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Newsletter July 3rd 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move towards the end of another fantastic school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderfully busy and exciting few weeks here at school.

There is such a real sense of excitement around the building. Our Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard preparing for their end-of-year production, and we cannot wait to see all of their hard work come to life on stage. We have also been delighted to welcome our new children into school for their transition visits. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces beginning their journey with us, and we look forward to welcoming them officially in September.

At the same time, our Year 6 children have been taking part in transition days at their new secondary schools. While it is always a little emotional seeing them prepare to leave us, it is wonderful to watch them embrace this exciting next chapter with confidence and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

I would also like to thank you for your understanding and support during the recent heatwave, when we had to make the difficult decision to close the school. We appreciate the inconvenience this caused for families, but the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff had to remain our priority. Your patience and kindness during this time were greatly appreciated.

We are very pleased that we have been able to rearrange our postponed Sports Day event for **20th July**, and we sincerely hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate another successful year.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. It is a privilege to work alongside such a supportive community, and together we continue to provide the very best opportunities for our children.

We are looking forward to making the most of the remaining weeks of term and creating many more happy memories before the summer holidays.

With warmest wishes,

L Crowe



Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have been exploring World Cup inspired fine motor activities. We have enjoyed using pompoms as footballs and scoring in the goals using our fingers to kick the pompoms! We have also been using our maths skills, by keeping a tally of the score and adding them together at the end of the game. Linking to our story of the week, 'The Big Book of Blue', we have been creating fish using different materials. We had to cut and stick the materials that we wanted to use onto the fish to make them bright and colourful. Super learning, Elm Class!



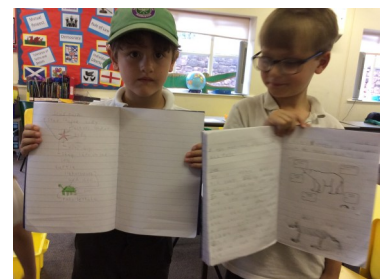
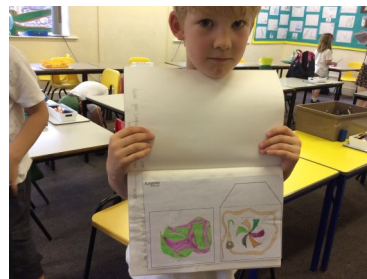
Maple Class

Everyone in Maple class has been busy learning to tell the time. We have had our own small clocks and we have focussed on o'clock and half past. We have also put daily events in the right order. One of our recent stories in English has been, 'Sharing a Shell'. We had to predict what we thought might happen in the story, we came up with some great ideas. We also wrote our own version of the story. As part of our seaside work, we have been looking at the seaside in the past and have talked about deck chairs and piers.



Beech Class

This week, we have been designing purses and have made a start on sewing the felt together in our DT sessions. In science, we have been learning about how animals are adapted to their habitats and we have labelled a polar bear's adaptations and drawn and labelled an animal of our choice. In English, we have been reading Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes' and explored rhyming patterns. We have had a go at writing our own rhyming couplets. In maths, we have enjoyed learning about pictograms and have interpreted them as well as creating our own. We have been learning about Rosa Parks as part of our learning about people who have had a significant impact in history. We have sequenced her life events and written about how her action changed history.



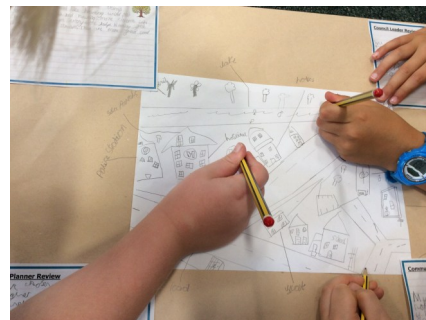
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Willow Class

This week, Willow have embraced their learning! We have continued learning about perimeter in maths, written letters to Australia in English and investigated different materials and shadows in science. We have also been busy with our 'Careers' Week' learning and designing our own sustainable town. We started by learning all about the different ways we can be sustainable, what makes something sustainable and why it is good. After this we learnt more about the different jobs required when it comes to planning a town and who is responsible for each part. Finally, we all got given a job and we had to come up with our own town and make sure that we all contributed within our job roles.



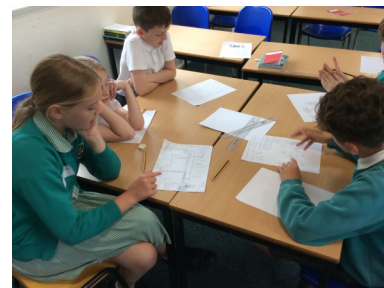
Larch Class

Larch Class have taken a keen interest in Careers' Week! We had an exciting 'lab explosion' in our class, where we had to write an incident report ensuring the classroom was safe for use. We've all enjoyed experiencing different industries and learning about how to find sustainable ways to improve our towns - we definitely have some great environmental experts in the class! Larch have recently shown great enthusiasm for creating their own torches in DT. They have also demonstrated their knowledge of how to produce different sounds in science.



Chestnut Class

Year 5 have produced some excellent writing this week, focussing on choosing verbs carefully and varying the way sentences begin to support the overall flow of the piece. We have enjoyed reading more of 'Harry Potter' to inspire our creative ideas! In geography, we have begun our learning on currents as part of our new unit of work, 'Coasts and Oceans'. In maths, we have been learning about Roman Numerals and have become speedy at reading numbers. We have also been enjoying our swimming lessons and have made some excellent progress already!



Hazel Class

We have been very busy in Hazel class getting ready for our production (which we can't wait to share with you). In English, we have been inspired by the book 'The Templeton Twins' and have designed our own inventions to help with everyday problems. We have invented machines that can load the dishwasher, get us ready in the morning and even do our homework. We drew detailed labelled diagrams of our inventions to accompany our writing. In Forest School, we went to the Rec to do some orienteering and successfully used our maps. We have started to think about our leavers assembly and have worked in groups to start writing our memories of Wiveliscombe school. In careers week we worked in teams to design the perfect town. We had to think about problems that we face and may face in the future and how we would solve these when designing our town.



NEW GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS: jewellery and earrings during PE and sporting activities

- jewellery should be removed at home before school on PE days
- schools cannot accept disclaimers or waivers relating to jewellery injuries
- piercings ears at the start of the summer is recommended to allow healing time

Please also ensure;

- your child has a full PE kit in school
- your child has appropriate forest school clothing that covers arms and legs

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

Reception class and KS1 have been investigating minibeasts. Last week the children had to design a holiday home for a minibeast. We talked about the habitats that the minibeasts needed and I was very impressed with the finished results, and I am sure the minibeasts will enjoy the variety of holiday homes on offer.



Year 3 have been learning to use lashings to tie poles together ready for den building next week. Year 4 have been setting a map and following a route. Year 5 have been whittling plant markers from wood for the raised beds. Year 6 drew maps to the recreation ground and then followed their maps and took part in an orienteering exercise on the Rec.

With the sunny weather coming back this week, please remember that your child needs PE kit (shorts, coloured T shirt and trainers) and forest school kit every week. Cotton trousers, leggings and long-sleeved T shirts are ideal for forest school in this hotter weather. Trainers can be worn instead of wellies in the dry weather but not school shoes.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 8th June 26 goes to Beech Class who scored 98.3%

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 15th June 26 goes to Beech Class who scored 99%

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 22nd June 2026 goes to Maple class who scored 99.1%.

Well done Beech and Maple!



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.



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Dates For The Diary

3rd July —Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming

6th July—Wizard of Oz Play

7th July—Nursery children to Reception

8th July— Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal

9th July—Year 6 Production

10th July—Wiveliscombe Has Talent

10th July— Year 5 & Year 3 Swimming

10th July—Reception Singing At Pulsford Lodge

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

20th July—Sports Day

21st July—Year 6 Final Assembly to Parents

21st July—Last Day of Term

22nd July— Inset Day

Sept 7th—Return to School

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/>

