



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the Easter holiday with your children. The children have worked very hard over the course of this term and have achieved a great deal – they certainly deserve the break. As this is the last newsletter before we break up, it's a bumper edition packed full of fantastic news!

### **Incredible sporting success!**

On Monday, as I mentioned in last week's newsletter, thirty-four Year 5 and 6 children represented the school at the Bromsgrove Winter Games, which was held at Bromsgrove School. I am therefore absolutely thrilled and bursting with pride to announce that our boys' team came first in their competition, thereby becoming Worcestershire County Champions! Our girls' team also did incredibly well and finished second by an extremely fine margin of only four points!

We also had our hockey team competing at the games and they too enjoyed great success by winning every game that they played. Not only did they have success on the pitch but they were also recognised for their fantastic attitude and sportsmanship by being placed third in the 'values' award, something that these children can be rightly proud of.

This is the first time that a primary school has achieved such a level of success and is again testament to the huge numbers of talented children at The Coppice. Obviously though, talent is one thing but it always needs to be combined with a fantastic attitude and our children have that in abundance! Once again, all of our children gave a brilliant account of themselves, exhibiting great sportsmanship and humbleness in victory and, as always, we were as proud of them for this as we were with their sporting success.

Behind a great team though, there is always a great coaching team and I therefore also have to give huge credit to both Mr. Edwards and Miss. Wells for training the children so well to achieve their potential. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff here at The Coppice and we value them greatly.

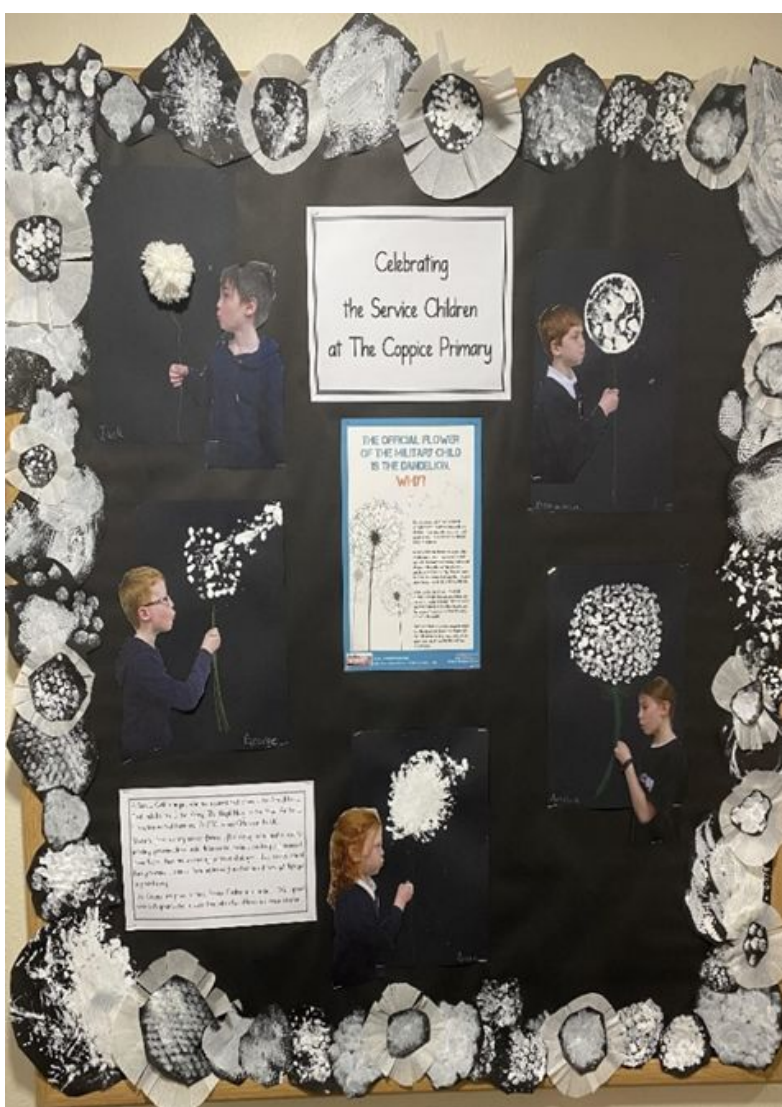
I also want to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to Arden Estates for sponsoring us and for purchasing a full set of embroidered Coppice tracksuit tops for our children to wear. You can see the children proudly wearing these in the photos below and I think you'll agree how smart they look. I know that both Mr. Edwards and Miss. Wells said that the tops gave the children a real sense of pride in their school. As I always say, smart in body, smart in mind and attitude.



You will find a fuller report by the children and Miss. Wells on the whole event later on in this newsletter.



### Celebrating our Service Children at The Coppice



We are very lucky, here at The Coppice to have a small number of children from service families. All of our children are very special to us and these children are no exception, especially as they sometimes have to deal with a parent being away on deployment for long periods, often up to six months at a time in many different locations around the world. This is obviously a very challenging thing for them to have to deal with and it is very important that we support them as much as we can. Thankfully, we have a teacher at school, who herself is a service wife and mum: Year 2 teacher Mrs. Bond, that feels passionate about this support. This week, Mrs. Bond spent a morning with our service children creating beautiful 'dandelion' artwork. The dandelion is the symbolic flower for service children and the morning gave these children a chance to discuss their lives and experiences. I think that you'll agree that what Jack (Year 4), George (Year 3), Rose (Reception), Ben (Year 2) and Amelia (Year 6) created is stunning.





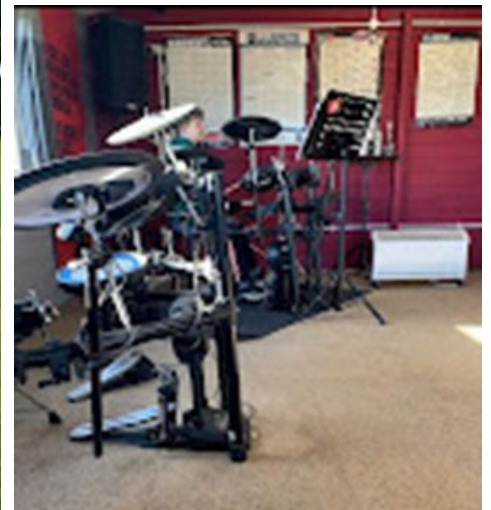
### **Well done Isabella – we are very proud of you!**

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago about one of our children who had made and sold crafts to raise money for the situation in Ukraine. It therefore gives me great pleasure to mention another one of our children: Isabella from Year 3 who has also been performing great endeavours to support the people in Ukraine. A few weeks ago, Isabella began wrapping notes of hope around chocolate brownies (see first picture below) to send in a shipment to Ukraine as well as helping to collect vital supplies. The second photo is of Isabella's cake sale, which she organised, where she made a fantastic £50 to donate to the Ukrainian aid fund. As always, we are very proud of Isabella's efforts and her selfless attitude in helping others in need. Once again this demonstrates the quality of empathy that we work hard at instilling in our pupils here at The Coppice. Well done Isabella!



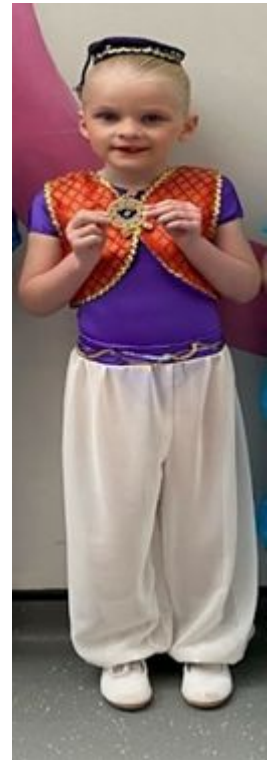
### **Harry and Ethan – drumming achievement!**

A big well done to Harry and Ethan from Year 4 for their excellent achievement in obtaining a merit in their first official drum grading. Both of the boys started drumming when they were aged 5 and 6 respectively and have been working hard ever since with their drum tutor: Tom Collins on securing their first grading, which obviously they have now done. Once again, it's fantastic to celebrate the musical achievements of some of our pupils – we're very proud of you boys and look forward to seeing how your musical journey progresses! If your child is interested in taking up the drums and using Tom, please contact the school office who have his details.



### **Dancing success for Coppice sisters!**

Not only do we have fantastic sportspeople, musicians and actors at The Coppice but we also have dancers too! Very recently, Maiya from Year 4 attended a dance competition and was placed in all of her eleven dances across three weekends, which was an incredible achievement. She was also awarded a trophy for the highest mark with her duet partner. Not one to sit and rest on her success though, Maiya is competing again this weekend over the course of Saturday and Sunday and we look forward to hearing how she gets on. In addition, Arianna from Reception, who is Maiya's sister, also attended the same dance competition and was placed in all four of her dances. Incredibly, Arianna was the youngest girl in one of her group dances, which shows how well she is doing with her dancing. Well done for your achievements girls and good luck this weekend Maiya!



### **Church Easter assemblies:**

A big thank you to Marcus Pagnam and Reverend Amanda from St. Mary's Church for delivering their Easter assemblies to the infants (Years 1 and 2) and lower Key Stage 2 this afternoon. As I've said before, our links with the church are very important and valuable to us and our children benefit from this in a number of different ways. For example, only recently, Reverend Amanda has come into school to support a number of year groups with their Christianity units in our RE (Religious Education) lessons, which has really helped our children's learning. In addition, the church has also provided volunteers, on a weekly basis, to help support and run our Tuesday board games club. To see members of the church community playing games and conversing with our children has been a joy.

### **Parent Questionnaire after Easter.**

I have now been Head for two full terms and have loved every minute of leading our amazing school. I therefore feel that the time is right to put out another questionnaire to parents in order to gain your current views of the school. I will be providing a link to this questionnaire just after Easter and obviously, I would like as many of you as possible to complete it. I think you all know that I am committed to always looking to move the school positively forward and your feedback is a key part of this. I am letting you know, in advance, that I will be sending this out in order that you can begin to gather your thoughts.



### **Well done School Council!**

I want to thank our School Council for organising and running the Easter egg hunt this week. The idea was completely that of the Council as they wanted to start to raise money for a future quiet garden, which will be part of our planned playground developments. This event shows what can be achieved when a committed and inspired group of young people put their minds to it. Well done Council – a VERY successful event!

### **Woodrush meeting**

It was a pleasure, as always, to meet with Mr. Barber: the new Head of Woodrush on Thursday afternoon. We had a very productive meeting and discussed a number of key issues such as car park and site safety, community issues, how we can build our children's appreciation of diversity, the sharing of resources e.g. our Science Club children getting to use the labs at Woodrush, transition of Year 6 pupils and how we can ensure the best support possible for our Year 6 SEN pupils as they transfer to high school. The links that we are building are extremely positive and, as I've said before, our children will benefit greatly from this.

### **Phonics guidance video for parents:**

Our Phonics Leader: Mrs. Russell and our Assistant Headteacher and English Leader: Mr. Laight have put together a short video presentation for parents and carers that gives an introduction to phonics and explains the principles of the school's 'Sounds Write' approach to teaching phonics. The video also gives an overview of the most important information that parents and carers of Year One children need to know about the phonics screening check, which all Year One children complete in June.

Some parents will have received a communication separately about the video but I am also putting the link below so that all parents within school can view the video if they would like to.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1udVfDK4o4buUE59kXqsT8CjKQjYRZTJa/view?usp=sharing>

### **Welcome back Year 5!**

This afternoon, we welcomed back our Year 5 children after their three days and two nights away at Ingestre Hall in Shropshire, where the children took part in activities related to the arts: dance, drama and art. I know that the children had a fantastic time and gained a huge amount from the experience. It is fabulous to once again be able to have residential activities like these taking place again!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for accompanying the children and for spending two nights away from their families – it is very much appreciated.

### **Thank you Black and Golds Estate Agents!**

It was an absolute pleasure to meet Laura Dingley and Suzi Hodgkinson from Black and Gold estate agents in Solihull this morning and to be presented with a free Amazon Fire7 tablet for the school. This device will be put to great use and we are incredibly grateful to receive it. Thank you Gold and Black for thinking of us!



### **Summer uniform – important notice:**

The start of the summer term marks the start of the children being able to wear summer uniform as per the school's uniform policy. You will see the full uniform expectations on the website by following the link below. It is really important that your child meets these expectations as this is part of 'The Coppice Way'.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parent-resources/whole-school-information/#Uniform>

With regards to PE days, we will continue to allow children to come into school wearing their PE kit. However, although shorts are now allowed, we will still expect children to come to school wearing their joggers over their shorts or cycling shorts on PE days. This is for the reasons of warmth, especially as it still might be quite chilly when doing PE outside for a while yet. Should we get a spell of really hot weather though, we may suspend this rule for a few days and will of course notify you when this is the case.

### **Enjoy the Easter break!**

That just leaves me, as always, to end by once again wishing you all a lovely Easter break with your children. We look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

As always, thank you to all of you for your support over the course of this term.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate





# Worcestershire School Games

On Monday 4th April, we took 35 Coppice children to Bromsgrove School to represent Redditch in the Worcester School Games finals. There were 8 Year 4 children who qualified on 8th March 2022 in the Values Competition for Quicksticks Hockey (we scored highest in all of our games for the values Respectfulness, Honesty and Teamwork, all of these values which The Coppice and the School Games Organisation promote.) We also took 13 Year 5 and 6 girls and 15 Year 5 and 6 boys who qualified on Friday 4th February in Indoor Athletics.

When we arrived at Bromsgrove School, we checked in and were given a team shirt (our colour was black which represented the value 'Self-Belief'). The children and adults were directed to their event and the games began!!

In the Athletics, the Year 5 and 6 girls were first up with the obstacle relay race which consisted of going through a high stepper, completing 10 speed bounces, jumping over 2 hurdles, deflecting off the backboard and racing to tag the next person in the team. The team was fantastic and came first. The team consisted of: Poppy D, Hollie C, Alana W and Leila S. The boys were up next! With the same course in place the boys also managed to beat all their opponents and came first. This team consisted of: Briley, Ollie, Shay and Conor.

Next came the 1+1 relay and 2+2 relay for the girls and the boys with both teams coming in second place for the 1+1, the girls coming second in the 2+2 and boys coming forth for their 2+2. The girls team of 2 consisted of: Ava S and Ciera S for the 1+1 and Amelia G and Lily S for the 2+2. The boys team of 2 consisted of Jack M and Gabe for the 1+1 and Noah and Briley for the 2+2.

Whilst these races were going on, the field events had started! A massive congratulations to all the children below who competed in their event. They did exceptionally well. Unfortunately, the children are not placed individually for these events, their scores are added together to make a total score but from what Mr Edwards and I can tell, from feedback from the children, they all did extremely well and came first or second place in every event they did.

Event	Boys	Girls
<b>Vertical Jump</b>	Fred, Reid, Nahum	Miyaa, Lily, Alana
<b>Standing Long Jump</b>	Jack M, Jack W, Gabe	Grace, Ava, Myiaa
<b>Standing Triple Jump</b>	Ollie, Jack M, Jack W	Ciera, Hollie, Amelia
<b>Chest Push</b>	Nahum, Billy, Ryan	Ava, Grace, Zoe
<b>Javelin</b>	Gabe, Sam R, Jack R	Ciera, Lily, Freya
<b>Speed Bounce</b>	Briley, Fred, Conor	Amelia, Alana, Hollie

The final races of the morning were the 6 lap Paarlauf boys and girls. The girls team consisted of Miyaa and Beth who, after a tough start, managed to finish fourth in their race and the boys team, Fred and Reid, fought all the way to second place, narrowly missing first place by a few centimetres!! The final few races were the Over/Under boys and girls, both teams finishing first in their section. The boys team consisted of Sam, Ollie, Shay and Conor. The girls team consisted of Poppy D, Beth, Holly and Alana. The final race was the ever exciting 4x1 relay race! The boys team, Jack M, Gabe, Fred and Reid, fought to the very end of their race and came in second place, just missing first place by a few centimetres! The girls team, Ava, Ciera, Amelia and Lily, did a fantastic job and came first in their group!



Finally, after what seemed like forever, the results were in! The children sat down on the sporthall floor and the girls' results were announced first. They came 2nd out of the 5 schools who were competing, missing first place by 4 points!! Next, the boys' result was announced. They came 1st out of the 5 schools who were competing. They all received a medal which was presented to them by the School Games Organisers.

Whilst all this was happening, Mr Laight was with the Year 4 Quicksticks Hockey team! They were playing in the values section of the competition so we were scored for each match based on our values, rather than how many goals we scored. They played 5 games against other schools from Worcestershire and did fantastically well with winning all of their games. Overall, after having our games marked by the School Games Volunteers, we came in third place and won a lovely trophy which is now displayed in our school entrance. I was so proud of all of the Year 4 children. It was a big event and they conducted themselves brilliantly. They showed The Coppice way and were respectful, honest and most importantly played well in a team and showed passion for their sport!

Mr Edwards and Myself and so thrilled with the result. We have never been to represent Redditch at a School Games before and have never won! A big thank you to all the children for their commitment to their sport! If you would like to see the full breakdown of all the events across the day can be found via this link: <https://www.activehw.co.uk/worcestershire-school-games>. Finally, I have added lots of photos below for you to have a look at. The children are welcome to wear their medals, if they wish to, around school. We will celebrate them in celebration assembly after the Easter holidays.

Miss Wells :)



Here is what some of the children had to say about the event:

Amelia G & Jack M 6C have written this:

*We arrived at Bromsgrove School at about 9:30am for registration at 9:45am. We collected our team shirts and entered the sports hall at 10am. The event started at 10:15am. The first race was the obstacle course. We started off with a terrific opening with both the girls and the boys winning their race. It was tense as the 2nd race began. A few races later, the field events started and those were - vertical jump, triple jump, javelin, chest push, standing long jump and speed bounce. When the results came back, we heard that the boys won with 82 points and the girls came second by 4 points with 100 points. Afterwards, we did a mini festival where we did penalty shoot out against Percy the Pear which was the school's mascot and made some juice from a bike that had a blender on! We also did some Bhangra dancing! It was a great day and we are so proud of everyone who took part!*

Also, on Wednesday, Mr Edwards and myself took 12 Year 6 children to a Tag Rugby event at Bees Rugby. They played and won all their games and some children were given a medal for their respectfulness, honesty and teamwork. Well done to James, Jack M, Ollie, Briley, Harry, Sam, Jack W, Gabe, Ava, Amelia, Ben and Freddie. Again another amazing achievement from The Coppice children!  
Below are some photos!!





# Book Spuds

The winners for World Book Day "Book Spuds" competition were recently judged by Mr Laight and a team of helpers. It was a difficult decision to choose the winners as there was such a wide variety of characters variety and so many lovely ideas.

Well done to

Rose S in RD  
Ruby in 1T  
Kesia in 3P  
Jessica in 4J  
Tayt in 4J



## Year 3 news

Ms Pugh has been blown away by the amazing work that the children in her class have been doing about the Romans.

The children showed their creative homework to Mr Hutt and received Headteacher stickers to recognise their hard work.

Here are Charlotte, Alivia, Delilah and Alfie showing us their wonderful models of Roman shields and the Colosseum.





# Bottle Top Art Project - reminder



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To ensure we are able to create the winner's mural for our message in a bottle top competition, we're asking you to collect all of your plastic bottle tops and bring them into school. Any colour, any shape and any size! Each class has a designated box to store them in and the Eco Committee will start to collect them after the Easter break.



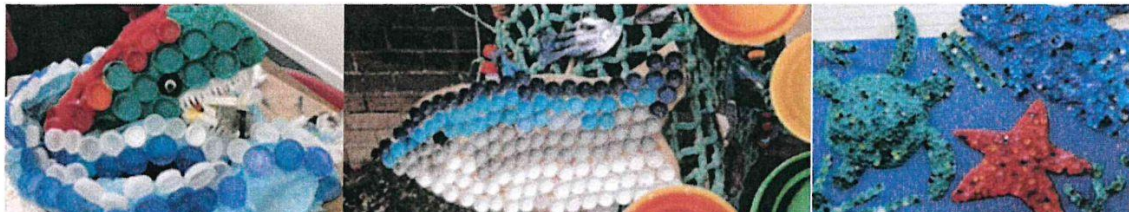
## Competition details – a reminder

The Eco Committee are proud to be launching an exciting competition to create a 'Message in a bottle top' which could win our school playground a makeover worth £5000! We're asking you to design a mural for our school using plastic bottle tops to depict wildlife affected by plastic waste. You will also need to write a powerful message, poem or inspiring statement that accompanies your artwork. Entries will be judged by the Eco Committee on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April and the winner will see their design come to life in the form of a mural in school.

## How to enter?

Entries are to be given to your class teacher by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. The competition is open to Years 1-6.

The Eco Committee will be judging entries on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April and the winner will be announced Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.



# St Mary's Church Easter Services

## Palm Sunday and Easter at St Mary's Church

**Palm Sunday, 10th April** - Sadly the donkey is no longer able to be with us this Sunday, but all are welcome to join in with our 10.30am service at St Mary's and receive a palm cross.

**Easter Saturday, 16th April** - 12noon-2pm Easter in **Wythall Park**. A joint event with Wythall Community Association, Moseley Round Table and Hollywood Christian Life Centre. Includes an Easter Trail, free Easter egg and more!

**Easter Sunday, 17th April** - our 10am service is an Easter Celebration, suitable for all ages

More information on our website [www.wythallchurch.net](http://www.wythallchurch.net)





# Easter holiday activities

**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE DURING EASTER HALF TERM 2022**

**MARKS AND SPENCER**  
Kids eat free in the M&S Cafe if you spend £5. One free children's meal per transaction. Between 4th April and 22nd April.

**MORRISONS**  
Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide with one paying adult. Plus they have the feed the family for £10 deal running at Easter

**YO! SUSHI**  
Pick any main, a side of edamame beans and drink and you'll get it free with a £10 adult spend throughout half term.

**ASDA**  
Kids eat free in Asda's cafes after 3pm Monday - Friday.

**GORDON RAMSAY RESTAURANTS**  
Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

**BELLA ITALIA**  
Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid from 1st April - 24th April 2022

**TABLE TABLE, BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**  
Two children get free breakfast with one paying adult! It has also been reported that if you sign up to their newsletter they send out a code for kids eat free, but I haven't personally tried this.

**THE REAL GREEK**  
Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

**DUNELM CAFE-PAUSA**  
Kids eat FREE when adults spend just £4 or more at Pausa cafes which you will inside Dunelm stores.

**PRETO**  
Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

**HUNGRY HORSE**  
Kids eat breakfast free when accompanied by a paying adult, all day every day through the Easter holidays from 9am - 12pm.

**FARMHOUSE INNS**  
From 4th - 22nd April, Monday to Friday, up to two kids per paying adult can eat for just £1 each

**AS SEEN ON MONEY SAVING CENTRAL**

This Easter we are being kinder to the environment. Every year Earth Day is on Friday 22nd April. On Earth Day, we're making our planet a better place to live by doing things like clearing up rubbish and turning lights off.

**Recycling challenge**  
Instead of going in the bin, try recycling items made of these materials!  
• Plastic • Glass  
• Cardboard • Paper  
• Metal

**Ready, Steady, Worcestershire and YogaBugs** have partnered to offer families access to an online yoga and well-being digital platform. All HAF participants can access 2 months FREE membership to YogaBugs virtual - a digital platform of fun yoga videos, wellbeing and mental health resources for the whole family. Perfect to keep your children moving from the comfort of your home on rainy spring days, or out in the garden when the sun starts to shine. Sign up HERE to have your YogaBugs login emailed to you for 8th April.

**#HAF2022**

**READY, STEADY WORCESTERSHIRE**  
Have a fun-filled Easter holiday!  
**EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUBS AGES 5-16**  
**FREE PASSES FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES**  
**#HAF2022**  
**BE SURE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON TO EXCITING FREE ACTIVITIES!**

**Worcestershire Children's First**  
Working together in partnership  
Department for Education Severn Valley Worcestershire

**Easter holiday club bookings now available!** Choose from over 50 clubs across Worcestershire - get active, try new activities and make new friends!  
Free holiday club passes are funded by the DfE Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) over the Easter school holidays. All children between the ages of 5-16 who get Free School Meals (FSM) can sign up to receive four free holiday club passes to use at any HAF Holiday Club in Worcestershire.

**4 FREE HOLIDAY CLUB PASSES!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING?**  
• Sports  
• Arts and Crafts  
• Drama  
• History  
• Day trips  
• Science  
• Design  
• More!

**SPICY SAUSAGE AND BEAN ONE POT RECIPE**

**Ingredients**  
• 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil  
• 1 onion, sliced  
• 8 sausages  
• 1 garlic clove, chopped or a teaspoon of garlic granules  
• 2 cans of kidney beans in chilli sauce  
• 1 teaspoon of dried herbs

**Cooking time**  
20

**Method**  
1. Heat the oil in a frying pan  
2. Cook the onions and sausages for 8-10 mins until they are brown all over  
3. Add the garlic and herbs  
4. Tip in the kidney beans and their sauce  
5. Stir everything together and bring to the boil  
6. Turn the heat down and simmer for 10 minutes  
7. Once the sausages are cooked through, season with salt and pepper  
8. Serve with rice or bread to mop up the sauce. Enjoy!

**How to book:**  
Go to the Ready Steady Worcestershire website to search activities and book! Contact us: enquiries@halfworcestershire.co.uk

**How many chicks can you find?**  
There are 7 baby chicks hiding in this leaflet, see how many you can spot.

**Spring Term Family Learning Courses**  
Worcestershire and Family Learning offer a wide range of courses for you and your family. You can book yourself on to any of our courses at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses)

**FOR MORE SUPPORT THIS WINTER, VISIT THE FAMILY HUB OR HERE2HELP:**  
Family Hub: Here2Help:

## Easter Holiday Activities - Redditch and Bromsgrove

If you are eligible for free school meals, or finding the current climate difficult financially and are just about managing, there are some free activities occurring over the Easter Holidays.

Below are links to the websites for both Bromsgrove and Redditch activities which have more information on the activities available and how to secure a place. Some activities need a code to book a free place, which are detailed below.

[Bromsgrove Holiday Activities & Food website](#)

Voucher codes:

Aztec Upton Warren - **BRDC0422**

Broms Sports & Leisure Centre - **EASTERFUN22**

[Redditch Holiday Activities & Food website](#)

Voucher codes:

Learn to Swim course - **EASTERLEARN2SWIM**

Inflatable Fun Swim - **EASTERFUNSWIM**

Sports Camp - **EASTERSPORTSCAMP**

Junior Gym - **EASTERJUNIORGYM**

Wizard of Oz - **EASTERPANTO**