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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a truly wonderful few weeks in school, filled with hard work, creativity and plenty of festive cheer. As we approach the end of term, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support, to our dedicated staff for their incredible effort, and to our fantastic pupils for their enthusiasm and kindness every day.

A special well done must go to our infants, who performed their play so beautifully. Their confidence, singing and storytelling were a joy to watch and we are all very proud of them.

We would also like to remind you about the Key Stage Two Carol Service at the church next week. We hope many of you will join us for what promises to be a lovely, festive occasion.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas filled with peace, joy and time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year

Best wishes

Mrs Crowe



Head Teacher



Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have been exploring 2-D shapes, we have been using our magnifying glasses to look for sides and corners on different shapes and identifying them by their names. We have looked at squares, rectangles, diamonds and triangles. In our outdoor learning area, we have been enjoying our polar express train, we have been imagining what it would be like to go on the train! We have also made a ball run. Working well as a team, we have had to do lots of problem solving and trialling different ways to get the balls through the ball run. Super teamwork!



Maple Class

In English, we have been listening to the story of 'Baboushka'. We have answered questions about the story and written our own version of the story. Our science lessons have been all about Winter. We have looked at how some animals adapt to survive the cold weather and we have drawn those animals. Our design and technology task is to design and sew puppets. We have really enjoyed sewing our hand puppets – most of us have nearly finished!



Beech Class

Year 2 have been thinking about Christmas in their English lessons this week. We have used commas in lists for our own Christmas list and we have written letters to Santa, thinking about questions that we would like to ask him and punctuating the questions very carefully. We have been enjoying the story of the 'Christmasaurus' as our class reading book and creating information pages about our own fictitious dinosaurs. In maths, we have been working hard to learn our 5 times table, by skip counting in 5s and also looking at the relationship with the 10 times table. We have also done some final practises for our 'Big, Little Nativity' and we have performed amazingly on all occasions!



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Willow Class

We have been very busy this week practising our songs for our carol service next week. We are really looking forward to performing to all the adults at the church! In maths, we have been investigating quadrilaterals, rectangles and squares. In history, we have just finished looking at the Ancient Egyptians. We learnt all about Cleopatra and her life as a Pharaoh and then in groups performed parts of her story to the rest of the class. We then put them together to create a mini drama of her life. We learnt about how she was loved by her followers and how she managed to hold off the Roman invasion.



Larch Class

Larch Class are getting very Christmassy! We've enjoyed practising all of our Christmas songs and getting crafty too! We have also been working hard learning the recorder. In history and English, we've created a wonderful double page spread all about the Anglo-Saxons. In maths, we've continued to learn our times tables and have used this knowledge to answer problem-solving questions. Finally, this week, we are beginning our sewing projects in DT!



Chestnut Class

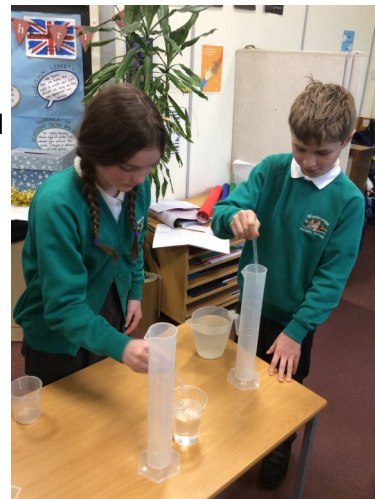
In maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of place value: identifying numbers up to one million, reading scales in different contexts, composing numbers using brackets and finding missing numbers along number lines. In English, we have been using relative clauses more confidently, writing in role, justifying inferences with evidence, writing non-chronological reports, summarising ideas from more than one paragraph and writing newspaper articles. In the wider curriculum, we have been practising tag rugby skills, sewing to make small toys and finding out lots about the Victorians. In PE, we have been practising our tag rugby skills. In DT, we have used our sewing skills to make soft toys.



Hazel Class

Hazel class have been busy singing and preparing for our Key Stage 2 Christmas celebration this week and they are sounding great! In maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and using this learning to help us solve problems. In science, we have been learning about adaptation and evolution. We have studied the work of Darwin and his observations of finches on the Galapagos Islands. We set up our own investigation to find out which beak shapes are best to help birds find and eat different foods so that they can survive in their habitat. In English, we have been reading 'War Game' by Michael Foreman, which is the famous story of the football game on Christmas day in the trenches during World War 1. In DT, we have started making our automata toys and have investigated different cams. We can't wait to bring them home to share them with

you. In RE, we have continued to learn about Agape and how Agape can help people living in poverty.



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



The BIG Little Nativity

The youngest members of Wiveliscombe Primary School put on a stellar performance of the 'BIG Little Nativity' With voices like angels and nerves of steel they sang out and delivered their lines perfectly. Well done KS1!



Christmas Singing Club

Key Stage 2 singing club performed at Pulsford Lodge this week. They sang a range of different Christmas songs for the residents and they were festively fantastic. On Tuesday 16th December, Key Stage 2 singing club will be singing Christmas songs outside of the Christmas tree in the square at 1.30pm. If you are free, please come and support us by watching and joining in with our singing. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.



Forest School



As part of our science themed weeks, EYFS and Year 1 created dens and leaf piles for hibernating animals. Year 2 built a bridge over a crocodile infested river using whatever materials they could find. Year 3 learnt how to use a compass to show them North, South, East and West and learnt how to make their own magnetic compass using a cork, a needle and a cup of water.

Year 4 thought about how animals create somewhere to hibernate and had a challenge to keep an ice cube from melting by creating a hibernation den. Year 5 learnt about the Winter Solstice and did some gardening to prepare the beds for winter. Year 6 continued with their hibernation dens.

Last week, all the children started making their Christmas decorations. Each class is making a different design so you will have to wait until next week for the decorations to be finished and brought home to hang on your own Christmas trees. I will post some pictures of the finished results in the next newsletter.

It is getting really muddy now at Forest school so please provide your child with a coat and clothes that you don't mind getting muddy.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and the weather is good enough for us all to enjoy some time outside during the Christmas holidays.



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 24/11/25 goes to both Elm and Willow who both scored **96.5%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 1/12/25 goes to Maple Class for scoring **96.8%**

Well done Elm, Willow and Maple



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.

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.

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

17th Dec—Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper day

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://someretroadsafety.org/kids-activity-sheets/>

Wellington Maths Challenge

Four of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Wellington Maths Challenge at Wellington school at the end of November. We are all incredibly proud of the hard work and effort they put in to preparing for this event. They were absolutely brilliant.

