



Friday 15th May 2026

PITMASTON POST

CITIZENSHIP



Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday last Friday has been a powerful opportunity for pupils at Pitmaston to explore nature, curiosity, communication and the impact one person's work can have. For over 70 years, Sir David has helped people learn about animals, habitats and the planet through his documentaries, storytelling and passion for the natural world. It has been wonderful to

celebrate Sir David! Some of our favourite activities have been creating our own weather monitor, feeding wildlife around the school grounds, writing about nature and litter picking.



During a visit to Worcester Woods Country Park, Otis and Saoirse found a young boy alone and visibly upset deep within the woods. They calmly approached him, offered reassurance, and gave him a comforting hug. The police were called, and both children reassured the boy that help was on the way and that they would find his parents. Their calm and nurturing manner helped him feel safer during what must have been a frightening experience. Police officer Chris Bell-Hartley praised Otis and Saoirse for their actions and conduct, noting that they showed exceptional empathy throughout. He commented that they should both be very proud of themselves and of how calmly and compassionately they handled the situation.

Reception children had great fun this week learning all about printing with natural objects. First we learnt about the ancient Japanese art form known as Tataki-Zomé, or 'flower pounding'. This is where natural pigments from flowers and leaves are transferred onto paper or fabric by hammering them. As you can see we were very enthusiastic about the hammering part! We also tried leaf printing with paint and leaf rubbing with the sides of crayons. We made a wonderful whole class bunting to hang in the classroom! Well done Reception!



We're delighted to share that in April, we celebrated 472 Attendance HERO's – the highest number we've ever had for April since the incentive began in 2019. This is a fantastic achievement, and a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting your children in becoming this month's Heroes. We're excited to see what May brings – can we beat last years record of 438?!



We are extremely proud of our year six pupils who have taken the tests in their stride this week. Seven years of busy learning paid off as they showed what a lot of knowledge they have! Many pupils showed exceptional resilience and determination. Congratulations on a job well done!

From a very proud Year 6 team.

Year 4 Times Table Challenge

As you will be aware, we will soon be completing our government multiplication check and would like to encourage all children to spend time, for the next 20 days (including half term), practising in preparation for this. The challenge starts on the 19th May and ends on the 7th June.

We have set daily challenges on TTRS. We are not expecting the children to spend hours and hours on TTRS. We will be using the tournament results to see the number of points your child has scored. The aim is to gain 300 points each day to receive a stamp on their chart.

There will prizes on offer from achievement stickers, to extra playtime, depending on how many days they complete. Please see below:

5 days = achievement sticker

10 days = achievement sticker & 10 minutes extra playtime at lunch

15 days = achievement sticker & 10 minutes extra play and an ice lolly

20 days = an achievement sticker and an hour of Golden time

Good Luck everyone!

We challenge you!

We would like you to go on Times Tables Rock Stars every day, for the next 20 days, to help improve your times table knowledge, in preparation for our Year 4 Multiplication check at the beginning of June.

There will prizes on offer from achievement stickers to extra playtime to ice lollies in the sun.

In order to receive your sticker, you must contribute at least 300 points to the daily tournament total.

Can you achieve all 20 days?

YOU CAN DO IT!



This week, Preschool embarked on an exciting adventure as part of our Understanding of the World topic! Our little explorers have been learning about where we live in the World and other countries, including France, Italy, Greece, and Africa. We have had lots of lively discussions at circle time about each country celebrating their culture and traditions. This week's Oracy Challenge was to discuss with their Talk partner the quickest way they could travel to that country and why.

Here are some exciting highlights from our adventure around the world.

Highlights from Our Journey

- **France:** The children enjoyed learning about French culture, particularly the famous Eiffel Tower. They created their own mini Eiffel Towers using blocks and even tasted Croissants at snack time, singing a variety of French songs in Music.
- **Italy:** Our exploration of Italy included a fun pizza cutting activity, creating their own Leaning Tower of Pisa by drawing on the marks for the detail of each level.
- **Greece:** Children cut and designed their own Greek temple out of paper.
- **Africa:** The children were fascinated by African wildlife and culture. They learnt facts about all the different Animals that can be found in the Savannah, painted their own setting sun with shadow cut out's and danced to African Music.



Summer Fete - Saturday 20th June 11am - 2pm

Please sign up to volunteer whatever time you can to help run the summer fete. A sign up link has been added under 'useful links' on the Parent App.

Reception and KS1 have enjoyed playing with the new playground equipment along with their old favourites. Lunchtimes are busy and fun with children enjoying spending time together.



Pitmaston Summer Fete Information

Saturday 20th June 11am - 2pm

School Performances

Every child is invited to take part in a performance with their year group at the Fete:

- 11.00 Fete opens
- 11.20 Pre school Nursery
- 11.30 Reception
- 11.40 Year 1
- 11.50 Year 2
- 12.00 Year 3
- 12:10 Year 4
- 12:20 Year 5
- 12:30 Year 6

Entertainment

This year you can also enjoy free entertainment throughout the day:

Magic Shows

- 11.15 - 12.00
- 12.15 - 1.00

Live Music: 12.45 - 1.45

Raffle/Prize draw: 1.45

Friday 12th June: Non-Uniform day

To help support the fete we'd be very grateful if you could donate a tombola prize. Donations will be collected on the gate at the beginning of the school day on Friday 12th June:

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: A packet of sweets for the children's tombola.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: A bottle for the bottle tombola.

All donations must be sealed and in date.

We will also be collecting preloved **books, children's games** and **branded uniform** at the school gates in the morning. Please ensure all donations are in good condition and have all of the pieces. Uniform should be washed with name labels removed.

Lots of ways to help

The more **volunteers** we have the more stalls and activities we'll be able to run.

Sign up to help using our easy form. You can choose when you'd like to help, what you'd like to do, how long for and even sign up to be on a stall with a friend.

<https://forms.gle/epGGZ66SKVbyfmK4A>

It's great fun and wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves.

Do you have a **Gazebo** we could borrow? You would need to be able to bring it to school and put it up between 9-10am on the day of the fete and take it down between 2-3pm (we can help but they all have their own knack)

Could you lend us a large **Gas BBQ**? We can collect the day before the Fete and return afterwards. We will provide the gas.