



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,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly memorable year at Frome Valley CE First School.

There is no doubt that it has been a busy and exciting year, filled with learning, achievements, special events and opportunities for our children. From educational visits and sporting events to performances, celebrations and enrichment activities, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and determination. Most importantly, our children continue to thrive and are happy, safe and fully engaged in their learning each day.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our parent community. Whether you have attended school events, assisted with trips, volunteered your time, or supported your child's learning at home, your involvement helps to make Frome Valley the special place that it is. Thank you for your continued encouragement, trust and partnership.

As we come to the end of the year, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Charlotte Moore, our Reception Class Teacher. We would like to thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her every happiness and success as she relocates to London over the summer.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Catherine Elwes-Varma, who will be joining us in September. Mrs Elwes-Varma is an experienced teacher who has recently moved to Dorset, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to the Frome Valley family. We would also like to welcome Miss Annie MacDonald, who will be joining us as a Lunchtime Supervisor, providing maternity cover during Miss Hamblin's leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff team. Their commitment, professionalism and unwavering focus on providing the very best for our children is remarkable. They work tirelessly to ensure that every child is supported, nurtured and encouraged to achieve their full potential, and I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a talented and caring team.

At this time of year, we also prepare to say farewell to our wonderful Year 4 pupils as they leave us to begin the next stage of their educational journey at middle school. They have been valued members of our school community and have contributed so much during their time here. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support throughout the year. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you and your families a relaxing, enjoyable and well-deserved summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and opportunities at Frome Valley CE First School.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Reception	Jaxson
Year 1	Lacy
Year 2	Freya
Year 3	Lydia
Year 4	Lucien

Goodbye and Goodluck!

Today was Miss Hamblin's last day in the office and classroom, before she starts her maternity leave.

We are all looking forward to meeting the new arrival in a few week's time.



Eco Day

Wednesday 15th July 2026



On the day....

Clothes Swap- each child may bring in unwanted items of children's clothing, aged 4-10 years, which they can then trade for 'new-to-you' items of clothing.

Please, no school uniform- we can take this as separate donations at the office.



Eco Craft- children will be learning about the importance of bees and making all things bees with re-useable and recycled materials.

Eco Outdoors- children will explore and learn about our special nature areas.

Eco Science- sessions with class teachers.

2pm Families come and join us on the school field for an **Eco Quiz and Scavenger Hunt**

With by **Refreshments by the PTFA** including Fairtrade Tea and Coffee

And raising of the new Eco Schools flag!

Donations needed:

Cakes for PTFA



please bring on the day.

Please bring to Year 4 ASAP:

Newspaper



Cardboard (thick brown)



Toilet rolls



Year 4 Play

Congratulations to our amazing Year 4 cast!

What a fantastic performance of Pirates vs Mermaids! We are incredibly proud of every single child for their enthusiasm, confidence, and hard work. From learning lines and songs to perfecting dances and bringing their characters to life, they have shown wonderful teamwork and determination throughout.

Thank you for entertaining us with such a memorable show. We hope you are as proud of yourselves as we are.

Well done, Year 4—you truly were stars of the stage! ★



Join the free 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat at your local library

Your child (age 4–11) can join the **Summer Reading Challenge** this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!

- set a reading goal
- read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks, picture books, and more
- join in with library events
- Earn stickers, rewards and even a certificate

Starts 4 July in England & Wales

It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun!

Read to the Beat is available from all Dorset libraries from 4 July – check library opening times and What's on activities [Libraries - Dorset Council](#)

For fun digital activities and book recommendations, take a look online:
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Preschool News

Our focus this week is holidays. We have discussed 'what is a holiday?' 'How you travel there?' and 'What might you do when you go on holiday?' Eating ice creams and building sand castles was a popular answer so we used paint and sand to create amazing textured sand castles and ice creams with "sprinkles on top". Our Butterflies spread their wings and flew into Reception to experience time with their new teachers. They were very excited to explore their new classroom! Our Caterpillars played listening games using sound bags and listening to environmental sounds, identifying what they heard. Their listening skills were fantastic! We've explored musical instruments and the different sounds they make and our Caterpillars chose songs to sing along to whilst playing. In our construction area, we placed large wooden blocks, guttering, planks of wood and a garage to explore how to increase the speed of the vehicles travelling down ramps. It is lovely to see our children working in collaboration to share their ideas, enhance their play and achieve their desired outcomes! Outside, we've used paints and water to explore colour mixing. The children made their water pink.



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

13th July	Preschool Summer Outing	16th July	Preschool Leavers Assembly 3.15pm
14th July	Year 3 and 4 Celebration Assembly 9am (will last approximately 30 minutes)	17th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly 2pm
15th July	Eco Day (see above for details)	20th July – 31st August	Summer Holidays
16th July	Reception Class trip to Moors Valley	1st Sep	INSET Day – school closed to children
16th July	Year 4 Leavers trip to Moors Valley	2nd Sep	Children return to school

What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be writing about our favourite memories of our year in Reception class.	In Literacy, we will be practicing our Year 1 exception words (red words).	In Literacy, we will finish our fact files on the Great Fire of London.	In Literacy, we will edit and improve our writing.	In Literacy, we are learning about poetry and in particular performance poetry using the poem Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll.
In Numeracy, we will be writing and solving addition number sentences.	In Numeracy, we will be finding a quarter of a quantity.	In Numeracy, we will consolidate our knowledge of the four main operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	In Numeracy, we are learning about statistics, including representing and interpreting tables, bar charts and pictograms.	In Numeracy, we are consolidating our learning with solving 2 step word problems
In Science, we will be making boats out of different materials and seeing if they sink or float.	In Jigsaw, we will be naming parts of our bodies.	In DT, we will finish our sewing project, making our sewn pouches.	In Music, we are learning about Rock and Roll.	In Music and Drama, we will be doing our end of year class talent show.

Do ask your child about their learning!

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