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Dear Parents and Guardians,

A very warm welcome back to all our families as we begin another exciting school year!

It has been absolutely wonderful to see everyone back in school, and we are delighted to say that the start of the year has gone brilliantly! The children have settled into their new classes, routines and learning with such enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see so many happy faces around school.

A very special welcome to all of our new families who have joined our school community this year. We are so pleased to have you with us and hope that you and your children quickly feel at home and become a valued part of our school family.

We are also delighted to welcome some new members to our teaching team. Welcome to Mrs Lamb and Mr Davies, who have joined us as our new teachers. We are thrilled to have them as part of our team and look forward to all they will bring to our school.

We are also pleased to share that Mrs Ekless, who has worked at our school for a number of years as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, has now taken on a new role as a Teaching Apprentice. Having already been such a valued member of our school team, we are delighted to support Mrs Ekless as she develops her teaching practice and continues her journey within the profession.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support as we start the new school year. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead, filled with learning, laughter and lots of wonderful opportunities for our children.

Best Wishes

L Crowe

Head Teacher



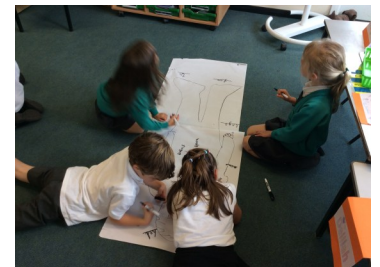
Elm Class

We have had a brilliant start to the year in Elm Class! We have been busy in our learning and exploring all of the exciting opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. We have particularly enjoyed painting outdoors and investigating the natural world at our bug investigation station, where we have been discovering lots of interesting little creatures. We have also loved getting creative through a range of different crafts and have produced some fantastic drawings. This term, we have also been enjoying exploring our topic, 'People Who Help Us'. We have been using our imaginations in the role-play area to act out visits to the hospital, as well as exploring different scenarios using our small-world resources



Maple Class

Maple Class have had an amazing start to the new year! We have settled quickly into new routines and have been an absolute pleasure to teach. In English, we started the term with 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and we have produced some fantastic sentences. This week, we have been reading 'The Little Red Hen' and thinking about how we could describe the different characters. In maths, we have started work in our new workbooks, which we are really excited about. We have been counting objects to ten and reading and writing the numbers as numerals and words. In geography, we have been thinking about our locality and looking at pictures and maps of the area. We have written about what we like in Wiveliscombe. We have had the paints out in art, mixing secondary colours and then creating some patterns in the style of Paul Klee.



Beech Class

Beech Class have had a fantastic start to the new school year! This week, we have been reading the wonderful story of 'Dogger'. We have produced some fantastic writing, using interesting adjectives and enjoying retelling the story in our own words. In maths, we have been exploring place value and number patterns, using Base 10 blocks, number lines and part-whole models to understand tens and ones. In science, we have been learning about materials and investigating the different materials we could find in our classroom. In art we have been exploring flowers and artwork, discussing how different pieces of art can make us feel. In geography, we used Google Earth to explore where in the world we are and talked about places we have visited. We also had our first computing session where we practised logging on to the Chromebooks and formatting our writing. We finished the week with an exciting Global Creativity workshop, dancing to music from around the world and creating our own artwork inspired by a vibrant painting of the seven continents. We have had a busy and exciting week, we have been enthusiastic and showed a positive attitude towards learning. Well done, Beech Class!



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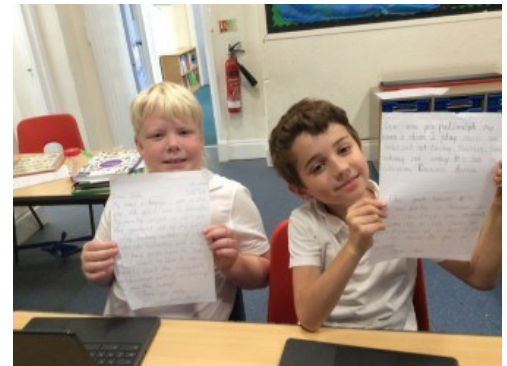
Willow Class

We have had a great start to the new year in Willow class. We have been getting used to our new room, routines and even new lessons such as French. This week, we have been exploring our new topic of 'Trade and Transport', identifying the different modes of transport with their benefits and disadvantages. We have completed a diary entry all about our summer holidays. We have been working hard in our maths lessons, using all sorts of different manipulatives to explain our answers and show this in our journals. Also, we have been learning a new song, 'I've been to Harlem', in music and have even had a go at using xylophones to add a tune to our singing. In PE, we are using hockey activities to build up our key movement and coordination skills.



Larch Class

Larch Class have had a busy start to the school year! We have created some wonderful dream-potion recipes, inspired by the BFG, using adverbs to add detail and creativity. We have started looking at the water cycle in geography, where we have designed detailed diagrams, explaining the process. In art, we have been learning about 'Indian Folk Art' and creating our own versions of a 'Madhubani' art piece. We are learning a new instrument in Music – we will be learning how to play the recorder and practising a new song. We also had responses from our pen-pals in Australia, which we were all incredibly excited about.



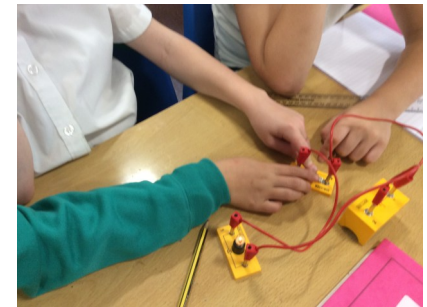
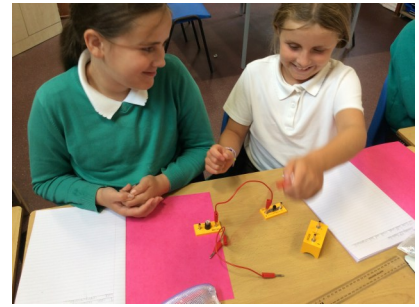
Chestnut Class

We have thoroughly enjoyed our first week back in Chestnut class, we are all excited and looking forward to our new year and new classroom! We have already written character descriptions of 'terror teachers' in the style of Roald Dahl; begun looking at rivers and their journeys; explored the planets in our solar system and have developed our hockey skills in PE. In maths, we have been looking at place value in numbers up to 1,000,000, comparing them and organising them in ascending and descending order. Here, we were using counters to show the different amounts of hundreds, thousands, tens and ones to determine the greatest amount.



Hazel Class

What a wonderful start to Year 6 we have had in Hazel class. In English, we have been reading the book 'Eric', which is about an exchange student from another world. We used thesauruses to find excellent words to describe Eric's appearance and character and wrote interesting character descriptions. In maths, we have recapped on place value and have moved on to look at the order of operations and have used 'BODMAS' to help us. In science, we have enjoyed using the electrical components to build our own series circuits and tested the components. In RE, we have met our new RE owl who helps us with our learning and communicating (we all enjoyed having a cuddle with him). We are learning about humanism and have been thinking about who our role models are.



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

Clubs Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Circuit Training 5/6 Mrs Topps 3.15-4.15	Dodgeball KS2 Mr Ashworth 3.15-4.15	Singing Club KS2 Mrs Chesterfield 3.15-4.15
Craft Club Year 3/4 Miss Constance 3.15-4.15	Sewing Club Years 1 and 2 Mrs Lamb 3.15-4.15	Ukelele KS2 Miss Hellier 3.15-4.15
T1 Rugby Club Year 3/4 Mr Davies 3.15-4.15		Nature Club Years 1 and 2 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15

Forest School

All of the children were able to start their Forest school sessions last week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped prepare their children for their first session. It was great to see the children properly dressed and ready to learn in our forest school area. The first week's sessions were all about reflecting on our summer holidays and revisiting the rules we follow to keep everybody safe.



The Reception children got to have a walk around the Forest School area ready for their first session this week. The children played games including a back-to-school version of 'What's the time Mr Wolf' and a game about remembering the rules. The year 1 children made nature bracelets. Year 2 tried to make their new class name 'Beech' from natural materials. Year 3 took part in a colour scavenger hunt. All of the children in Y4, 5 and 6 took part in a summer 'Dingbats' activity where they had to run around the forest school area and work out the word and picture clues to find the answers.

We will be introducing lots of new activities to Forest School over the next few weeks. If your child wears earrings, can you please remember to help your child take them out before school if they cannot do so without help.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the first week back beginning 7th September 2026

Goes to Willow Class for 100% attendance. Well done Willow!



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.



Our school has a
TEACHER
Ambassador

Dates For The Diary

21st Sept - Year 3/4 Cross Country

23rd Sept—Year 5 Bikeability

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28th Sept—Year 3 Athletics Kingsmead

28th Sept—Year 5/6 Cross Country Colour Run

30th Sept—Individual Portraits and Sibling Photos

1st Oct—Vision Screening Year 1

5th Oct—Year 5/6 Invasion Games

9th Oct—Hello Yellow Day

12th Oct—Year 2 Multi Skills Festival

12th Oct—Year 3/4 Invasion Games

13th Oct—Parents' Evening

15th Oct—Parents' Evening

19th Oct—KS2 Inclusive Invasion Games

20th Oct—School Disco

22nd Oct—Year 5/6 T1 Rugby

23rd Oct—Last Day Of Half Term

2nd Nov—Return To School

2nd November—Flu Vaccinations

5th Nov—Year 5/6 T1 Rugby Friendly

12th Nov—Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

19th Nov—Year 5/6 Hockey Friendly

26th Nov—Year 5/6 Dodgeball

7th Dec—Year 3/4 Swimming Aqua Splash

18th Dec—Last Day Of Term

4th Jan—Inset Day

5th Jan—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/>

