



Wiveliscombe

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a wonderful few weeks in school! It has been lovely to see the children settling into their routines, making new friends, building relationships and embracing all the exciting learning opportunities that have come their way.

Our classrooms have been full of enthusiasm, curiosity and smiles, and we are so proud of the children's efforts, positive attitudes and growing confidence. It has been a pleasure to see them challenging themselves, supporting one another and celebrating their achievements, both big and small.

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff and families for your continued support and for helping to make our school such a happy, welcoming and nurturing place to learn.

We are looking forward to the weeks ahead, with lots more exciting learning, opportunities and special moments to share together.

Thank you for being such a valued part of our school community.

Best wishes



Head Teacher





Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have been busy exploring, sorting, matching amounts and rhyming! In maths, we have been learning how to sort objects into different groups and match quantities, developing our understanding of numbers and explaining how we know when amounts are the same. We also took our learning outside and had lots of fun sorting shapes into different groups. We sorted them by colour, shape and even by the number of corners they had! We then moved on to sorting dinosaurs and came up with the fantastic idea of sorting them by whether they had spikes or no spikes. In literacy, our story this week has been Oi Frog!, which focuses on rhyming words. We had great fun listening to the silly rhymes in the story and trying to work out the funny things each of the animals had to sit on. We continued our rhyming learning at the writing table, where we explored different words that rhyme and had a go at finding pairs of rhyming words ourselves.

Maple Class

We have had another brilliant couple of weeks and have now settled confidently into our routines. We have been enjoying the story 'Ellie's Magic Wellies' in English and have produced some lovely writing for our display in the classroom. In our maths lessons, we have been using our new workbooks with confidence. We have been comparing and ordering numbers and using our number bonds knowledge to add within 10. In geography, we have been looking at maps and the children really enjoyed their scavenger hunt on the field, using an aerial map to find a variety of objects including conkers and dinosaurs! In art, we have been looking at artistic techniques. We have had a go at some collage work and some printing using vegetables.





Beech Class

Beech Class have had another fantastic week of learning! We have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and have thoroughly enjoyed retelling the story- especially those pesky seagulls! Poor Hamish had a rather rough time too! In maths, we have been adding with renaming, using the column method and developing our confidence with this strategy. In RE, we have been learning about kindness and how Christians follow Jesus' example by showing kindness to others, even when it can be difficult. In geography, we have been identifying the continents and oceans on a world map. We have also started exploring the human and physical features of Wiveliscombe. In art, we learnt about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We looked closely at her beautiful paintings, discussed her techniques and created our own artwork inspired by her style.

Willow Class

We have had an exciting fortnight in Willow class since the last newsletter. We have had a visitor come into us from 'Global Creativity' to spend the day with us. We completed a fun workshop about peace, which included learning a new song, making up our own dance and creating some fantastic chalk artwork. We were also lucky enough to be invited to an athletics morning at Kingsmead School, which was great fun! We have been writing about some fabulous setting and character descriptions, using some amazing adjectives to describe each one. We have started to practise our collaging skills in our art books, ready to move onto creating an animal in the coming weeks, following our key artist, Megan Coyle. In science, we used cardboard and string to create some model arms, so that we could show how our muscles stretch and contract when we bend at our elbows.



Larch Class

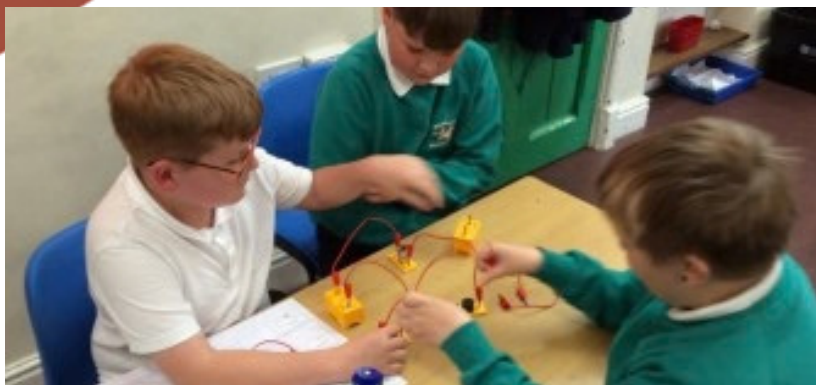
We have written some incredible narratives in the last week, experimenting with dialogue, where a mysterious creature gets stuck in our village. In maths, we have practised some challenging skills which involve rounding 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We have enjoyed participating in experiments for both science and geography, where we are investigating changes in weather and the 3 states of matter. We had a wonderful visitor on Monday, who took us on a journey to Kenya, exploring poetry and dance. Finally, some members of Larch class have had some amazing news to share to the class in 'Show and Tell'. We love celebrating our achievements in and outside of school.



Chestnut Class

We have had another busy fortnight in Chestnut class this week. We have been looking at adding numbers up to a million in maths; writing balanced arguments in English and even investigating and explaining how we know the Earth is spherical. In art this week, we have also looked at and created a colour wheel, looking at the primary colours and how they then mix to create secondary colours. We used water colours to help us make our own colour wheels and investigated mixing the colours together.





Hazel Class

We have had lots of fun in Hazel class learning a new song called 'Throw Catch' and performing it with actions. We worked hard to ensure that we kept the rhythm whilst singing at the same time. In geography, we have been using topographic maps to research where mountains are around the world. We went on to learn how mountains are formed and looked at fold mountains, volcanos and fault block mountains. In science, we have continued to test components in a series circuit and have looked at how voltage affects the function of the components. In English, we have been reading the poem 'Please Mrs Butler' and have written our own versions in the same style.

Clubs

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

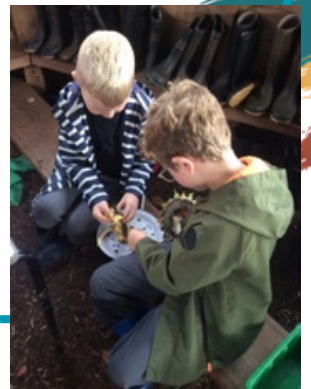
Forest School

It has been really industrious at Forest school. We have been busy harvesting the apples and pears from the fruit trees and the potatoes and sunflower seeds from the vegetable plots. Year 2 used the sunflower seeds to make sunflower pictures. Year 3 used the apples to make hedgehogs. Year 4 dug up the potatoes and Year 5 and 6 collected blackberries to make tie die bunting for the Forest school classroom. This week all the children have taken part in activities to do with leaf identification. Year 6 made leaf ID posters for the younger children. Reception class made leaf headbands. Year 1 had a go at leaf printing and leaf rubbing. Year 2 made faces using natural materials.

The children have taken part in lots of woodland art and craft art. This has included making spinning tops, dragonflies from sycamore seeds and hapa zome bunting (leaf bashing). There has also been the opportunity for adventurous activity challenges and problem solving with the very popular woodland marble run and den making using tarpaulins.

It's great to see the children fully prepared for forest school. Now that sports clubs have started, please can you ensure your child has a full PE kit for PE days including trainers and their coloured T shirt and shorts.

Year 1,2, 3 and 6 - Tuesday
Year 5- Thursdays
Year 4 - Friday
EYFS - Monday



Attendance

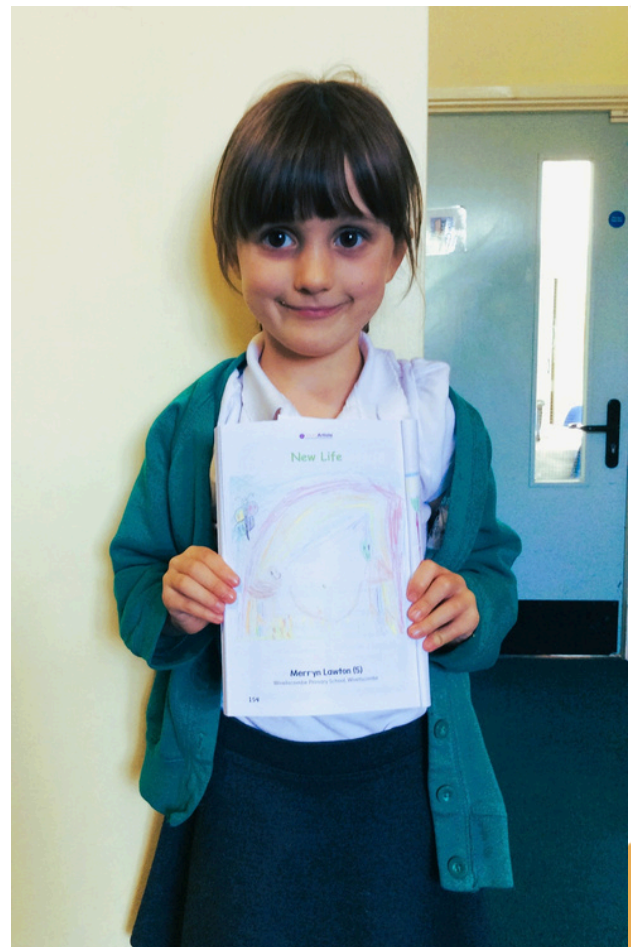
The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 14th September 2026 goes to Hazel Class for achieving 99% and for the week beginning 21st September the certificate goes to Larch Class for achieving 98% Well done Hazel and Larch!



Artist In The Making

Merryn is incredibly proud that her picture 'New Life' has been featured on the cover of a book containing so many wonderful nature drawings. After raising her own ducklings, she chose to draw four ducklings in a nest and their Mummy and Daddy under a rainbow. 'Because I like ducks and lots of colourful colours and butterflies and stuff'.

We are very proud of Merryn too!



Dates For The Diary

1st Sept - Year 3/4 Cross Country
23rd Sept—Year 5 Bikeability
24th Sept—Year 5 Bikeability
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 - Parent Phonic Workshop
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
21st Oct - Harvest Celebration Assembly
22nd Oct—Year 5/6 T1 Rugby
23rd Oct—Last Day Of Half Term

2nd Nov—Return to school
2nd Nov - Flu Vaccinations
5th Nov—Year 5/6 T1 Rugby Friendly
12th Nov—Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
18th Nov - Year 4 Residential Meeting
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
2nd Feb - Year 6 Evacuee trip to Glastonbury
19th-21st May Year 6 Camp to Charterhouse