



Wiveliscombe

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a wonderful few weeks and it has been lovely to see so much positivity, enthusiasm and engagement across our school community. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school family.

A huge thank you goes to our PTFA for giving up their time to attend the recent AGM. We are incredibly grateful for your commitment, enthusiasm and the time you dedicate to helping make our school an even better place for our children. We would also like to remind everyone there are lots of ways to get involved, whether that is sharing ideas, helping at an event or simply coming along to support an activity. We are really looking forward to working together and enjoying some exciting activities and events throughout the year ahead. With everyone's support, we can create special memories for our children.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. We really appreciate you taking the time to meet with staff, discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements. Building strong relationships between home and school is so important, and we value the partnership we share with you. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to the weeks ahead and all the exciting things we will achieve together!

Best Wishes

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Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have been celebrating Space Week! We have enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including looking carefully to find the planets with sounds on, exploring books about the moon and counting aliens into their rockets. In our craft area, we have been creating our own Milky Ways using dabbers, while at our Funky Fingers table, we have been developing our fine motor skills by carefully adding the correct number of beads to the bottom of our shooting stars. In our maths learning this week, we have been exploring patterns. We have been experimenting with different ways to create patterns using a variety of objects and materials. We have been learning to recognise, copy and create repeating patterns, thinking carefully about what comes next and which objects or colours we could use. We particularly enjoyed heading outdoors to use natural materials, such as leaves, sticks and stones, to create our own repeating patterns.

Maple Class

This week in Maple Class, we have been thinking about instruction writing. We have made sandwiches and drawn diagrams to inspire our written instructions. In maths, we have been adding within ten, using our tens frames and counters to support us. We have also started to look at subtraction by crossing out and physically taking away using objects within ten. In our geography work we have enjoyed drawing maps and keys and created our own journey maps, as well as mapping the classroom space and drawing a plan with a key. Our science work and Forest School have been linked this week. We have been thinking about our senses and how our bodies use them. We enjoyed exploring the field looking for different textures and lists for sounds. Our art topic this term has been all about techniques and this week we have had a go at some weaving using coloured thread and lollipop sticks!





Beech Class

We have had an exciting week! We started the week at Kingsmead School, where we enjoyed taking part in the Multiskills Festival. Despite the rain, we have had a fantastic time and showed great enthusiasm and teamwork. In science, we investigated different materials to find out which would make the best umbrella. We made predictions, tested a range of materials and thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into the investigation! In English, we have been reading 'Room on the Broom'. We had lots of fun coming up with interesting and descriptive vocabulary to describe the mean-as-can-be dragon! In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction using part-whole models and number bonds as well as the column method, remembering that sometimes we need to 'borrow from our neighbour'! We have worked incredibly hard this week and should be very proud of our learning.

Willow Class

We have worked very hard in Willow class over the last couple of weeks. In English, We have been reading 'The Hackney Martian' and produced our own versions of the stories, with our own characters and new adventures! In maths, we have been delving further into adding and subtracting, using the very handy column method to help us work things out! In RE lessons, we have explored the question 'Can everyone be happy?' by having a whole class discussion about what makes us feel happy and how we can help others to feel happy. In music, we have done a lot of rhythm work, first learning a new song 'Tongo' where we tap our bodies to a rhythm and sing, and then moving onto using plastic cups to create a rhythm for 'I've been to Harlem'! In French, we have moved on from our greetings and explored how we can use colours to describe something.



Larch Class

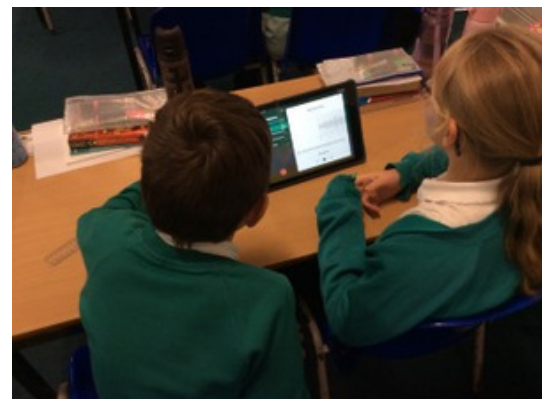
We have continued to write imaginative narratives all about a dragon – some kind, some scary! In maths, we have mastered column addition and are now practising using column subtraction. We are continuing to practise our times tables every day, including learning some catchy times tables songs. In art, we experimented with weaving paper to create patterns. We have conducted multiple experiments in science and geography, testing the different states of matter – how liquids can change to solids and gases. Keep up the good work!



Chestnut Class

Chestnut have been very busy this week writing balanced arguments and continuing our class book of 'Edward Tulane'. We have also moved onto factors in our maths, continuing our research on planets in science and explaining why rivers are important for communities in topic.

In RE, we have been looking at what life might be like in different cultures. We have also had a look at Census data. We also recorded our own podcast conversations in groups discussing our ideas with reasoning, based on the things we discovered.





Hazel Class

We have enjoyed reading our book 'Goldfish Boy' this week and finding out more about the condition OCD. We have written diary entries in role as Matthew, who is the main character. In art, we have explored different types of printing and have designed and made our own prints using polystyrene tiles. We were lucky to have an extra dance workshop this week with premier sport. We enjoyed warming up with fun games and then worked together to learn a dance sequence. In maths, we have been learning about fractions. We have been learning how to order and compare fractions with different denominators.

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

We have been focusing on cross curricular work in science and geography over the last 2 weeks. Year 5 have been making river models. Year 4 have been learning how to measure the direction the clouds move and how to record wind speed. Year 3 made skeleton models using the woodland materials. Year 2 did a survey of the different materials found at Forest School and Year 1 made human body models using woodland materials and investigated which senses they used at Forest School. Reception class learnt about squirrels and made collages. Year 6 did a site survey and made suggestions on how to improve the forest school area. There were some great ideas including a wildlife pond, chicken coop, zip wire and outdoor heaters in the outdoor classroom

The children have also been enjoying making the longest giant marble run, leaf bashing and making conker comets.

In Nature club the children have been planting bulbs in the peace garden and harvesting vegetables to include potatoes, carrot, kale and pumpkins.

Now the weather is getting cooler, and damper please ensure your child has wellies, warm clothes and a coat that might get muddy. A change of clothes is also needed for nature club.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 28th September 2026 goes to Hazel Class for achieving 99% and for the week beginning 5th October we have two classes that have scored 100% attendance they are Elm and Larch Well done to you all!



Dates For The Diary

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
17th Dec - KS2 Christmas Concert
18th Dec—Last Day Of Term
4th Jan—Inset Day
5th Jan—Return to School
2nd Feb - Year 6 Evacuee trip to Glastonbury
8th Feb - Year 4 Net & Wall Blackbrook
12th Feb - Last Day of Term
22nd Feb - Return to School
3rd - 5th Mar Year 4 Residential Kilve Court
19th-21st May Year 6 Camp to Charterhouse