



Headlines

The Royal School community was privileged to host a visit from our Patron, HRH Prince, Edward Duke of Edinburgh and HRH Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh on Tuesday 2 May. The Duke of Edinburgh takes an active interest in the school, particularly in our recent growth and development and was keen to see for himself how the community has blossomed since his last visit in 2017.

Their Royal Highnesses arrived by car to be greeted by Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Ms Christine Arthur and Asa Temple-Purcell, senior pupil Combined Cadet Force Officer. Following the traditional signing of the visitors' book in Queen Victoria Hall, they were introduced to governors, guests, senior members of staff, past and present and prefects.

Mrs Kathy Jefferson escorted HRH Duchess of Edinburgh to the Royal Primary School where she was greeted enthusiastically by all 630 children and staff. Her Royal Highness took the opportunity to see learning in the Reception classroom and participated in a number of Coronation themed activities including sewing King's bunting and painting a commemorative plate whilst being serenaded by the Primary School choir. Pupils also gained an insight into what she plans to wear for the coronation and details of the procession and carriage.

HRH Duke of Edinburgh toured the senior school with Principal Mark Heywood and met a number of pupils in our Wellbeing Hub where he discussed the 'Loving Classroom' initiative that the school is involved in to develop further positive relationships between pupils. In the school theatre he was met by members of the Army and Air Force cadets and inspected the parade of cadets, commenting positively on their drill and dress. On the theme of 'leadership and character development', a critical element of the Royal School educational ethos, HRH Duke of Edinburgh engaged wholeheartedly with cadets from the Police and Nursing cadets and enrichment programme. These are values close to the heart of the Duke along with his long standing patronage of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme which he heads. A number of senior pupils talked with him about their experience and progress through these awards whilst inviting him to sample some of their prepared camp food. Wisely perhaps he chose to encourage the cooks to taste their own food!

Moving forward he visited the Lichfield boarding house and met with young people from our boarding community who had arrived by different means. HRH Duke of Edinburgh was impressed by the variety of countries that pupils originate from and that some arrive as result of difficult circumstances in their home region, where the school plays an ever more significant part in their development and progress. He met too with a number of our elite swimmer boarders, hearing tales of their incredible commitment to a hectic and structured schedule in order to achieve the success at the highest level.

Pupils, staff and visitors commented on the warmth and wonderful way that Their Royal Highnesses put everyone they spoke with at ease and took a serious interest in them as individuals. The programme extended past the scheduled departure time as nearly every pupil and staff member was spoken to and asked questions about their future plans and interests.

We have been privileged to host HRH Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and our pupils and friends of the school hugely enjoyed the opportunity to engage with members of the Royal Family in such an auspicious week of the Coronation of King Charles III. As the week comes to a close, we celebrate ourselves in our PTA Coronation Afternoon Picnic on Friday afternoon.

Pictures will be available in due course; in the meantime, I do hope that you enjoy the Coronation weekend

Mark Heywood
Principal



Could we politely remind parents and carers to check their school gateway accounts over the bank holiday weekend and ensure that all payment requests including school meals are paid up to date please. If you are having any issues with your school gateway account, please email details including any screen shots to fees@theroyal.school and we will investigate this further.

Thank you.

Finance Department



Noah from 4CC came to visit Mrs Jefferson with his cornerstones work on Design and Technology, well done Noah!

Please see below a video for children explaining the significance of the Coronation. Please click link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFgoStOymhs>



Swimming Galas Year 3 – Year 6

Year 6 – Thursday 18th May 2023 9am – 10am

Year 5 – Friday 19th May 2023 9am – 10am

Year 4 – Monday 22nd May 2023 11:15am – 12:15pm

Year 3 – Thursday 25th May 2023 11:00am – 12:00pm



Last Thursday the Year 1 children visited Penn Library. Elizabeth the librarian explained how the children's section in the library is organised and read the children an exciting animal story. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at and reading fiction and non-fiction texts in the library! The children were brilliantly behaved during the visit.



****Active**** Number of students who have travelled to school walking, park and stride, cycling, public transport NOT travelled in a car.

This week's Year Group winners are
YEAR 6
Individual class winners are 6SM 93%



	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Active	33%	58%	70%	65%	65%	64%	93%



This week's cost of living tips, please click below:-

- Ron Flowers Uniform Supplier – Savings Plan – Please click [HERE](#)
- Worried about money? – You're not alone
If you're worried about money, it's good to talk. Thousands of people reach out for help every day. Here's who you could call to get some free and independent advice.
 - Stepchange Debt Charity – 0800 138 1111
 - National Debtline – 0808 808 4000
 - Payplan – 0800 280 2816

Polite Reminder
Medical and Dental Appointments

Medical Appointments

We require all medical and dental appointments to be arranged **outside of school hours**. Should there be ongoing medical appointments or the need for time off due to a medical issue then a letter stating this from a medical professional is required.

Without the appropriate notice and documentation, children will not be allowed to leave School for appointments. **We require at least 48 hours' notice** (unless it is a medical emergency) and a copy of the appointment card/Hospital letter must be brought into School.

Please contact the Attendance Officer if you have any further queries.

Housepoints

Sandringham	4294
Buckingham	4351
Balmoral	4912
Windsor	4171

Message from Mrs S Holdsworth

The Year 6 children have been working hard in preparation for their SATS, which are on Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May. Many of them have been going above and beyond to complete extra revision at home. As a school we are so proud of their hard work and know they are going to do an amazing job. Good luck all of year 6!

On Friday, Reception took part in 'Beep Beep Day' to learn all about road safety. The children learnt how to safely cross the road using zebra crossings, traffic lights and to look and listen. We then had a practice on the playground using our own zebra crossing. We also played a traffic light game to learn when to stop and go when we see a red or green light. Finally, we talked about the importance of wearing a seatbelt, sitting in a car seat and holding our grown up's hand.



Thank you so much to all families who have so generously donated. We have had some wonderfully generous donations from a number of families and extend our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Please keep your donations coming...the more donations we have, the sooner we will be able to open for distribution!

This week we are collecting: pasta, rice, jam, honey, tinned puddings, tinned custard, biscuits, chocolate and other treats.

WC 24 th April	Pasta, rice, tinned potatoes/Smash, cereal, baked beans, spaghetti, pasta sauce
WC 1 st May	Tinned meat/meals (eg curry or chilli), canned fish, pasta sauce, tinned sweetcorn, tinned carrots/peas
WC 8 th May	Jam, honey, tinned puddings, tinned custard, biscuits, chocolate and other treats.
WC 16 th May	Tea, coffee, UHT milk, sugar, squash, juice (non-refrigerated). Toiletries

Isaac in 3RC and his cockerpoo dog Marv participated in a dog show on Saturday and Isaac came second for best child dog handler!

Isaac had to demonstrate the tricks and commands he has taught Marv in front of a whole crowd of people watching. Well done Isaac.



This week, year 5 visited a local allotment as part of their new topic: Sow, Grow and Farm. They had the opportunity to taste fresh produce straight from the ground and asked many insightful questions about how our food grows. It was a great to see where food comes from and inspired many of us to try and grow some of our own fruit and veg at home.



We made the newsThe Royal Art Trail was featured in last week's Express and Star. Please read the article below or click [HERE](#)

School with royal links is ready to mark occasion

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Pupils at the Royal School in Wolverhampton have been preparing ahead of the King's Coronation by producing artwork and displays around the school.

Over the past term, staff and pupils have worked hard to produce artwork based around the coronation of the King and Queen Consort on May 6.

Each year group created a magnificent display that has turned the school into a coronation art gallery.

Families have enjoyed viewing the artwork and following the coronation trail, as well as having a picture taken in full robes on the throne.

Connection

This wonderful community event is the start of a series of celebrations across the school community, which has had royal patronage since its foundation as an orphanage in the 19th Century.

Jenny Bates, assistant headteacher of the Royal School said: "At the Royal School we have a long connection with the Royal family. Queen Victoria the Queen Mother granted permission to use the royal name, and Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh is the patron of the school.

"King Charles actually visited the school in 2014, during his time as Prince of Wales, and so with this long connection, we wanted to make something special to mark this historic event.

"Staff and pupils created a coronation trail that goes through the downstairs of



Pupils at the Royal School in Wolverhampton have been making the most of the coronation

the school with several decorations and a throne was created along with the walls of artwork.

"Parents have been coming in to view the displays and the feedback has been fantastic, and the children have been very excited to show off their work.

"It has created a real buzz around the school ahead of the coronation, and we will be holding a picnic on the Friday before the

King's coronation to celebrate, with several themed teas and games on offer for students and families to enjoy."

Previously, the school has enjoyed visits from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Prince Edward and even the King during his time as Prince of Wales, so staff and children will be enjoying sharing memories of those special occasions as we celebrate with King Charles III.