



# NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your

## DIARY



Term Dates:

### EASTER BREAK

Pupils Finish: Fri 31st March

Pupils Return: Mon 17th April

### BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 1st May

MONDAY 8th May

### MAY HALF TERM

Pupils Finish: Fri 26th May

Pupils Return: Mon 5th June

### SUMMER HOLS

Pupils Finish: Fri 21st July

### Non Pupil Days

Friday 30th June

A message from

## Miss Minter

### Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you had a lovely half term holiday and are coming back rested and revived ready to start Spring term 2.



Last half term Reception were invited to have a Valentines Party on National Pizza day, last term.

Lenny came in, in an amazing costume to show us.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Valentines Disco.

I look forward to more events this year.

Tuesday 21st February	Year 5 Egyptian Day
Thursday 23rd	Eagles Library visit
Tuesday 28th February	Ks2 SATS Meeting for parents.
Wednesday 1st March	NEU Teacher strike day
Thursday 2nd March	WORLD BOOK day
Thursday 2nd March	Road Safety
Thursday 2nd	Blackbirds Library
Thursday 9th March	Year 5 Cowboys and
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief
Friday 31st March	Last day of term

# ATTENDANCE

Attend today, achieve tomorrow...

Swans	93%
Robins	88%
Owls	84%
Doves	88%
Magpies	94%
Finches	93%
Woodpeckers	93%
Jays	95%
Blackbirds	94%
Kestrels	96%
Hawks	85%
Lapwings	89%
Eagles	93%
Wrens	91%

## WORK WITH US

It's an exciting time at Vertas and due to business expansion, we're currently looking for Cleaners and Caretakers to join Vertas. If you take great pride in your work and want to join the team - we want to hear from you!

We'll even pop your name in a prize draw for the chance to win an Amazon Tablet, if you refer a friend and they're successful!

Reach out to our recruitment partners at Opus now:  
ianda@opuspeoplesolutions

Please ensure your referred candidate has your email address. Prize will be drawn in November. Terms and conditions apply - we can provide these on request.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

## Winners

### Kestrels

# 96%



This week our stick insects are moving to Kestrels Class for the incredible attendance of 96%.



Listen to books  
being read aloud

Take books home  
to read

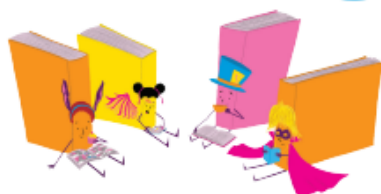


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## C. S. Lewis

29<sup>th</sup> November 1898 – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1963

Real Name: Clive Staples Lewis

Hometown: Belfast, Ireland

Famous Books:

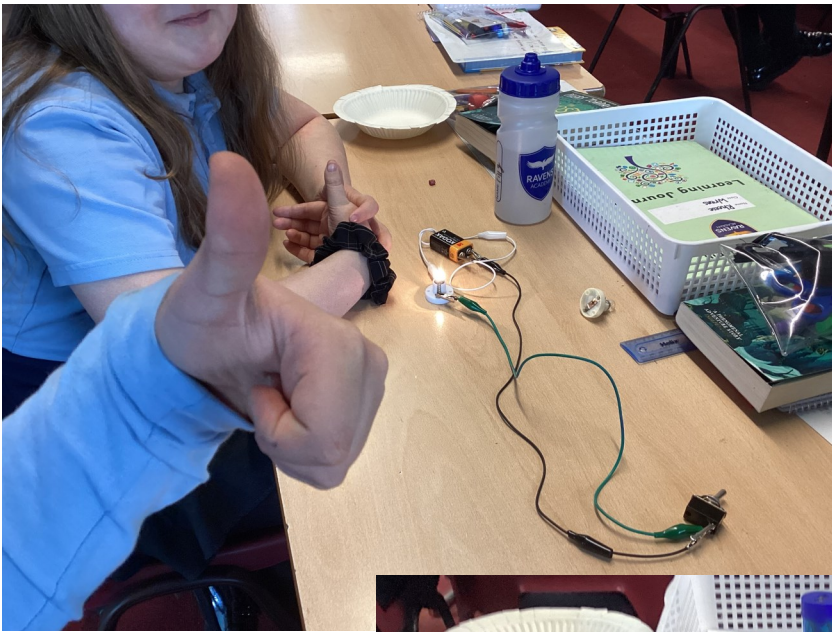
- 'The Chronicles of Narnia' series
- Space Trilogy
- The Screwtape Letters
- Mere Christianity



### Interesting Facts:

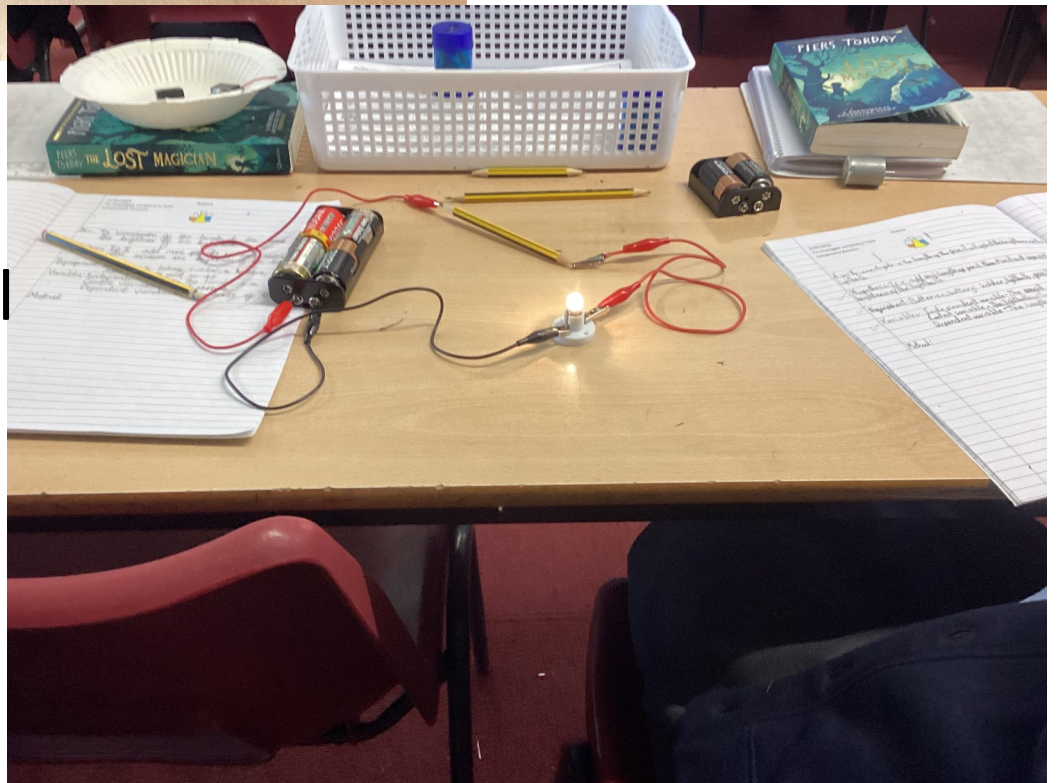
- When C. S. Lewis was four years old, his dog, Jacksie, was hit by a car and killed. From that point on, C. S. Lewis only wanted to be called Jacksie. Eventually the name was shortened to Jack, and he was called Jack for the rest of his life by his family and friends.
- Lewis gave up his Christian faith at the age of 15 and became an atheist. He lived as an atheist for many years until he found his faith again as an adult. He then became an outspoken Christian.
- Lewis fought for the British Army in the First World War.
- Lewis always used a pen and paper. He never learned to type.





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Wrens have  
been up to

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child can tell  
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