



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,

This week, our school community came together for a truly special Christingle Service, and I wanted to take a moment to share what a wonderful occasion it was.

The atmosphere in the church was filled with warmth and joy as pupils, staff, and families gathered to celebrate this meaningful tradition. The sight of the glowing Christingles, each one carefully crafted by our children, was simply magical. It was a powerful reminder of the light and hope that this season brings.

Our pupils did us proud with their beautiful singing and respectful participation throughout the service. A special well done to our Collective Worship Team for leading the readings and prayers. Finally, a huge thank you to the staff and parishioners who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the event run so smoothly, and to our families for joining us and supporting the children.

As we move closer to Christmas, moments like these remind us of the importance of community, kindness, and togetherness. We are so fortunate to share these experiences with you all.

I look forward to seeing many of you back in school next week for our other Christmas events.
Mrs Moore



Stars of the Week



Reception	Trixie
Year 1	Tommy
Year 2	Juliet
Year 3	Lydia
Year 4	Mazrae

PTFA Christmas Jumper Day

Next Thursday 11th December, the PTFA are holding a Christmas Jumper Day in return for any item to go in a Christmas hamper!!

Children can wear their jumper over their school uniform.

Thank you in advance for all your donations.

Welcome to Frome Valley - Prospective Preschool & Reception Parents September 2026

The application process for Reception & Preschool admissions in 2026-27 is now open.

If you are looking for a school place for your child during the current year or to start in September 2026, please contact the school and we will arrange a tour with a member of the Leadership Team.

Last day of Term

The last day of term, Thursday 18th December, is a party day with a special party lunch! For the day, children can wear play clothes.

The lunch is provided by school and will consist of sandwiches, pizza, sausages, crisps cakes and lots of other goodies.

If any children have any food allergies that we may not be aware of (gluten, dairy) or food preference e.g. vegan, vegetarian, please let us know as soon as possible.



PTFA Festive Bingo

We are delighted to share that our recent Christmas Bingo was a fantastic success! Thanks to the incredible efforts of our PTFA and the wonderful support from our families, we raised an amazing **£465**.

This money will go directly towards enriching experiences and resources for our children, and we are so grateful for the time, energy, and enthusiasm that made this event possible.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated prizes, and helped create such a fun and festive evening. Your support truly makes a difference!

Parent Questionnaire

All families are today being given a parental questionnaire. We would be very grateful if families could complete and return it to the school office by **Thursday 18th December**. Your opinions really do matter to us.

There is a box on the table for all completed forms or alternatively, please give to your class teachers. Thank you.

Carols By Candlelight

A reminder that 'Carols by Candlelight' is next **Thursday 11th December**, starting at 6pm. The school choir have been practising for the past few weeks and are sounding beautiful.

All children, parents and relatives are invited to come along to this very special evening and join in with some of the singing! The evening lasts about an hour. We look forward to seeing you there. During Carols by Candlelight, we like to serve refreshments. **We are looking for donations of cakes, mince pies and other scrummy things. Please bring any items to the school office by Wednesday 10th December.** Thank you in advance for all your kind donations.



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

8 th – 9 th Dec	Parent Interviews Reception Class	16 th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1-4 -2pm
8 th – 12 th Dec	Preschool Parent Consultations	18 th Dec	Preschool Festive Party 10.30am – 12.30pm
10 th Dec	Nativity Service – Preschool and Reception Class 9.10am	18 th Dec	Last Day of Term Party Lunch for children
10 th – 14 th Dec	Anti Bullying Week	19 th Dec	INSET Day – school closed to children
11 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Jumper Day	22 nd Dec – 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
11 th Dec	Carols by Candlelight 6pm – all welcome	5 th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
15 th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1– 4 9.10am		

Frome Valley Facebook

We are delighted to tell parents that our school Facebook page is now live!!

The below link will take you to our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Frome-Valley-CE-First-School/61584552740925/>

What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be writing letters to the night spirits.	In Literacy, we will continue to write our fact file on space.	In Literacy, we will present our facts on wolves in the form of a documentary.	In Literacy, we will be using varied sentence types to create a persuasive poster.	In Literacy, we will plan and begin writing a formal explanation text using the text Until I Met Dudley as stimulus.
In Mathematics, we will be learning about some common 3D shapes.	In Numeracy, we will be subtracting numbers to 10 using a number line.	In Numeracy, we will look at the properties of 3D shapes.	In Numeracy, we will be thinking about "equal groups" when multiplying.	In Numeracy, we will continue learning about multiplying and dividing and begin learning how to find the area and perimeter of shapes.
In Music, we will continue practicing our singing and actions for our Nativity performance.	In Geography, we will be recalling a journey we have made and talking about how to get there.	In RE, we will continue to learn about why Jesus is known as a Saviour to Christians, exploring the Christmas story in more detail.	In Art, we will recognise how artists use shape in drawing.	In Music, we will be learning our songs for the Nativity.

Do ask your child about their learning!

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

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is now in school until **Wednesday 17th December**. Everyone can bring their cards into school and post them in the box. **Please remember to write the child's name or adult's name and the year group on the card** so we can deliver the cards to the right people!!



Nativity Services

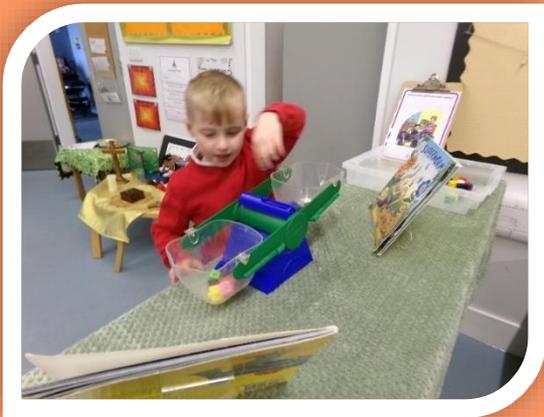
Pre School and Reception Class: Wednesday 10th December 9.10am
Years 1–4: Monday 15th December 9.10am and Tuesday 16th December 2pm.

We know that all services will be very popular and we therefore ask parents, relatives and friends to only come to the Preschool / Reception nativity if they have a child in these years.

If you have a child in Years 1–4, we ask that you only attend one of the services. The children in Year 1 will be provided with a costume by school. The children in Year 2 will be playing instruments to accompany the service. After both of the morning services, coffee and mince pies will be available to parents.

Reception Class News

Last week Reception joined the rest of the school in celebrating UK Parliament Week. During our conversations in the classroom the children were introduced to the word 'vote'. As a way of demonstrating and explaining what this word meant a story voting station has been set up in class. The children have been choosing between two stories by placing a cube in the appropriate side of the weighing scales. We then count the votes together and decide which number is the biggest. The story with the most votes is read at story time that day. The voting station has led to many great conversations about the merits of each story, as well as opportunities for counting and of course learning about democracy!



Preschool News

Our Caterpillars and Butterflies share the same focus for the final three weeks of term, Christmas! At the beginning of the week the children showed great enthusiasm decorating our Christmas tree. They have made Christmas decorations to hang on the tree and began learning the song for the Nativity performance. We've explored different ways of mark making, printing Christmas themed shapes to practising writing in our Christmas Cards. Our Butterflies continue their pre-phonics focus of rhyming and on Friday explored different materials in the environment using magnets to test whether objects were made of metal. On Wednesday, our Butterflies joined Reception to create Christingles. They learnt what each piece of the Christingle represents and why the service is important to Christians.

