterproofs, wellies and complete changes of clothes, your children are getting very independent with the amount of changing they've had this half term!

Have a relaxing half term holiday,

Julie and Beth

**Dates- All our upcoming events and important dates
can be found on the calendar on our website here.**