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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are having a wonderfully busy and productive half term here at school, filled with learning, laughter, and lots of exciting activities!

As we look ahead, please do take a moment to check the calendar dates; there's so much to look forward to in the coming weeks and months. Next half term promises to be especially exciting, with an interactive performance of '*Cinderella Lost in Space*' and a range of events to get everyone in the festive spirit.

We'd like to say a **huge, huge thank you** to all the parents who have volunteered for PTFA roles. We know how busy everyone is and we truly appreciate your time, energy, and commitment to supporting our school community. We look forward to working with you all to provide enriching events and experiences for our children.

A reminder that it's **Parents' Evening next week** and we look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate the children's achievements and discuss their progress.

Wishing you all a restful half-term break when it comes and we look forward to seeing everyone back, ready for another exciting term ahead!

Best wishes

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Our school has a
**TEACHER
Ambassador**

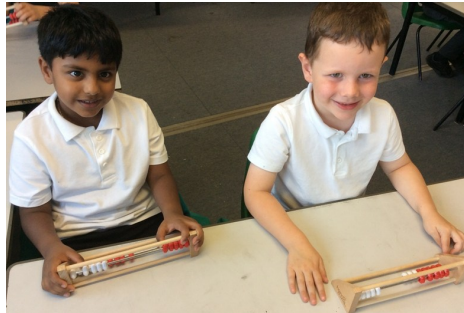
Elm Class

This week, we have been exploring road safety and how we can be safe when we are near roads or trying to cross them. We have been creating our own traffic lights and thinking about what the different colours mean. In our maths learning this week, we have been finding 'one more'. Using our ten frames and counters, we made a number and then added on one more counter to see how many that made. Super learning, Elm Class!



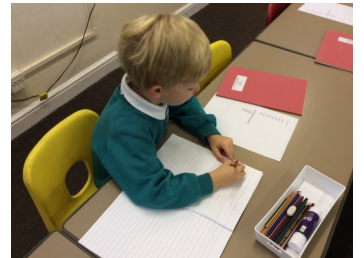
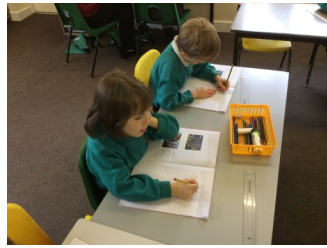
Maple Class

In our English lessons, we have been listening to the story, 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. The children have answered questions about, and written their own version of, the story. In maths, we have been making money totals using a 10p coin and lots of 1p coins. We have also been looking at missing number sequences between zero and twenty. The children have enjoyed using the rekenreks to make different totals. Our art lessons have focussed on making a paper collage. We looked very carefully at a collage by Henri Matisse and have been trying to replicate the patterns he made.



Beech Class

We have had a really good week. We have been enjoying 'The Twits' and exploring the character of Mr Twit, as well as writing a description of the revolting Mrs Twit using lots of excellent adjectives. In maths, we have been looking at subtraction as 'difference' and exploring pictographs and bar charts. The children have been making a leaflet to advertise Wiveliscombe in their geography lessons, thinking about the features of the town and starting to consider human and physical features on a map. In PE, we have been using the skipping ropes and practising our balancing skills. We are starting to get really confident with Google Slides on the Chrome Books and have been making presentations about our favourite animals.



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Willow Class

This week in Willow, we have been looking further into estimating measurements, representing three-digit numbers and writing our own letters to 'The Dark'. We have been practising our class song in music and learning a traditional song called 'Tongo'. We have been following along and using a call and repeat technique to learn the words. Next week, we will finish our final collages in art, read a selection of poems in English and learn more about tourism and trade in geography.



Larch Class

Larch Class have written some lovely narratives this week, using fronted adverbials. They all had such vivid descriptions of dragons. We have continued looking at Indian Folk art and are learning about Diwali in RE, so the children enjoyed experimenting with making Rangoli art using chalk. We have continued learning 'Enchanted Forest' on the recorder and are getting ready to perform in singing assembly soon. There are many more exciting things to come leading up to half term!



Chestnut Class

We have finished reading our book, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and reviewed it. We have written adventure stories using descriptive language and detailed descriptions. We have looked at multiplying multiples of ten by single digit numbers and rounding and adjusting to calculate. In PE, we have been playing our own invented game in which players have to pass the ball to each other only by throwing and cannot run with the ball. To score, a player has to throw a ball on to their team's coloured spot.



Hazel Class

Year 6 were lucky to have some exciting visitors this week. We were joined on Wednesday by two magistrates from Taunton. We learnt about the role of a magistrate and we discussed the rule of law and we even had the opportunity to work through a case and decide on the appropriate sentencing. We finished the session by learning about the laws surrounding social media and appropriate behaviour online.

In English, we are really enjoying our book 'Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson. We have been learning about OCD (which is a disorder that the main character in the book suffers from) and have written diary entries and non-chronological reports. We had to identify the key features of informal diary writing so that we could include them in our own writing. In maths, we have been learning about position and direction and have worked hard to translate and rotate shapes in four quadrants.



Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Art Club KS2 Miss Bernard 3.15-4.15	Dodgeball KS2 Mr Ashworth 3.15-4.15	Singing Club Year 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Chesterfield 3.15-4.15
Craft Club Year 1 and 2 Miss Constance 3.15-4.15	Netball Year 4, 5 and 6 Miss Hellier 3.15-4.15	Film Club Years 1 and 2 Mrs Davies 3.15-4.15
T1 Rugby Club Year 5 and 6 Mrs Topps 3:15-4:15	Football KS2 Exeter City 3:15-4:30	Gardening Club Years 4 and 5 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15

Forest School



We have been enjoying some lovely Autumn sunshine at Forest school.

Reception class have been investigating the signs of Autumn by going on a scavenger hunt and learning about squirrels. They have created some fantastic nature art using fallen leaves.

In KS1, Year 1 made some amazing 2D body models out of forest materials and have been using their senses to investigate the Forest school area. Year 2 have been investigating different materials to link to their science topic and made conker comets.

In KS2, Year 3 have been making 2D models of human skeletons and learning about what woodland animals like to eat. Year 4 have been taking part in a weather investigation on clouds and wind direction which involves using compasses

Year 5 have made river models, complete with labels, to show the different features of a river system from source to mouth. Year 6 have been tidying the Forest school area as part of their Forest school e0xplorers award and this week showed off their artistic skills making conker comets and acorn people.

All the classes have been learning some new group games to help build teamwork skills and playing some favourite games from previous sessions.

In gardening club, the children have been busy planting onions.

Please remember which day your child has Forest School. They need wellies and a coat that is likely to get wet and or muddy and uniform to change into if your child is coming to school in their own clothes. A change of socks is essential as socks often get wet.

Forest School Schedule	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday	Year 4	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 1 followed by Reception	Year 6
Thursday	Year 3	Year 2



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 29/09/2025 goes to Beech Class scoring **100%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 06/10/2025 goes to Elm Class scoring **97.3%**

Well done Beech and Elm!



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 that it is dangerous crossing the children with cars parking in restricted places.

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.

17th Oct—Year 2 Multi Sports Festival	1st Dec—Year 5/6 Aquasplash
21st Oct—Parents' Evening from 3:30pm	8th Dec—Year 3/4 Aquasplash
22nd Oct—New Parent Group Tour 9.30am	9th Dec—KS1 Nativity
23rd Oct—Parents' Evening from 3:30pm	11th Dec—KS1 Nativity
23rd Oct—Flu Vaccinations	15th Dec—KS2 Rehearsal Christmas Concert
5th Nov—Reception Welly Walk Wiveliscombe	18th Dec—KS2 Christmas Concert St Andrew's
10th Nov—Year 5/6 Football	19h Dec—Last Day Of Term
11th Nov—Year 6 Remembrance the Rec	5th Jan—Inset Day
26th Nov—Cinderella Lost In Space	6th Jan—Return To School
27th Nov—Year 5/6 Dodgeball	12th Feb—Year 5/6 Play In A 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://somerseroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Harvest Celebration

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful contributions you brought for our Harvest celebration. We filled over 5 crates of produce for the Taunton Foodbank, which we know will go a long way in helping our local community and those in need. The Harvest celebration was beautiful, full of Autumnal singing and poetry.



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Remembrance Dates

Sat 25th October a.m Poppy Appeal Launch. Town Square

Sun 9th November Remembrance Parade Wiveliscombe Square. Service at St Andrew's

Tues 11th November Remembrance Event at Wiveliscombe Square then at the memorial monument in the Rec.

