

# FORT ROYAL FLYER

24/10/2025

## Message from Mr Francis

We are very pleased to share that we have made four new Teaching Assistant appointments who will be joining our team as soon as all the required checks are completed.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to recruit for all the posts we need, so we will be starting the recruitment process again after the half-term break. If you have any friends or family who might be interested in working at our school, please encourage them to check our website for details.

This term, we have had visits from both our Worcestershire School Improvement Adviser and the Positive Behaviour Team. Their reports for governors are still pending, but both visitors had very positive things to say about the school, which is particularly reassuring as we look ahead to our next Ofsted inspection.

Finally, I would like to let you know that our Site Manager, Steve, will be retiring after half term. Steve has been part of Fort Royal for many years and has supported us through many critical times — from leaking roofs and broken boilers to keeping the site and car park running smoothly every day. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him every happiness in his retirement, with plenty of time for fishing and enjoying life.

I wish you all a very happy and restful half-term holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 3rd November**.

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## Chair of Governors

This half term has been a busy one for the governing body, with curriculum, finance, and full governing body meetings taking place. Following the news of Mr Francis' retirement, we are now preparing for the recruitment of his successor, with plans to advertise the post before Christmas and hold interviews in the new year.

We were pleased to host governors from Regency High School recently to discuss transition arrangements for our Year 6 pupils. It was a valuable opportunity to share how both schools support smooth transitions and to hear about Regency's expansion plans, which could help increase SEND provision in Worcester.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and warmly invite applications. If you'd like to find out more about the role, please contact the school office to arrange an informal chat or request an application form.

On 28 November, governors will spend the day in school meeting pupils and staff, joining the School Council, and taking part in Ofsted preparation training.

Wishing you all a restful half term—and please do consider joining us as a parent governor.

Best wishes

Emma

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## Dates for your Diary

27/10/25 - 31/10/25 - Half Term

03/11/25 - Return to School

14/11/25 - Children in Need

2/12/25 - Christmas Tree on Display  
at Cathedral

11/12/25 - Christmas Jumper and  
Dinner Day

18/12/25 - Christmas Church  
Service - KS1 parents only

19/12/25 - Last Day of Term

6/1/26 - Return to School



## Attendance

**Attendance Matters!**  
**Our Target attendance is 94%**  
Last weeks attendance was **93%**



## Other information

Helpful links



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to our School  
Calendar



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## BRIDGES OF LIGHT.

Presented by Severn Arts

Part of the Local Voices Creative Choices programme

### Imagining a Bright Future by Kim Piffy

Join us for a quiet hour session at an immersive light-art installation.

"Imagining a Bright Future" has been co-created with local community groups and is designed to be a peaceful, multi-sensory experience. You'll follow a path of glowing footprints, cross a bridge over a shimmering river of wishes, and walk beneath a sky of 1,000 origami cranes. The journey culminates at an infinity mirror, where you can add your own hopes for the future on glowing sticky notes.

These quiet sessions are an opportunity for groups and individuals with additional needs to experience the installation in a calm, quiet setting away from large crowds.



Wednesday 29 October, 2pm  
Thursday 30 October, 11am and 2pm



Henry Sandon Hall  
Severn St, Worcester WR1 2NE

Each session is limited to 15 people. Booking is essential.  
To reserve your spot, please contact: [c.cox@severnarts.org.uk](mailto:c.cox@severnarts.org.uk)

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Fort Royal Family Support Worker



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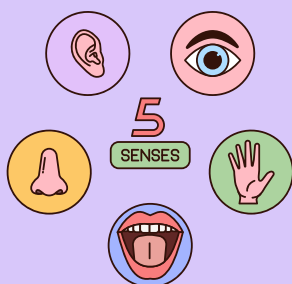


**Eating and drinking issues**



**Filling in forms such as DLA**

## THINGS I CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH



**Sensory issues**



**Uniform**



**Money worries**



**Sleep**

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## Friends of Fort Royal



### Exciting News!

We're thrilled to announce that we've been accepted for a **Tesco Stronger Starts Grant!** 🎉

This amazing opportunity will allow us to purchase new books for the reading area, it will help us make a real difference — but how much we receive depends on your votes!

When shopping at Tesco, **look out for the blue tokens and pop them into our box to show your support.**

Every token counts and helps us get closer to our goal.

These are the stores that will vote on our project

Tesco Express Primsland Droitwich WR9 7SS

Tesco Express Henwick Park WR2 6HH

Tesco Express Worcester High Street WR1 2EX

Tesco Superstore Warndon Worcester WR4 3SW

Tesco Express Larkhill London Road Worcester WR5 2EL

Tesco Superstore St Peters Worcester WR5 0UJ

Tesco Express Brindley Rd Warndon WR4 9FB

Tesco Express Foregate Street Worcs WR1 1DB

Tesco Express Great Malvern WR14 2NR

Please share with friends and family

Thank you for helping us make our community stronger! ❤️ #TescoStrongerStarts  
#CommunitySupport #VoteWithYourBlueChip



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EYFS & KS1

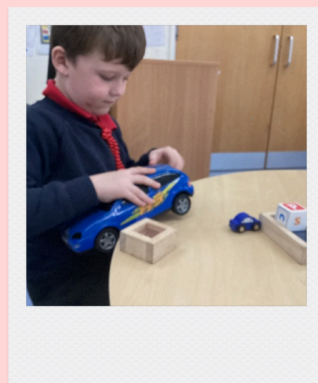
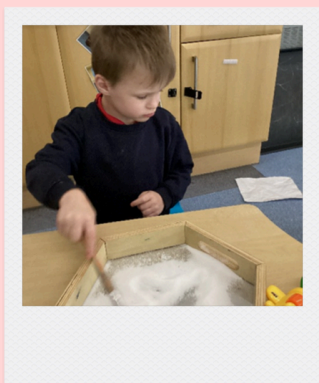
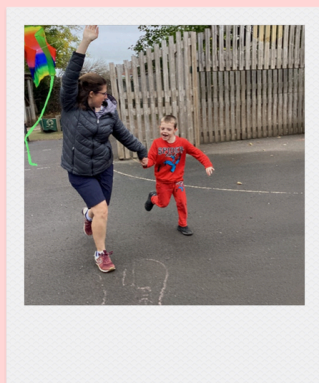
Class 4

Class 4 have continued to settle well into their class routines and we have been exploring other areas of the school including paddock and conker wood for outdoor learning.

In literacy, we have focused on recounting a journey. The children have been for walks around school to different areas and taking photos before mark making on them and exploring making marks in a range of sensory materials

In maths, we have been working on measure, in particular big and small. The children have liked exploring a range of different sized objects and sorting them into groups of big and small objects.

In topic, we have been making kites. The children loved flying a kite on the playground. The children enjoyed sticking coloured tissue and cellophane on to a laminate pouch with the outline of a kite. They look beautiful on the windows! The children have also made their own kites to fly at our key stage kite festival.



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## KS2

### LKS2

This half term LKS2's theme has been "Location, Location, Location" and we explored this through our topic sessions in both Knowledge, Skills and Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts. We have investigated our school and the local area and looked at famous interior designers including Laura Ashley and Charles Renee Mackintosh, which linked to our Literacy text 'This is our House' by Michael Rosen. In Literacy we focused on narrative and nonfiction by following and giving instructions. In Maths the children continued to develop their number skills through songs, games, challenges and written tasks. We explored number, addition and subtraction and positional vocabulary.

We finished off our topic sessions with our theme outcome 'The Big Build'! The children loved coming together to explore a variety of building and construction activities, putting the skills we have been using and learning this half term to use. It was a fantastic morning with everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

### UKS2

UKS2 have been focusing on our key text 'James and The Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. In literacy we have been enjoying retelling the story through role play scenarios. We have also been attempting to write our own stories with new characters and settings. As well as working on our letter formation and mark making skills. In literacy we have also explored diary entries and biographies where we have enjoyed drawing pictures of ourselves and our favourite things. In maths our focus has been number and place value, addition and subtraction and measure this half term, looking at comparing weights of objects. We have enjoyed using balance scales to compare objects and using practical resources to support our learning. In Topic we have been exploring minibeasts, including lots of minibeast hunts in our outdoor areas and even sorting different minibeasts into categories. Some of us have looked at habitats, and created our own minibeast hotel. In Geography we have been focusing on our story and finding out about New York. We have looked at photos and maps, and made comparisons to Worcester. In DT we have designed and created our own buildings using recycled materials. We were very proud of our creations! In Art we have been making sketches of buildings in Worcester and New York and looking at which are our favourites.

