



As we continue our journey through Lent, we think about making taking the time to pray, fast and to give to others. Our prayer offered this week was:

"God of infinite love, I thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others. As we journey together through Lent, I turn to you to ask for your help. Please soften my heart. Help me to let go of judging others. I ask you this, in Jesus' name. Amen"

The children have particularly impressed me this week with their compassion and understanding during our Autism Awareness Day worship, and their discussions and questions afterwards in classrooms. We learned about what autism is and how it can affect everyone differently. The important thing we want to remember is that we all experience the world in different ways, and if someone is having a hard time, we must be kind and try not to do things which could make a person's hard time even harder. If you want to learn more at home, the video we shared in worship is [here](#). The National Autistic Society have also produced a [film](#) to demonstrate how a person with autism may experience the world.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week, Presentation and Writing award winners!



Congratulations to Christopher, Miriam, Elara, James, Betsy, Lucy, Kara, Alistair, Holly, Sophia, Jacob, Hannah, Markus, Jack, Tabitha, Joshua, Kabiell, Poppy, Faith, Duke and Caiden. We are so proud of you!

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Dates for your diaries

Monday 7 th April	
Tuesday 8 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Girls' football match at home vs Holbrook
Wednesday 9 th April	
Thursday 10 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.30: Easter Service at St Christopher's Church led by Year 4 – all welcome. *Reception will be attending this service.
Friday 11 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Easter Holidays – Happy Easter everyone! See you in the Summer Term!	
Monday 28 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome to Mrs Parry who will be teaching Year 1 to cover Mrs Wright's maternity leave
Tuesday 29 th April	
Wednesday 30 th April	
Thursday 1 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Book Fair arrives3.45 – 5.30: SEND and wellbeing drop-in discussions with Mrs Henderson
Friday 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 6 th May	
Wednesday 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Book Fair final day
Thursday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.30: Football match at home vs Allesley Hall
Friday 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 SATS Week Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Paper
Tuesday 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 SATS Week Reading Paper
Wednesday 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 SATS Week Maths Papers 1 & 2
Thursday 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 SATS Week Maths Paper 33.30: Girls' football match at home vs Allesley Hall
Friday 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together



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Free activities and food this Easter



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What is HAF?

HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

HAF Objectives

There are many benefits for children who attend the HAF programme. We encourage all HAF providers to ensure a high-quality experience that will result in children:

- Receiving healthy and nutritious meals
- Maintaining a healthy level of physical activity
- Being happy, having fun and meeting new friends
- Developing a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health related issues
- Taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development and well-being
- Feeling safe and secure
- Getting access to the right support services
- Returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn.

Who is eligible?

Children and young people need to be school-aged children (reception to year 11 inclusive) and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- In receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The Council's website has more information on this: [Coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](https://coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- Assessed (through a Children and Families assessment, undertaken by Children's Services) as a "child in need"
- On a child protection plan
- A child in care
- A young carer
- Assessed (through an early help assessment) to be in financial hardship
- Part of the Ukrainian Family Scheme or the Home for Ukraine programme
- Receiving Free School Meals through having No Recourse to Public Funds.

Children and young people in years 12-13 are eligible if they are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals and either have an EHCP or are receiving SEN support at their place of education.

Scan the QR code to go to the HAF homepage. Please speak to us if you need advice about applying for free school meals.

