



# Woodside Warbler

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## Year 6 Trip to Coventry Cathedral

Year 6 were lucky enough to visit Coventry Cathedral as part of this half term's topic of a 'Child's War'.

### 'Coventry Blitz'

On the night of 14 November 1940, many homes, factories and families were destroyed and demolished. 400 German bombers flew over Coventry that devastating night. Coventry was one of the most affected cities in Britain during the war.

At the time of 19:10 the church bells rang out—this meant that the Germans had invaded and stay indoors—not until 11 hours after did the all clear sirens echo throughout the city. Firebombs rained down on the city, some drifted towards the Cathedral. Despite the fact that the Cathedral was being bombed, four heroes tried to salvage what they could because it was about to collapse. They managed to save; two silver candle holders, a silver cross centre piece and the glass windows—but they were taken down before the raid. The high explosive bombs had caused the roof of the Cathedral to burn and the arching pillars fell like dominoes—this meant that the roof would collapse.

Found in the ruins were two pieces of charred wood, strangely enough in the form of a cross. It meant 'Father, Forgive.' In the aftermath, forgiveness was called by Provost Howard. Within the days that followed, the Cathedral ruins were visited by King George IV, who tried to lift the spirits of the demolished city. The four heroes and Provost Howard, wanted to give the King a meal to thank him but most food had been rationed; instead they gave him sandwiches.



In the days that followed, debris was cleared in order to rebuild the whole city. This would be seen as a symbol of strength, the new Cathedral. The horrors of that night devastated many people as many innocent lives were taken. This was a moment Coventry will never forget.

**By Amber Thawley**

## Earthquake in Year 3!

On Wednesday 4th January, we walked in to the classroom and all of us were surprised by everything on the floor. On the carpet we were all talking about what could have made the damage. Mr Lavis told us it was an earthquake. All of us sat worriedly and quietly. Suddenly as we were working the rumbling of an earthquake appeared so we slid under the tables. After the after shock we all came to the carpet then we investigated the classroom. Walking back to the carpet we told everyone what we saw on the ground. It was very surprising to see that it hadn't damaged any pencils.

**By Holly Clark**

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

Once again we are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers .  
Please bring in any vouchers to the box in Reception.

### Data Collection Sheets

Over the next few weeks we will be sending out data collection sheets.

Please check these and return to school with any amendments.

Don't forget to keep the school office updated on any change of contact details, address, medical information etc . It is important that we are able to contact someone in the event of an emergency.

### Scooters

If you have any scooters or trikes that you no longer use, Mrs Vincent and the children in Reception could make great use of them!



### Marle Hall

The trip will take place between Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 1st November 2017 and is open to children currently in Year 4 and 5.

There will be three members of staff accompanying the children. The cost of the accommodation is £195.00 and the cost of transport will be approximately £30 per child but this will be finalised once we have final numbers of children wishing to go on the trip. Children currently entitled to Free School Meals will receive a subsidy and so the **total cost** of the trip to them will be £130.00.

An initial non-refundable deposit of £50.00 is required by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The balance for the trip can be paid in installments to suit you as long as the final balance is paid by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Please note that payment in full must be made for any cancellation less than 8 weeks before the trip.

This is a great experience for all, focusing on exploring the natural environment through the four themes of respect, responsibility, challenge and teamwork. The centre provides all equipment - walking boots, fleece, waterproofs and rucksack. If you were not able to attend the meeting or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Year 2 Visit to Baddesley Library

On Wednesday 18th January, Year 2 went on a visit to Baddesley Library. We had a really interesting time looking at lots of non fiction books about castles. Nanny McAughtry read us a story about Sir Gowain and the Green Knight. Some of us were able to choose a book to take home. We really enjoyed our visit and would like to thank all the staff at the library.

### Merit Badges

Please return merit badges at the end of each week so that they can be given out in collective worship on a Friday morning.

## Forthcoming Term Dates

Monday 6th February	Year 2 SATS meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 9th February	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight School Health visit Year 6 'The Happy Portal'
Wednesday 15th February	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm
<b>Monday 20th—Friday 24th February Half Term</b>	
Monday 27th February	School Re-opens
Wednesday 1st March	Year 4 Library Visit
Tuesday 21st March	Year 5 First Aid Training St John's Ambulance
Friday 24th March	Year 2 Trip to Stratford
Wednesday 29th March	Reception Library Visit
<b>Monday 10th—Friday 21st April Easter Holidays</b>	
Monday 24th April	School Re-opens for Summer Term

### Atherstone Library Half Term Events

Atherstone Library has events running every day during February half term. They are free to attend but places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment by calling in to the Library or giving them a call.

Monday 20th February	2.00-4.00pm	"The Play is the Thing"	The Royal Shakespeare Company is coming to the Library to do crafts and talk about all things Shakespeare!
Tuesday 21st February	2.00-3.30pm	Board Games & Trains	Come along to play board games and see a Hornby Rail Track in action
Wednesday 22nd February	2.00-3.30pm	Rick Riordan in a Puffin	Do battles with the Greeks, Romans & Egyptians
Thursday 23rd February	10.00-11.30am	Jurassic Beasts	Come and find out about all things Jurassic with facts and crafts
Friday 24th February	10.00-11.30am	"Here's One I Made Earlier"	To celebrate the Blue Peter Book awards we are holding a craft session with games and stories.