# Tardebigge CE VA First School

**November 2026**

**‘A rainbow of opportunities’**

**Respect Perseverance Justice Compassion Wisdom Joy Humility**

**"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." - Isaiah 9:2**

As we move towards Advent and the excitement of Christmas begins to build, there is a sense of anticipation and joy around school. This time of year is always incredibly busy, both in school and at home, and it can sometimes feel as though there is an endless list of things to do. Advent reminds us to pause, reflect and look for the light around us. Looking after our mental health and wellbeing is important for both children and adults, and simple things such as spending time with loved ones, getting outdoors, keeping active and finding moments to rest can make a real difference during this busy season.

This is also a wonderful time of year to celebrate all that our children have achieved. We have been particularly proud of the progress seen in handwriting across the school this term. The care, pride and presentation shown in children's work continues to improve, reflecting the effort they put into developing these important skills. Alongside this, one of our key priorities has been ensuring that strong foundations are in place across learning while also providing opportunities for children to be challenged and stretched. It has been wonderful to see children growing in confidence, resilience and independence as they continue to learn, develop and shine within our school community.

There is certainly plenty to look forward to during the coming weeks. Our Nativity performances will soon be taking place and preparations are already well underway. We are also looking forward to welcoming families to our Christmas Fayre in two weeks' time, which promises to be a fantastic community event.

A brief update regarding our Carol Concert: due to the ongoing building work at St Bartholomew's Church, we will not be able to hold the concert there this year. We are currently finalising alternative arrangements and will let families know as soon as possible where and how the concert will be held.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more exciting events and achievements with you as the term progresses.

– Mr Hartshorn

## Attendance for 2026-27

Government Target: 95%
Tardebigge 2025-26: 96%
96% or higher = GREEN
94-95.9% = AMBER
Less than 94% = RED

| Reception | Y1 |
|---|---|
| 97.5% | 97.3% |

| Y2 | Y3 |
|---|---|
| 95.6% | 96% |

| Y4 | Whole School |
|---|---|
| 95.7% | 96.5% |

## Recorder Ensemble 🪈🎶

Our recorder teacher, Ruth, would like to form a community style recorder ensemble open to Year 3 recorder pupils upwards, recorder pupils who have left, parents, and also Tardebigge First School teachers. This is open to all abilities from beginners upwards!

If interested, please contact Ruth: **ruthtamburro@hotmail.com**

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair! We raised **£534.88** to spend on books for our library. 📚

## Remembrance

Following our whole-school Remembrance Service, where we respectfully remembered those who gave their lives in service, read the names of all the fallen soldiers from our local community, observed a two-minute silence and sang our remembrance song, Year 4 spent time at the graves of the three fallen soldiers buried in our churchyard. The children learned about each soldier, shared their names and stories, and offered their own thoughtful prayers and reflections. We were incredibly proud of the maturity, respect and reverence shown by the children throughout. They represented our school wonderfully, demonstrating compassion and understanding as they honoured the sacrifice of those who served and remembered them with dignity.





Reception have **enjoyed** making their own hedgehog bread and going on their first school trip, to the Pumpkin Patch.





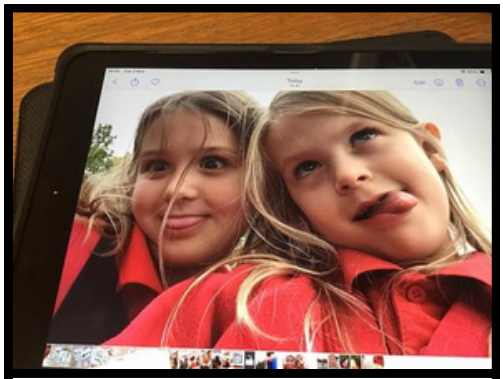
Year 1 have been developing their **wisdom** by practicing subtraction on a number line.



Year 2 are growing their **wisdom** in Science by investigating bulbs.



Reception have **enjoyed** Forest School!



Year 2 have experienced **joy** when starting their digital photography unit in Computing!





Year 1 have **perservered** with learning tricky words and drawing observational sketches.



Year 2 showed **wisdom** during their reading workshop.





Year 1 have felt **joy** during forest school, lighting fires and using hand-held drills to make conker woodland creatures.



Year 3 were **respectful** towards other schools when trying out football, handball, and hockey.

## Dates for your diary 📆

4th Dec – Christmas Fayre (3.30-6.30pm)
8th Dec - Reception Nativity @ 9.05am
15th Dec – KS1 Nativity @ 9.05am
16th Dec – KS2 Carol Service @ 6pm
17th Dec – Christmas Party Day
18th Dec – Last day of term
5th Jan - Children return to school
12th Jan – Parents' Evenings (3.30-8.30pm)
22nd Jan - 23rd Jan – Y3 Space Camp
27th Jan - Y2 Showcase Assembly @ 8.50am
11th Feb - Y3 Showcase Assembly @ 8.50am
12th Feb – Last day of half-term

## A Polite Parking Reminder 🚗

As our school lanes and car parks can become very busy at drop-off and pick-up times, we kindly ask all families to take extra care and consideration. The Community Hall car park is reserved for families with children in Reception and Year 1; all other families should use the Church car park. Please be mindful of other road users when pulling into and out of parking areas, and allow a little extra time where possible. We understand that everyone is often in a hurry, but by working together and driving carefully, we can help keep all members of our school community safe.

## Polite Reminders for Home-School Communication 🌈

1. **Contact the School Office**: Please direct all messages or queries to the school office. You can do this by emailing or calling during office hours. This ensures your message reaches the right person promptly and avoids any miscommunication.
2. **Avoid Using ClassDojo for Messages**: While ClassDojo is a fantastic platform for sharing photographs and celebrating achievements, it is not monitored for urgent or administrative messages. Using the office as the main point of contact allows staff to manage their workload effectively.
3. **Messages at drop-off time**: Sharing messages informally at the door/gate during drop-off can lead to important details being overlooked especially as staff on the door are sometimes supporting children or welcoming children into school. To ensure accuracy and timeliness, please use the school office as your first point of contact.
4. **Allow 24 Hours for a Response**: Staff are dedicated to providing the best possible education for your children and spend their day focused on teaching. We kindly ask for your understanding in allowing up to 24 hours for non-urgent queries to be addressed. Staff will respond during their working hours.


BURCOT GRANGE
• PART OF THE BERKLEY CARE GROUP •
Christmas
EVENT
AT BURCOT LODGE &
BURCOT GRANGE CARE HOME
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
10.30AM – 12.30PM & 2PM – 5PM
Visit Santa's Grotto and his reindeer, enjoy festive crafts, a Christmas trail, hot chocolate & marshmallows, sweet treats and Christmas stalls.
PLEASE RSVP TO AMY
amy.dabell@berkleycaregroup.co.uk
0121 445 5552
CASH ONLY FOR CHRISTMAS STALLS
DONATIONS WELCOME FOR
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY
Burcot Grange & Lodge,
23 Greenhill, Burcot, Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire, B60 1BJ

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Redditch Foodbank
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# Christmas Toy Appeal



## Be a STAR and support our toy project

- Donate a new toy!
- Make a financial donation - scan the QR code or visit aokuk.org.uk to donate now.
- Share this appeal with friends, family and colleagues - help us spread the word!

Drop off toys and gifts Monday to Friday 10-1pm at:
No24 Church Green East, Redditch, B98 8DE

*Working together to alleviate hunger and poverty in our local community.*

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# Help us help those in need to have a HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Redditch Foodbank
Together with Trussell

**In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas, the foodbank will provide almost 200 food parcels to local families facing hardship. Will you PLEASE help us to help them?**

**You could donate money… each parcel costs around £38**

Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Custard,
UHT Milk, Tea bags, Coffee, Squash, Hot Chocolate,
Jam, Marmalade, Biscuits, Cereals, Cheese Crackers,
Selection box, Christmas Cake / Pudding,
Soap, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Toilet Rolls

**Visit our website for details on how to donate money:**
**https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/**

**You could donate Food, with a long date please**



Visit our Website for up-to-date details of needs:
www.redditch.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1157916
Drop your donations to us at: No 24 Church Green East
Redditch B98 8DE between 10am & 1pm, Monday to Friday.
On behalf of those in need, THANK YOU!



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# Reverse Advent Calendar





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| 1 **Toilet Rolls** | 2 **Shampoo** | 3 **Shower Gel** | 4 **Tinned Tomatoes** | 5 **Tin of Soup** | 6 **Box of Breakfast Cereals** |
| 7 **Tinned Vegetables** | 8 **Tinned Fish** | 9 **Tinned Meat** | 10 **Bag of Pasta** | 11 **Jar of Pasta Sauce** | 12 **Tinned Fruit** |
| 13 **Carton UHT Milk** | 14 **Pack of Tea Bags** | 15 **Tinned Pudding (e.g. Rice)** | 16 **Jar of Jam or Marmalade** | 17 **Jar of Coffee** | 18 **Pack of sweet biscuits** |
| 19 **Selection Box** | 20 **Hot Chocolate** | 21 **Cheese Crackers** | 22 **Chutney or Pickle** | 23 **Tinned Custard** | 24 **Christmas Pudding or Cake** |



On the days above, when you are able, buy just one tin or packet of the item shown and bring it to: No 24 Church Green East Redditch B98 8DE between 10am & 1pm, Monday to Friday. On behalf of those in need, THANK YOU!

Visit our Website for up-to-date details of needs:
www.redditch.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1157916

# The Hive
# Christmas Fayre
## Sunday
## 29th November 2026
## 10am - 3pm





Come along to The Hive Library on the 29th November and hear Father Christmas tell stories, watch The Snow Queen puppet show*, make some Christmas crafts, shop for Christmas gifts at our local market and much more. Make this a family day out and get into the Christmas spirit.

*Booking required for puppet show. For more information visit: https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/LibraryEvents/EventDetails.aspx?id=7534



The Hive
Christmas Fayre
Sunday 29th November 2026
10am - 3pm

The Hive

a partnership between

University of Worcester

Worcestershire County Council

# Café Church



Worship

Prayer

Every Sunday 9am

starting with breakfast

Crafty Activities

Songs

Bible Stories

St Bartholomew's Tardebigge




# Tardebigge Community Hall

Modern, superbly equipped event space with large hall, committee room, kitchen, free WiFi and ample parking

Available for hire, perfect for wedding receptions, parties and meetings

For more information, please see our website or leave a message on **07763 446902** or email tchbookings@gmail.com