



# 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,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your families and found some time to rest and recharge.

It has been a very successful start to the new year at Frome Valley CE First School. The children have returned settled, focused, and ready to learn. Their behaviour and attitudes this week have been excellent, and we are incredibly proud of how well they have started the term.

A gentle reminder about the importance of good attendance. Regular attendance has a significant impact on children's progress, wellbeing, and confidence in school.

**This week's attendance is: 96.79%.** This is above the National Average of 94.5% but our aim is to be above 97%.

Curriculum Summaries for each year group will be sent home next week. Children will also be provided with a hard copy to take home. This will outline what the children will be learning across all subjects this term. We hope you find it helpful in supporting learning at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Moore

## R.E News

Dear families,

As we begin this new term, we also celebrate a very special moment in the Christian calendar: the Epiphany. This is the time when Christians remember the visit of the Three Wise Men – sometimes called the Magi – to the baby Jesus. The story of the Epiphany reminds us of many things that are important for our school community. The Wise Men travelled a long way, following a bright star, because they believed they were searching for something precious. Their journey teaches us about curiosity, courage, and hope – qualities we want to nurture in all our children.

When the Wise Men finally reached Jesus, they offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each gift had a special meaning, but most importantly, their visit showed the joy of giving and the importance of recognising the light in others. At school, we see this same spirit when children show kindness, share with one another, and look out for their friends.

As we move into the new year, may the message of the Epiphany inspire us all to look for the goodness in others, to be brave when facing new challenges, and to follow our own "star" – our hopes, goals, and dreams.

A Prayer for the Epiphany

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the light of the Epiphany and  
for the Wise Men who followed the star.  
Help us to be curious, hopeful, and brave as we  
learn and grow this year.*

*May we bring kindness, joy, and friendship to  
everyone we meet.*

*Let your light guide us in all that we do.*

*Amen.*

## Stars of the Week



Reception	Phoenix
Year 1	Sofia
Year 2	Alana
Year 3	Darcie H
Year 4	Joel Pu

## P.E Kits

A reminder that children need to have a warm P.E kit in school all week. Some P.E lessons are outside, and it can also come in handy as a change of clothes if children end up wet or muddy!



## Huge thanks to Crossways Travel

We are delighted to announce that for the past year 'Crossways Travel' chose us as their charity for the year. Thanks to all their generous customers and staff we have been presented with a cheque for the amazing amount of:

# £4186.71

This will be a huge help towards the funding for our outdoor classroom to enhance our forest school area that the PTFA have been raising money for, for a number of years.



## Year 2 – Forest School

Year 2 had a very chilly start to the year with a cold and frosty Forest School session. We found lots of ice hidden away in different places and made obstacle courses to move around to keep us warm. It was cold, but still, lots of fun.



### Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

<b>13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Reception Class – Vision Screening	<b>17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parent Interviews Year 4
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Hooke Court meeting for Year 4 Parents 3.30pm and 5pm	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Class Photos
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Year 3 Class Assembly (in school hall) 9-9.20am	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Parent Drop in 8.15- 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Comic Relief Fundraiser
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Special School Week - History	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 3 and 4 Sharing Assembly 9am
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Safer Internet Day	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assembly 9am
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Half Term	<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 4 Residential – Hooke Court
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day and Stories at 6	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 visit to Dorchester Museum	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	INSET Day – school closed to children
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parent Interviews Year 1, 2 and 3		

## What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be reading an exciting new story called 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris.	In Literacy, we are beginning to look at our Literacy text for the next few weeks called 'Julian is a mermaid' by Jessica Love. If anyone has any spare colourful material or craft materials we can use in a couple of weeks to make some costumes, that would be fantastic!	In Literacy, we are starting a new text - 'If All the World Were' by Joseph Coleho. It is a poetry text and we will explore different poetic techniques.	In Literacy, we will invent a recipe for "perfect pets", using expanded noun phrases.	In Literacy, we are beginning a new fiction writing unit based on the book Frindleswyld by O'Hara.
In Numeracy, we will be practicing counting objects carefully and recording how many.	In Numeracy, we will be looking at the numbers 11,12 and 13 and understanding how many 10s and how many ones are in each number.	In Numeracy, we are continuing measures exploring money and learning about the value of coins and notes.	In Numeracy, we will continue learning the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, looking at the links between them.	In Numeracy, we are developing our knowledge of multiplication and division by finding factor pairs and learning to multiply and divide by 100 and 1000.
Our new topic is 'Our Home Rocks!'. We will start by learning about our school, its location, and immediate surroundings.	In PE this half term, we will be having Relax Kids on a Tuesday and gymnastics on a Wednesday - both with experienced coaches. Please could PE kits be in school on these days.	In PE, we are now having Forest School sessions for the rest of the half term. We will explore climbing, balancing, and how to construct different obstacle courses.	In Geography, we will be <b>finding out about the hottest, wettest places on Earth.</b>	In Computing, we have begun learning to use Turtle Academy's Logo computer programme to draw shapes.

**Do ask your child about their learning!**

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

## Preschool News

Our Caterpillars and Butterflies returned to Preschool with lots of enthusiasm to explore our new topics. 'Animals' for our Caterpillar class and 'Stomp, Roar!' for our Butterflies.

As the weather was so cold at the beginning of the week, we explored ice in the outside area and in the classroom with our ice castles and frozen animals.

The children learnt which conditions are needed for water to freeze and discussed why ice melts.

On Tuesday, the children were offered crackers for a snack. They each had a knife and were learning the skill of spreading butter!

Our Butterflies had their first PE session in the school hall where their focus was balancing. They demonstrated fantastic listening skills throughout the

