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Dear Parents and Guardians

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful break, and that 2026 has started well for you and your families.

It has been a wonderful start to the new year here at school. The children have returned full of enthusiasm, smiles, and a real eagerness to learn. Classrooms are already buzzing with activity and it has been a pleasure to see how quickly everyone has settled back into school life.

We are looking forward to welcoming some new families to our school community in the coming weeks. We are excited for you to join us and we can't wait to get to know you.

Best Wishes

Lucy Crowe

Head Teacher

Art competition

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity for our young artists! The Royal Arts Museum has opened up a competition for all children to enter which could potentially lead to them being displayed in an exhibition.

We are signed up and ready to go!

Please follow the link to submit your child's work. We are hoping every child will take part as an exciting homework project.

[Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)



Elm Class

In Elm Class, we have been exploring our new topic this term which is 'Water & Weather'. In our outdoor learning environment, we have created a travel agents, where we can explore different countries and their climates through imaginative play. We have had to think of the clothing we would need for hot and cold places. Continuing our topic, 'Water and Weather', in our craft area, we have been exploring creatures that live in the ocean. After reading our story of the week, 'Commotion in the Ocean', we have created some fantastic sea creatures using different materials.



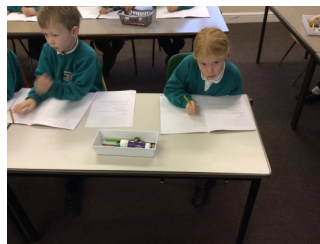
Maple Class

Our music lessons this half term are all about learning a chant and counting the number of syllables in each word. We all tapped the rhythm of our name on a drum – something we all enjoyed doing. In maths, we have been making numbers from one to forty using a tens frame as well as counting in tens to one hundred. We have made a good start to our science topic about plants. We are very good at naming different plants and trees.



Beech Class

We have come into the new year with enthusiasm and lots of positive energy. We have started learning about division in our maths lessons and we have been practising sharing and grouping objects, skip counting and looking at the relationship between division and multiplication. Some of us have grasped the relationship between our times tables and division facts quite quickly. In English, we have been reading a favourite story, 'Wind in The Willows' and we have been thinking about the characters of Mr Toad and Mole. We have written a diary entry for Mole, to describe how he felt when he got himself lost in the Wild Wood. We have started some gymnastics in our PE sessions and had a go at various different shapes and balances. In art, we have been identifying patterns and shapes in architecture and have used our 2 D shape knowledge to support us with this.



FFT National
Attendance Award
2023/24



Willow Class

After a lovely Christmas break, we have come back and jumped straight into our learning! We began looking at column addition in Maths. In English, we have already written a set of instructions about 'How to look after a Grandpa'. In science, we have started looking at rocks. In PE, we have started our unit of dance. We have the theme of skeletons and how they move. We began by exploring different joints and movement directions and then we used dice to create a sequence of moves with body parts. Take a look at some of our routines.



Larch Class

We have had a great start back after the holidays. In English, we have written some motivational letters to ourselves, giving ourselves advice about school and friendships. In topic, we are starting to learn about all things in Chile, South America. We are excited to learn more about the country and about the volcanic eruptions and earthquakes Chile has had! In art, we are working towards making wire sculptures. This week, we have practised drawing people with correct proportions and drawing them in different poses! We are extremely eager to make the sculptures!



Chestnut Class

We have settled back into the term excellently. In maths, we have already focused on how to find prime numbers, factors and multiples. We are continuing to focus on all four operations. In English, we have started reading 'The Wind in the Willows'. Each child made super inferences about the book's characters. In art, we have started to identify how we can find out more about the Ancient Greeks by studying their pottery. Within Science, we have looked at reproduction in mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. In PE, we have been considering how we can make both 2D and 3D shapes with our bodies.



Hazel Class

We have had a fantastic start back to the New Year. In PE, we have started our new unit on gymnastics. We have been practising our jumping and learning how to land with control, balance and bent knees. In English, we have been writing balanced arguments, looking at the points for and against children owning smartphones. In art, we have been exploring colour theory in fashion and have used the colour wheel to help us understand which colours complement each other. In maths, we have looked at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and have converted them so that we can order and compare them.



Spring 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 3:15-4:30	Gardening Club Years 4 and 5 Mrs Hansen 3.15-4.15

Forest School

Happy New year from a very muddy forest school. This week we have been busy thinking about 'New Years resolutions' to help the environment. All of the children got to write their promise on a paper leaf which will be displayed in the outdoor classroom. We have also been learning some new games. Year 5 and 6 took part in a Taskmaster style challenge. Year 2, 3 and 4 took part in a fitness circuit. I have included some photos of the finished Christmas decorations. All of the children from Reception to Year 6 went home with a wooden Christmas decoration they had made at forest school. During the last week some of the groups were able to take part in singing Christmas songs and popcorn on the fire. In gardening club, we made pine cone Christmas trees, santas and garlands using potatoes. This half term we are going to be taking part in the 'Big Schools Birdwatch' and making bird feeders and bug hotels to put up in the school grounds . Please make sure your child brings wellies and a waterproof coat and clothes that will get wet and muddy until the weather hopefully improves.



Sports Kit

We are extremely excited to announce and show our new sports kit, proudly modelled by our Year 6 sports leaders! Just before Christmas, our sports leaders worked with Mr Ashworth to help design and pick our new sports kit that will be used for our after-school fixtures. The children were given 6 designs to choose from, we sent their choices back to the supplier who then sent us some sample sizes. Our leaders then ran a sizing session with some pupils to determine the sizes needed before placing the final order. We are incredibly proud of our new sports kit and look forward to wearing it to represent our school!



Attendance

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 08/12/25 goes to Elm who scored **98%**

The Attendance Certificate for the week beginning 15/12/25 also goes to Elm Class for scoring **96%**

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.

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

15th Jan—Animals 2U Southwest Year 3

21st Jan—'Online Safety Mobile Phone' Meeting for Parents

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

26th March—RSPCA Workshops

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/>

Whirlwind Gymnastics

In December 2025 Lily (Year 5) and Etta (Year 2) took part in the Whirlwinds Academy of Gymnastics 'Winterfest' competition. Both girls competed in the floor, beam, bars and vault.

Lily is part of the squad team and competed against 9 other girls. She placed 1st on the beam, 3rd on vault, 6th on floor and 4th position overall. She was also only 1 of 3 girls in the whole competition to stay on the beam for her entire routine.

Etta is part of the pre-squad team. The groups are much smaller as this is the first time many of the girls have competed. She placed 2nd on the vault and 3rd on beam, bars and floor and 3rd place overall.

A big well done to our budding gymnasts!

