



Frome Valley First School & Preschool News Weekly



*"Together, with God's love, we learn,
nurture and grow, without limits."*

Message From Mrs Moore

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, we celebrated the start of the new school year together as a school community by having a special collective worship service in St Aldhelm's Church.

Will Spracklen, licensed lay minister at the church led the service with thoughtful readings, prayers and the children sang a beautiful rendition of the hymn, 'This Little Light of Mine'. The school community gave thanks for the start of a new academic year and to celebrate God's love.

This month the children have begun to learn about how to keep themselves safe online as part of our PSHE and Computing curriculum. But how can you continue to ensure that your child is safe online when they are at home?

We strongly recommend that parents install parental controls on all devices used at home. Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices.

Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content
- manage the content different family members can see.
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The NSPCC has this helpful guide for parents: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Year 1	Rupert D
Year 2	George
Year 3	Ivy L
Year 4	Luca

Photo and Data Forms

A plea for the last 10 completed forms that need to be returned to the school office.

If you have received an email and form today, please can we ask you to return it on Monday.

Thank you

Harvest Festival

One of the first events this year, is our Harvest Festival.

This takes place on **Thursday 9th October**, at 2pm, in St Aldhelm's Church (next to the school). Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

For Harvest, we are once again collecting items for Dorchester Food Bank. We have today emailed to families the list of required items.

Please can donations be brought to school from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th October.

Thank you in advance for all your kind donations.



Year 4 Parent Information Evening Times Table Tests and Curriculum

The parents of children in Year 4 are invited to an information session on **Time Table Rock Stars and Curriculum**. There are two sessions on Thursday 2nd October. One starting at **3.30pm** (childcare available) and then a later one starting at **5pm**.

Reception Class

Read Write Inc Information Evening

Read Write Inc is the scheme that we use to teach our children to read. Mrs Bell and Mrs Ashby are holding two information sessions on RWI on **Wednesday 8th October**. One starting at **3.30pm** and then a later one starting at **6pm** for parents of children in the Reception class. Both meetings will take place in the Reception classroom and last approximately 30 minutes

Year 2 News

Year 2 are very lucky to have Sian, from Relax Kids, visit every Tuesday afternoon this half term. During our sessions with her we learn how to relax our bodies through different exercises and breathing activities. This week we worked on a variety of stretches and also about how massage can help us relax. We always end the session with soothing music and become so calm we nearly fall asleep!



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

2nd Oct	Year 4 Parent Information Evening - 3.30pm and 5pm on Times Table Tests and Curriculum	12th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.15pm – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 – all welcome
7th Oct	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am – all welcome	19th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm – Years 3 & 4 – all welcome
8th Oct	Reception Class -Read Write Inc – Parent Information Evening 3.30pm and 6pm	21st Nov	Children In Need Fundraiser
9th & 14th Oct	Open Morning for parents of children starting school Sep 2026 9.30am-11am	4th Dec	Christingle Service – 2.15pm
9th Oct	Harvest Festival 2.pm St Aldhelm's Church– all welcome	9th – 10th Dec	Parent Interviews – Reception Class
10th Oct	Flu vaccinations	10th Dec	Nativity Service – Preschool and Reception Class -9.10am
10th Oct	PTFA AGM 3.15pm – all welcome	10th – 14th Dec	Anti Bullying Week
14th Oct	Parent Drop In 8.15-8.40am & 2.15-3pm	11th Dec	Carols by Candlelight 6pm – all welcome
15th -17th Oct	Special School Week - Science	15th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1 – 4 9.10am
16th Oct	Years 3 & 4 Literacy Festival	16th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1-4 -2pm
22nd, 23rd and 24th Oct	INSET Days – school closed to children	18th Dec	Last Day of Term
27th-31st Oct	Half Term	19th Dec	INSET Day – school closed to children
3rd Nov	Individual School Photos	22nd Dec – 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
10th – 13th Nov	Parent Interviews Years 1 -4	5th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children

Free School Meal / Pupil Premium

Earlier this week we emailed all parent's information on Free School Meal / Pupil Premium. You can check within minutes using the link below to see if you are eligible

<http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

All you need is your National Insurance number.

If you are eligible, you will then have access to the following:

£100 to help towards school uniform, school trips, music lessons.

If anyone needs any help with their application, please speak to Sian in the school office.

Week beginning 19/09/2025

Preschool News

The children in Preschool have been incredibly busy this week learning about their bodies. The Caterpillar Class have explored mark making in the outside area using water, paintbrushes and their hands. They explored their faces using a mirror as a visual to remind them of the features they have, as well as reminding them of how many eyes, ears and mouths are on their face.

They then drew around a friend on a large piece of paper and took it in turns to label the body parts. Finally, they extended the activity by using their hands and feet, to paint the large piece of paper!

We explored Rainbow Rice and the sounds it makes when we sprinkle it on to different surfaces such as a table, a plastic tray and metal trays.

On Monday we reintroduced our Fiddly Fingers sessions. We are incredibly proud of the children and their enthusiasm for the Fiddly Fingers circuit.



What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we are learning to pinch out sounds to spell words.	In Literacy, we will be writing statement sentences about the Minpins.	In Literacy, we are retelling the story of the First Drawing.	In Literacy, we continue to use The Varmints text to compose non-fiction writing including letters and speeches.
In Numeracy, we are learning to use the words 'fewer', 'more', 'the same' to describe amounts to 10 and beyond.	In Numeracy, we will be using a number line to estimate numbers.	In Numeracy, we are solving problems, using numbers to 1,000.	In Numeracy, we continue learning about the place value of numbers to 1,000 including estimating and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.
We are learning about Christian baptisms/christenings and how they are a sign of 'belonging'.	In RE, we will continue our learning about Judaism, looking at the story of Jonah and the whale.	In Science, we are learning how skeletons move, including joints and muscles.	In Art, we will be understanding proportion by observing how it is used in Artwork.
Do ask your child about their learning! If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.			

Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help