

'Great oaks from little acorns grow'



Summer Term (1) 2025



Week 1 & 2

Llangrove CE Academy Vision & Ethos

"A tree is known by the kind of fruit it bears." – Matthew 12 v33

"Keep your roots deep in Him and your lives built on Him." – Colossians 2:7



Our value for this Summer half term is Nurture ~ Compassion



Dear God,

As we celebrate 80 years since VE Day, we give thanks to everyone who fought to bring peace during the Second World War.

Please be with all those who are living in areas of the world that are affected by wars today. Grant them comfort, strength, and hope.

Help people to open their hearts with compassion.

Please help us to create a world where love and understanding prevail over conflict and division.

Amen.



Team of the Week

Wk 1	Wk 2
MALLEY	MONNOW



Superstars

Nurture ~ Compassion	Wk 1	Wk 2
Acorn Class:	Dougal	Martha
Beech Class:	Tom	Ed
Maple Class:	Anthony	Tommy A
Oak Class:	Zoe	Betsy G



May Birthdays...

Rocco-George, Woodrow,
Pixie, Finlay, Ariadne &
Fionnlagh



Sports Stars

	Wk 1	Wk 2
Acorn Class:	Gwen and Pixie	-
Beech Class:	Betsy B	Olivia
Maple Class:	William	Nia
Oak Class:	Arthur	Flynn

Lunchtime Table of the Week:

Wk 1	Wk 2

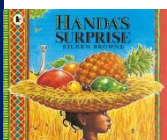
Class Story

English & SPaG

Maths

Curricular Theme: Around the World 🌍

Acorn Class



Acorn Class have enjoyed exploring our new text of Handa's surprise. We used actions to learn the text and created story maps. We have been using actions to describe the fruit in Handa's basket and writing some super sentences remembering our punctuation.

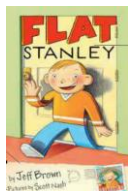
Reception have been counting to 20 and beyond! We have also been representing our numbers using tens frames, using our knowledge of number facts to help us.
Year 1 have been exploring 2-digit numbers to 100! We have been counting, recognising, finding their position on a numberline, comparing and partitioning.



In Geography Acorn Class have been exploring the world. We have loved talking about where we have visit in the world and where we would like to go. We had a look at the different flags of the countries we want to visit. We loved their trip around the world in Geography! We had great fun "walking around the world", exploring the different continents and oceans! Hello from around the world!!! 🌍

Curricular Theme: Earthquakes & Volcanoes

Beech Class



In English, we have been describing and writing all about stars. Our Talk for Writing story is "Alfie's Star" and we have been ordering the story whilst also focusing on how similes are used in the story. We have begun to look at read volcano poems and identify the powerful verbs and adverbs used in them. We have also learnt about the different groups of onomatopoeia words.

In Maths, we have focused on telling the time on an analogue clock. Year 3 have also looked at telling the digital time. We have particularly focused on the role of the minute hand. We have also been revising number bonds. The class are getting speedier and speedier – bridging ten and finding pairs to 100 and even 1,000. Numbots and TT Rockstars continue to be an important part of home learning where possible.

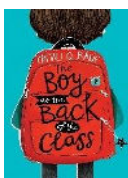
The children, along with Year 4 pupils from Maple, had fun practising for the May Fayre 'George & the Dragon' Maypole dance and re-enactment. Well done on your great performance on the day.



This week in Science, Beech Class have started their new topic of Animals and Humans. We have had lots of fun looking at our favourite animals finding out about the adults and their offspring. We have also discussed life cycles, looking at animals that have a longer life cycle and a shorter cycle.

Curricular Theme: The Ancient Greeks

Maple Class



In English, we have been working on a Wishing Tale. We looked at adding mood into sentences and how the author creates a sense of character. We are moving onto the innovation stage, where we will begin to use the model text to guide our fiction writing. We have begun to plan our characters for our own Hot Task. In SPaG, we have focused on proper nouns and how we can identify and decipher them from common nouns.

In Maths, Year 4 have been focusing on their upcoming times table check by recalling their known times tables. It would benefit the pupils to be on TT Rockstars as often as possible. They have also been working with fractions, with a focus on mixed numbers and placing them on number lines.

In Year 5, we have been working on multiplying proper and improper fractions. We have identified the numerator and denominators and created our own rules for multiplying fractions and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. A brilliant first two weeks back for Maple Class!



Outdoor Learning

This week, Maple Class had Outdoor Learning! We collected as many sticks as we could and in our houses created a replica of the Parthenon! Take a look at them down below:



Curricular Theme: Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs

Oak
Class



In art, we have looked at how 'gridding' up a photograph or picture can aid in drawing an enlarged version. We have looked at how it helps keep our body proportions to scale and have chosen an Egyptian god to depict using the pupils' own choice of media.

The pupils have been working hard in preparation for their KS2 SATs, which commence next week. We are all very proud of their hard work and know they will do themselves proud.



VE Day 80th Anniversary



On Thursday, pupils and staff celebrated the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Pupils and staff paid our respects by observing a two-minute silence in the school playground. Then, following suggestions from the School Council, we enjoyed our lunches on 'party' tables decorated with union flags. We listened to music from the 1940s and enjoyed a 'boogie' in our own 1940's dancehall.

May Fayre ~ Llangrove Comes Together for Chilly but Cheerful May Fayre

On Monday 5th May, the people of Llangrove and the surrounding areas gathered to celebrate the arrival of spring and raise funds for local organisations at the village's annual May Fayre.

Despite the chilly weather, spirits were high and attendance was strong. Visitors enjoyed a variety of stalls and games, from traditional favourites such as skittles, coconut shy, and horse racing to raffles for a Barrow of Bottles, biscuits and teddies. Plus, a grand raffle, featuring a wide range of prizes generously donated by local businesses. The event reflected the village's strong community ethos.

ACEG promoted their recycling mission through a popular bric-a-brac stall, while the local Scouts raised funds for their upcoming trip to Canada by selling beautifully crocheted items. Talented local crafters also showcased and sold their handmade creations. Food and refreshments were provided by Cookhouse on the Hill, The Royal Arms, Miniyaki's, Kelsmor Dairy, and Llangrove Leapfrogs, ensuring that no one went hungry.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, Ross Town Band performed a varied repertoire throughout the afternoon. A highlight of the day was a dramatic re-enactment of the battle of George and the Dragon, as well as lively maypole dancing by the Rainbows, Brownies, and pupils of Llangrove CE Academy. Children (and many adults) had the thrilling opportunity to "put out a fire" with the help of Whitchurch Firefighters, who brought along their fire engine and hoses for a hands-on experience. While we were unable to host the much-loved Chicken Drop this year due to current avian restrictions, the event still brought plenty of joy with the presence of lambs, guinea pigs, and therapy dogs, delighting attendees of all ages. The May Fayre Working Party would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, participants, and visitors who helped make the event such a success. Their continued support ensures the strength and vitality of the community spirit in Llangrove.

~ Holly Gilmour, May Fayre Committee member and PTFA Chair



Outdoor learning timetable

Pupils to wear outdoor clothing to school, with wellingtons/outdoor boots/shoes in a bag, plus sunhat.

SUMMER 1	Day & Date	Location	Class/es
Wk 3	Thursday 15 th May	School	Acorn Class
Wk 4	Thursday 22 nd May	School	Beech Class



Mental Health & Wellbeing and Online Safety Guidance

Mental health and well-being, along with using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in Llangrove CE Academy throughout the year.



The attached 'WakeUpWednesday' free guide shares essential advice for keeping children safe around roads, highlighting practical steps like staying visible, reducing distractions and recognising hidden dangers.

Staying safe on our roads isn't just a skill — it's a lifelong habit. It is crucial to learn key strategies for helping children navigate streets safely and confidently, from practising journeys together to teaching them how to choose the safest crossing points. In this guide, National College has collaborated with THINK! to offer real-world advice on issues like the

dangers of parked vehicles, reversing cars and mobile phone distractions — it's an invaluable tool for parents and educators who want to help young people travel independently without compromising their safety.



News & upcoming Events



Please click on QR code or search 'Llangrove CE Academy PTFA' on Facebook for a TEAMS link ☺



We are on **f**acebook!

Join our group to keep up to date with the latest fundraising events, community news, and school reminders.

SCAN this QR code and join today!



Or search 'Llangrove CE Academy PTFA'



Next PTFA Meeting:

**Monday 12th May – via TEAMS
@ 8pm.**



We will be having an '**Recycle with Michael**' collection day in the week beginning the **Monday 9th June**. If you and your family have any clothes and shoes/boots that you no longer need please put them in a plastic bag and bring them into school by **Friday 6th June**.

The Salvation Army will collect the bags and the money raised from the items will be shared with the school. **The more bags we fill – the more cash we raise!** ☺



Did you know facts about recycling:

- 30% of our unwanted clothing currently goes to landfill.
- 50,000 tonnes, that's around £140 million worth of used but still wearable clothing goes to landfill in the UK every year
- Clothes can take up to 40 years to decompose
- Shoes can take up to 1,000 years to break down.



MyClothing have a NEW discount code for parents to use when shopping with them. It gives everyone a 10% discount until the end of May.

Code = **MYCSS10%** Expires = **31/05/2025**

A reminder that we have a clothes rail full of used & good condition school uniform, including summer dresses, available in the school reception area.

Our Community...

This week, Mrs Cherry from ACEG came into speak with the children as part of our 'Nurtute & Compassion' Collective worship. She spoke about how blessed we are to have a school that is surrounded by nature, speaking about some of the animals and birds we see. Mrs Cherry also spoke about ACEG's competition. Please see below. It would be lovely for the children to take part. Entries to be brought into school by 16th May.

CELEBRATING OUR *Wild Side*

Dark Skies Heroes and Villains Art Competition.

We need your help to imagine some brand-new superheroes! But here's a super-secret: Not all heroes wear shiny capes and do good deeds!

We have three mysterious characters, and we have no idea what they look like. Can you draw, paint or collage all of them, or just one of them?

Meet ALAN, who shines bright lights at night. Alan is not a friend to nature. He likes to keep the daytime birds and flowers from going to sleep, so they get very tired. He even messes with the plants, making them think it's springtime when it's actually sleep time. Can you picture what a nature-hating superhero might look like?

Say hello to ROLAN, the Sometimes Hero! Rolan tries hard. He likes the nighttime creatures like hedgehogs and moths, so he tries to keep the lights off unless he really needs them. But sometimes, even though he tries not to, he can still accidentally upset the plants and animals. What could a sometimes-good, sometimes-not-so-good superhero look like?

And now, give a big cheer for DAN, nature's best friend! All the nighttime animals and plants love Dan, and Dan loves them right back- he's their best friend. He helps the sleepy birds get tucked up for the night and wakes up the night creatures with a gentle whisper. Dan is a true hero of the nighttime! What does a super-kind, nature-loving hero look like?

We can't wait to see what amazing superheroes (and maybe a not-so-super one!) you create! Please let us have your entries at 11-4.30pm Llangrove Village Hall on 16th May, on the ACEG stall at Llangrove and District Garden Society Plant Sale on 17th May.

Children's and adult entries are welcome. Maximum size A3 per entry. Name, age and contact details on the back.

Awards ceremony is at 1 pm at the Celebrate Our Wild Side Day on 24th May 2025, Llangrove Village Hall.

ALAN: Artificial Light At Night

ROLAN: Responsible Outdoor Light At Night

DAN: Dark At Night

Email archenfieldceg@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday 24th May
Llangrove Village Hall
11am - 4pm



CELEBRATING OUR **Wild Side**

Guided walk

9.00 - 10.00: Guided bird watching.

Led by John Pullen of Herefordshire Ornithology Club

10.30 - 11.30: Introduction to Tretawdy Farm Nature Reserve.

Led by Sue Parkinson HWT Volunteer

11.00 - 12.00: Explore the trees of interest in Llangrove.

Led by Barbara Fisher, Tree Warden.

Please wear long trousers and sleeves. Strong shoes for all the walks.
Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at Llangrove Village Hall.

Interactive session:

11.30 Bugs and beasts:

Richard Fishbourne - Wild Things Tent

Dark Skies heroes and villains art competition awards

13.30 - The Wild Hall

Talks: Christ Church, Llangrove

14.00: Nature and Wellbeing - Dr Margaret Tilley

15.00: Birds of Herefordshire: John Pullen -
Herefordshire Ornithology Club

Meet the experts:
birds, trees, flowers,
gardens and more.

Identify the skull
Mask and crown making
Sow a wild flower bank
Dissect a barn owl pellet

LLANGROVE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
NEEDS
PLAYGROUND PROJECT HEROS!



MEETING TO CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
ON
TUESDAY 13TH MAY
7.00PM
LLANGROVE VILLAGE HALL

**We need people to come forward to help deliver a new safe
playground for the children of the local area.**

**Please come along to the meeting and see what you can
contribute so we can get our playground back open again as
soon as possible.**

We know how popular Llangrove Village Hall play area is to children and parents from Llangrove and the wider community. Please see details about a meeting on **Tuesday 13th May at 7pm**, regarding its current closure and plans for its future...



Dates for Your Diary – Summer (1) 2025



Please note that there are no teacher led After school clubs this half term.





SWIMMING LESSONS – Maple Class

There will be 8 swimming sessions in total and these will take place on the following mornings:

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4
Tuesdays	29 th April	6 th May	13 th May	20 th May
Thursdays	1 st May	8 th May	15 th May	22 nd May






Wk 3	Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th	Year 6 SATs Assessment Week
	Monday 12 th *NEW*	PTFA Meeting – online via TEAMS @ 8pm
	Thursday 15 th	 Outdoor learning ~ Acorn Class
Wk 4	Monday 19 th *NEW*	HMFA Year 6 Cinema and Inflatables day ~ Hereford Courtyard Theatre & Lord Scudamore Academy
	Tuesday 20 th *NEW*	Year 6 Skirrid Trip
	Wednesday 21 st – Friday 23 rd	HMFA Year 6 Oakerwood residential
	Thursday 22 nd	 Outdoor learning ~ Beech Class
	Friday 23 rd	End of Summer (1) term



Monday 26th – Friday 30th May ~ (Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26th May)



Wk 1	Monday 2 nd	Summer term (2) begins
	Monday 2 nd – Friday 13 th	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Check (2-week period)
	Thursday 5 th	Open Classroom An opportunity for your child to share their books with you in our classrooms 3:20 ~ 5:30pm
	Friday 6 th *NEW*	 Recycle with Michael – please bring donations of unrequired clothes and shoes/boots in a bag to school by Friday 6 th . Collection will be Monday 9 th
Wk 2	Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Year 1 Phonic screening check (& Y2 retakes if required)
	Thursday 12 th	Llangrove Trustees Board meeting – 6:15pm
Wk 3	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th *NEW*	Sports Week
	Friday 20 th	 Sports Day – 1:15pm start (gates open at 1pm ~ please bring your own seats)
	Thursday 26 th	 Year 6 Leavers Service, Hereford Cathedral
Wk 4	Friday 27 th	Reserve Sports Day!



Wk 5	Monday 30 th – Friday 4 th	
	Thursday 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Reception pupils' transition morning Transition morning for Year 1 (to Beech Class), Year 3 (to Maple Class) & Y5 (to Oak Class)
Wk 6	Thursday 10 th	 Teddy Bears Picnic Lunch – all children to bring teddy/cuddly toy – all children will be eating 'al fresco' on the school field (weather permitting)
Wk 7	Wednesday 16 th *NEW*	Year 6 End of Year Show ~ 5:30pm in school hall
	Friday 18 th *NEW*	Year 6 Leavers service ~ 1pm
		Last day of term (2pm finish)
	Monday 21 st	STAFF INSET Day
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		