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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have enjoyed a truly wonderful few weeks in school, filled with learning, laughter, and a growing sense of excitement as we head towards the festive season. This time of year always brings a special energy to our classrooms, and it has been a joy to see our pupils embracing every moment.

This week, the whole school had the opportunity to take part in an exciting interactive pantomime. The children were completely captivated, it was fantastic to see the school come together for such a lively shared experience.

We also welcomed a very special visitor—Archie, our Forest School dog. He spent time meeting our new EYFS pupils, who were absolutely delighted to greet him. Archie always brings a sense of calm and curiosity to Forest School sessions, and it was lovely to see our youngest learners starting to build that connection with him.

As we look forward to the festive season and all it brings, we are excited about the many events, celebrations and opportunities ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes



Mrs Crowe
Head Teacher



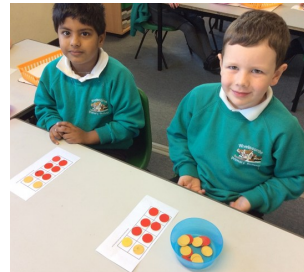
Elm Class

In Elm Class this week, we are reading, 'The Fish Who Could Wish.' We have been retelling the story and thinking about the wishes the fish made, as well as, making our own wishes. In our craft area, we have been making our own sea creatures including fish and jellyfish! In our outdoor learning area, we have been looking for signs of winter. With the frosty mornings, we have found some ice and have been talking about how ice is made and what happens to it when it warms up. Super learning, Elm Class!



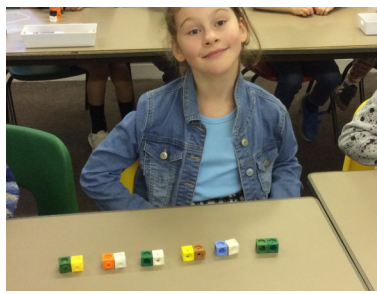
Maple Class

One of our computing tasks is to make a digital book. We have used our ipads and an app called book creator to do this. We have selected the colour of the pages of our book which is all about Toys. Some of us have started adding text to our digital book. In maths, we have been finding one more or one less than numbers between zero and twenty. We have also been using an eight frame and counters to make eight in lots of different ways. We all had a fantastic day finding out about Canada. The children enjoyed discovering the wide variety of wildlife that lives there.



Beech Class

We have been learning about multiplication for the first time in our maths lessons. We have been sorting objects into equal groups and describing the groups. We have been adding repeatedly to form our multiplication tables. In English, we have been enjoying the story of 'Stickman' and the children have written postcards home and created new adventures for the character. We are rehearsing our songs and lines for the nativity, a little bit everyday and we are growing in confidence. International Day was a lovely day. We learnt a lot about Italy and had a great time creating some Italian folk art with pastels and tasting some traditional Italian food.



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Willow Class

Willow class had the most amazing international day looking at Australia! We started the day with a phone call to an Australian teacher and got to learn about the way our school is different to their school and which things are the same. We learnt that they have lots of topic lessons where they do all of their other subjects together and that they have much smaller classes. The rest of the day consisted of us making flags, trying some Australian food, creating our own Aboriginal art and we finished with some Australian Football. A huge thank you to Emily, Brook, Cathy, Dave and Matt for taking the time to send us videos from Australia and talk to us all about their country.



Larch Class

In Larch Class, we have been busy learning our 6 and 9 times tables. In English, we have been writing persuasive letters to the crayons who quit, pleading for them to come back to work! In history, We have continued learning about the Anglo-Saxons, in particular how their life was different from the Romans. We all thoroughly enjoyed International Day, where we learned all about Mexico. We discovered famous landmarks, learned some Spanish phrases and numbers, we learned how to draw like Frida Kahlo and we tasted some tortilla chips, salsa and guacamole!



Chestnut Class

We have been enjoying the Victorian story 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We have written character descriptions, book reviews, additional chapters and non-chronological reports. We have learnt how to use both reported and direct speech, relative clauses and causal conjunctions. During reading lessons, we have been summarising what we have read and ensuring we return back to the text when answering comprehension questions. In our maths lessons, we have been reading and writing numbers to one million, composing these numbers in different ways. Whilst calculating, we have looked at how adjusting the subtrahend helps to work out the answer mentally. We have been designing and making our very own soft toys in DT. Sewing has been a challenge but we have all tried our hardest and cannot wait to see the finished result of our efforts. In History lessons, we have been learning about The Victorians and have found it very interesting. We loved International Day looking at Greece: particularly eating and dancing!



Hazel Class

Hazel class have enjoyed exploring the poem 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. We have been trying to make sense of the portmanteau words by acting it out. In PE, we have been studying dance and have been concentrating on the different shapes we can make with our bodies. We have started combining these shapes together with a partner to form a routine. In history, we have learnt about Mayan settlements and have explored how Mayan city states were organised and built. In RE, we have been learning about the parable of the 'Unforgiving Servant' and have learnt what Christians believe about the importance of forgiveness.



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 3:15-4:15	Gardening Club Years 4 and 5 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15

Forest School



On the first week back, our theme was 'Owls'. Reception class listened to 'Owl babies' and made owl masks. Year 1 made stick puppets and acted out 'Owl babies'. Year 2 listened to 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' and made owl collages. Year 3 listened to the same story and made stick owls and also took part in a quiz to identify UK owl species. Year 4 learnt about owl myths and legends and made a pinecone owl. Year 5 and 6 listened to How the Owl came to have such large eyes which is a Iroquois Legend and got to take part in an owl quiz and make pinecone and stick owls.

Last week, was a 'Science topic' themed week. Reception class went on a Winter themed scavenger hunt. Year 1 learnt about the Winter Equinox and played lots of games to keep warm. Year 2 learnt about recycling and did a litter pick in the school grounds. Year 3 worked really well on a fair test on which type of forest school surface allows a toy car to travel the furthest. Year 4 investigated the best material for a glove which would cope with winter conditions, this involved putting a variety of materials inside a plastic bag and dipping your glove into ice cold water. Year 5 formed the solar system to scale on the school field by using a variety of objects. Year 6 designed and started to make a habitat for a hibernating animal which they will continue with this week.

I was really impressed to see the children dressed up for the cold weather with lots of warm fleeces and hats and gloves. An extra pair of socks to wear inside wellies is a good idea in the cold weather.

Archie the Forest school dog was looking forward to saying hello to his old friends and the new children.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 10/11/2025 goes to Chestnut Class scoring **97.3%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 17/11/2025 also goes to Chestnut Class scoring **98.7%**

Well done Chestnut!



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.



1st Dec—Year 5/6 Aquasplash
 4th Dec—Football Fun Factory
 8th Dec—Year 3/4 Aquasplash
 9th Dec—KS1 Nativity
 11th Dec—KS1 Nativity
 12th Dec—Year 5 Victorian Day
 15th Dec—KS2 Rehearsal Christmas Concert
 16th Dec—Singing Club Outside the Co-op
 18th Dec—KS2 Christmas Concert St Andrew's
 19th Dec—Last Day Of Term

5th Jan—Inset Day
 6th Jan—Return To School
 15th Jan—Animals 2U Southwest Year 3
 9th Feb—Year 4 Net And Wall Festival
 12th Feb—Year 5/6 Play In A Day
 5th Mar— Evacuee Experience Glastonbury Year 6
 6th Mar—Striking and Field Festival Year 5
 20th Mar—Red Nose Day
 1st Apr—Come And Sing Festival KS2 Choir
 2nd Apr—Last Day of Term
 20th Apr—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://somerseroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Litter Picking

Yesterday, some boys from Year 5 went to Kingsmead school and litter-picked on the school field. Altogether they collected 113kg of litter, that's as much as a tyre weighs! Together they are raising money for 'Surfer's Against Sewage' who tackle, not just sewage, but litter too. They are trying to stop it making its way into our seas and oceans.

The people who helped Theo were: Alfie, Monty, Haimish, Mickey, Arthur and some kind parents.

Theo and his friends have completed 76 days of litter picking and would like to say thank you to everyone who has sponsored them so far and for the donation of high-vis jackets.

