



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,

It has been lovely to see the weather brighten up this week. It has certainly added a cheerful atmosphere throughout the school!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance. Every day in school truly matters, and consistent attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, confidence, and progress. Our half term attendance reports will be sent out on **Monday 16th March**, so please look out for these.

In addition, midyear reports for Year 1 – Year 4 pupils are going home today. These provide a clear overview of how your child is getting on across the curriculum so far this year.

Please book your parent interviews, which will take place over the next two weeks. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to sit down with your child's class teacher, celebrate their successes, and discuss next steps. We very much encourage every family to attend.

If you have any questions or need help booking an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are always happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Moore

Head of School

Stars of the Week



Reception	Ellie
Year 1	Ellis
Year 2	Bertie
Year 3	Jaxon
Year 4	Lacey

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is next **Friday 20th March**. To raise funds for this worthy cause, we are holding **a non-uniform day**. Children can wear whatever they wish, or stay in uniform if that is what they prefer. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 if possible. Please can all donations be made via the below link.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-frome-valley-cofe-va-first-school>

Year 3 Visit Dorchester Museum

On Tuesday, Year 3 visited Dorchester Museum. We started with a tour of the Prehistoric areas of the Museum, hearing about how people may have lived and handling some of the artefacts. We were delighted to see real hand axes that had been knapped from flint, perhaps over 10,000 years ago. We also enjoyed looking at the Bell Beaker pots from the Bronze Age. We had learned about them in history lessons and had all drawn pictures of those intricate decorations. The real skeletons were observed closely, as it was interesting to see the objects that had been buried with them.

Following our tour, we became archaeologists, undertaking a dig in the education rooms. We uncovered two (plastic) skeletons with their grave goods, such as pot fragments, necklaces and a sword blade. We realised that they were, in fact, replica scenes of two of the real skeletons we had seen earlier - The Portesham Woman and The Whitcombe Warrior.

After a picnic lunch, we looked at other areas of the Museum, including the Roman mosaics in the Victorian Room. The Thomas Hardy exhibition was a lot of fun as we dressed up in period costumes and played board games.

Thank you so much to our volunteers who accompanied us; we could not have done it without you all.



What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be reading poems about the Easter Story.	In Literacy, we will be using our phonics skills to segment words to help us spell.	In Literacy, we will continue our writing about our book. Exploring how the characters feel.	In Literacy, we are offering words of advice to a character who is feeling miserable.	In Literacy, we planning and writing a tourist brochure on a imaginary seaside town.
In Numeracy, we will be exploring time.	In Numeracy, we will be learning about the directions above and below.	In Numeracy, we are starting a block of work on measures, beginning with measuring length and height.	In Numeracy, we are solving problems that involve fractions of numbers.	In Numeracy, we will be learning about decimals.
When playing outdoors we will be looking for signs of Spring and going on a Spring Walk around the school grounds.	In DT, we will be making our puppet out of textiles.	In Science, we are leaning about how animals are adapted to their habitats and what they need to survive.	In PSCHE, we are learning what to do if we feel unsafe.	In Music, we will be making sure we know the words ready for the Year 4 music concert on Wednesday 18 th March and 6pm

Do ask your child about their learning!

If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Eco School Children's Clothes Swap

Thursday 19th March next week!



On this day, Children can bring in unwanted items of clothing aged 4 – 10 years. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition.

For their donation, they will receive a clothes swap token.

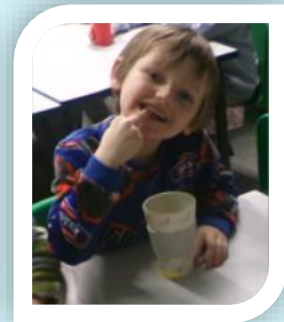
During the day, classes will be invited to trade their token for a 'new to you' item of clothing.



Why not wear it for Comic Relief non-school-uniform day the following day; Friday 20th March

Stories at Six

As always, what a success! It was wonderful to see all the children arrive in their pyjamas to listen to stories and drink hot chocolate in their classrooms. Thank you to all the family members who brought their children along. We hope you enjoyed the social time in the hall.



Preschool News

This week our Butterflies have been learning about healthy and unhealthy foods and drinks. They've sorted foods into groups; foods we should eat lots of, such as fruit and vegetables and foods we should eat less frequent, such as chocolate and cake. The Butterflies made farm machinery including tractors and combine harvesters during a cutting and sticking activity and identified how the machine is used on a farm. Our Caterpillars have participated in a whole class PE session in the hall with a focus on balance and co-ordination. The Caterpillars listened and followed instructions well with the guidance of the Butterflies as their positive role models, fantastic! We made cupcakes as we continue our topic Food from the Farm. Our Butterflies named the ingredients needed to make the cakes and could identify where on the farm they came from such as flour from wheat, eggs from chickens and milk from cows.



Sharing Assemblies

Sharing Assemblies take place this half term on the following dates:

Friday 20th March: (Years 3 and 4) at 9am (will last approximately 45 minutes)

Wednesday 25th March: (Reception, Years 1 and 2) at 9am (will last approximately 1 hour)



For parents new to Frome Valley, Sharing Assembly is a chance for all classes to share what they have learned this term. We will also present the Citizenship Certificates for each class for children that have been particularly kind and helpful this term (these are chosen by the children themselves). We look forward to welcoming all parents, friends and relatives to these special assemblies. At Sharing Assembly, we like to share in all the children's achievements. If your child has been awarded anything outside of school, please bring all certificates etc. to the school office.

Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

16th Mar	Preschool family Celebration 2-3pm	30th Mar – 10th Apr	Easter Holidays
16th – 17th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 1, 2 and 3	13th Apr	INSET Day – school closed to children
17th and 24th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 4	1st May	INSET Day – school closed to children
17th Mar	Class Photos	4th May	Bank Holiday
18th Mar	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival	5th May	School Nurse Drop In 9.30 – 10.30am
19th Mar	Children Clothes Swap	6th May	Miles for Mosaic Fundraiser
20th Mar	Comic Relief Fundraiser	8th May	Reception Class – Height and Weight check - National Child Measurement Programme
20th Mar	Year 3 and 4 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately 45 minutes)	12th May	Parent Drop In 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm
24th Mar	Preschool Stay and Play 2-3pm	20th May	May Day Celebrations 1.15pm – 3pm (approximately) – all families and relatives are welcome
25th Mar	Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately one hour)	21st May	Reserve May Day Celebrations 1.15pm (if wet on 20 th)
25th – 27th Mar	Year 4 Residential – Hooke Court	25th – 29th May	Half Term
27th March	Year 2 Cakes for Apes Fundraiser-		