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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a wonderful half term at school, filled with exciting learning, achievements and memorable experiences across all year groups. All classes have worked incredibly hard and have continued to show enthusiasm, resilience and most of all kindness in all that they do.

Please take a look at each class entry to see what your child has been busy doing this half term and to celebrate their fantastic accomplishments.

We would also like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their effort and mature attitude during their SATs tests. They approached the week with confidence, determination and positivity, and we are extremely proud of them all.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you all have a lovely break.

Best wishes

Mrs Crowe

Head Teacher



Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have been exploring tricky words outside. Using a magnifying glass, we have had to find tricky words on the tuff tray. Then we had to say them and write them. Also, on another tuff tray outside, we have been exploring number tracks. We had to challenge ourselves to find the missing numbers in

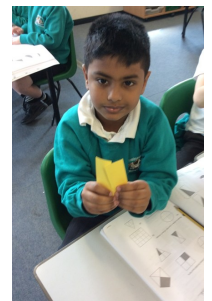
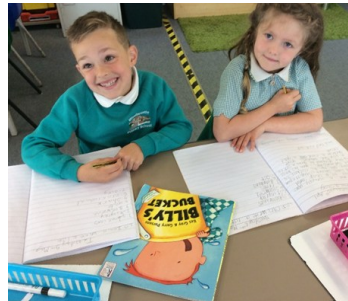
the different number tracks and use mathematical resources to make the missing numbers. Within our physical development, we have been focussing on our gross motor skills in our outdoor area. We have been practising using a balance bike, a trike with pedals and a two wheeled pedal bike. Great learning, everyone!



Maple Class

Maple Class had a great time at the Year One Sports Festival at Kingsmead recently. There were lots of super activities to try including a parachute game, an obstacle course and a treasure hunt game. Everyone had a busy morning. In maths, we have started a new topic about fractions. We have looked at halves and quarters. Then we enjoyed cutting squares, rectangles and circles into either halves or quarters. Our English work has focussed on the story, 'Billy's

Bucket'. The children made a list of things they would like to put in their bucket including fairies and tadpoles! We have made a good start to our topic about the seaside; one recent task was to write and draw about buildings at the seaside. The children drew and wrote about hotels and cafes.



Beech Class

Year 2 have had a great week. We have been sketching sunflowers in our lesson as part of our learning about the artist, Van Gogh. We listened intently to instructions and worked with focus and concentration to produce some beautiful pencil drawings. We have continued to enjoy the story, 'Danny Champion of the World' and this week we have been focusing on developing writing in the first person. We have written as if we were Danny, searching for his father in the woods in the middle of the night. Once again, we have all shown a great deal of focus and have produced some really excellent writing as a result. In our maths work, we have successfully finished our unit on capacity and have been doing a bit of revision before starting our work on length this week. In our science lessons, we are waiting for our seeds to germinate and thinking about what seeds need to germinate and plants need to survive. We have looked at and drawn the life cycle of a plant. We have continued to develop our cricket skills in PE with a bit of batting and bowling this week. It is great to be up on the field to enjoy the extra space for these sessions!



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Willow Class

We have had a busy week in Willow class learning about fractions, writing non-chronological reports, analysing maps and using charcoal to create pieces of symbolism art. In science, we took to the field to find weeds before bringing some back to class to examine and sketch their roots. We learnt all about how they take nutrients from the soil to help keep the plant healthy and their role of keeping plants secure in the ground. In PE, we looked at our running techniques using ladders before putting them into practise with some short distance sprints using a racing start. We now know that we need to use our legs and arms to build our power and speed, all while using momentum to keep us travelling forward.



Larch Class

In Larch we have been practising our times tables, getting ready for our multiplication check in June. We are using these times tables skills in our maths work each day. In English, we are writing dilemma stories – many are writing about a spooky, haunted house! We are using our knowledge of direct speech to move along the action in the story. In science, we have continued to work on circuits. We have tested which materials are conductors and insulators of electricity. In geography, we have learned all 8 compass points, and we are putting them to the test in Forest School with orienteering practise.



Chestnut Class

Year 5 have had an excellent two weeks, becoming immersed in learning. A highlight of our week last week was a walk into Wiveliscombe, where we studied the architecture of buildings to understand more about the history of our town. In English, we have continued to read 'The Nowhere Emporium', creating our own wonderfully descriptive shops! In maths, we have begun learning about position and direction: reading coordinates, translating shapes and reflecting, before moving onto understanding units of measure. We have also had some rich conversations in Science as we learnt about how we know that the Earth is spherical. Another highlight of our week was making our own stained-glass windows, having learnt about how colour can bring a sense of spirituality in Islamic mosques.



Hazel Class

In Hazel class we have been very busy taking our SATS this week. Mrs Chesterfield has told us that we have been absolutely awesome! She told us that the maturity, resilience and positive attitude that we have brought to our learning was outstanding and we are all very proud of ourselves. In maths, we have taken our learning outside and have revised our reasoning and arithmetic skills with a scavenger hunt. In PE, we took some time to chill out and refocus by taking part in a yoga lesson. We enjoyed an afternoon treat of popcorn and a film during SATS week, where we learnt what our Year 6 production will be - we're all very excited!



The Exmoor Challenge

We are very proud of our two Exmoor challenge teams that took part in the Exmoor challenge last weekend. They made us extremely proud showing determination, teamwork and looking after each other. Well done Wilf, Felix, Phoebe, Ella, Florrie, William, Stefan and Bertie. Matthew and Jonathan also took part as well representing Wiveliscombe Scouts.



Summer Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Glockenspiel KS2 Mrs Hill 3:15-4:15	Cricket Years 5 and 6 Mr Ashworth 3.15-4.15	Singing Club KS2 Mrs Chesterfield 3.15-4.15
Multi Sports KS2 Miss Constance 3.15-4.15	Craft Club KS1 Miss Hellier 3.15-4.15	Nature Club Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15
Athletics KS1 Mrs Topps 3:15-4:15	Rounders Years 3 and 4 Mrs Davies 3:15-4:15	Exeter City KS2 3:15-4:15

Forest School

We have been having a really busy time at Forest School. We have all been busy starting to grow seeds in the raised beds, and we will be kept even busier looking after them over the coming weeks.

Reception class have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' in class. In Forest School the children built an obstacle course to escape from the big bad wolf and made porridge on the fire. Year 1 have been learning about the weather, so we have made windssocks and learnt about the Beaufort scale to measure wind speed. Last week we used cloud viewers to check out the different types of clouds. Year 2 have been learning to draw a map of a 'birds eye view' and learnt some map symbols.

Year 3 had to design a mini park and then draw a plan view of their finished park. They went on a 'map symbols' scavenger hunt. Year 4 learnt how to draw a plan of their raised bed to scale and played map symbol bingo. Year 5 have started making bird boxes and will be continuing to make them over the next few weeks. Year 6 have been orienteering on the school field as they are working towards Level 2 of their Outdoor Discovery award. They are also whittling butter knives so they can make garlic bread on the fire next week.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 27/04/2026 goes to Maple Class who scored **98.9%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 04/05/2026 goes to Elm and Chestnut Class for both scoring **97.6%%**

well done Maple, Elm and Chestnut! Two weeks running!



Crossing Patrol

We are hugely fortunate to have Crossing Patrol outside of our school at drop off and pick up times. To make best use of this please note the following:

- When you come to the crossing point, please wait on the pavement until Mrs Smy has stopped the traffic and signals you to walk into the road.
- Make sure you always walk in front of her. She cannot protect you if she cannot see you or you are too far away.
- Remember to always walk sensibly across the road, including with your scooter or bike if you have one. Thank you for taking these steps to improve yours and others safety.

To parents parking outside of school at drop off and collection, please do not park on the zig zag lines. This was brought to our attention by the Highways officer that inspects our crossing patrol ladies. She reported

Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed, neglected or is at risk, please speak to Mrs Crowe who is our designated safeguard lead. Alternatively, you can call Somerset Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or childrens@somerset.gov.uk

We have a strict 'No Dogs' policy on the school grounds.

Please can we ask parents not to turn or park in the staff/visitors car park at the beginning or at the end of the day. Our children move through this area.



Dates For The Diary

1st May—Multi Sports Festival Year 1
 15th May—Year 6 Games Festival
 15th May—Reception Singing at Pulsford Lodge
 19th May—Big Brush Club
 21st May—Year 1 Steam Train to Minehead
 22nd May—Last day of Term
 1st June—Return To School
 1st June— Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 5th June— Inset Day
 11th June— Year 2 Trip to Tropiquaria
 11th June—Year 6 Leadership Academy
 12th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 12th June—Reception Singing at Pulsford Lodge
 15th June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 18th June—New Reception Parents Meeting 6pm
 19th June—Multi Sports Festival Reception
 19th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 22nd June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming

24th June—Sports Day
 25th June—Singing Festival KS2 Choir
 25th June Sports Day (Reserve)
 26th June—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 29th June—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 29th June—Careers Week
 2nd July—Stay And Play Sessions New Reception 26
 3rd July —Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 6th July—Wizard of Oz Play
 9th July—Year 6 Production
 10th July— Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 10th July—Reception Singing At Pulsford Lodge
 10th July—Wiveliscombe Has Talent
 13th July—Year 6 Production
 13th July—Year 4 & Year 6 Swimming
 15th—17th July— Residential Year 4/6
 17th July—Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming
 21st July—Year 6 Final Assembly to Parents
 21st July—Last Day of Term
 22nd July— Inset Day

Road Safety

Please can you ensure that your children know how to cross the road safely whilst they are walking home. We have heard from the general public that some children are not crossing in safe places and not looking properly. The Somerset Road Safety website offers some advice and activity sheets.

<https://somersestroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Parking Outside of School

Somerset County Road Safety were observing our Crossing Patrol last week. They were very concerned at the parking situation outside of the school. Unfortunately, due to the dangerous nature of the parking observed, we have been instructed to report registration numbers to the police.

