



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 our first half-term, it's wonderful to reflect on what a successful and enjoyable start we have had to the school year. It has been a blessing to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines, bringing energy and enthusiasm to each day.

Our curriculum has already been enriched by some exciting trips this term, allowing children to learn beyond the classroom. Yesterday, Year 3 & 4 had an incredible time at the Literacy Festival in The Thomas Hardy School. Please read the blog in the newsletter for more information. The children have also had great opportunities for exploration closer to home. Preschool and Reception went on Autumn walks around the school to enrich their learning of seasons and the environment around them.

Our current whole school attendance for this year so far is 95.4% (National average=95.4%). As we move into the season of coughs and colds, follow NHS guidelines <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> or phone to ask for advice if you are not sure whether to send your child into school or not.

We look forward to continuing the journey through this term with Advent preparations, assemblies, and our Christmas celebrations – all chances for our children to grow spiritually as well as academically.

Please keep an eye on the school calendar for upcoming events and key dates.

With best wishes,

Mrs Moore

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Vision, Aims & Values

At Frome Valley CE First School, we aspire to be a beacon of excellence, a vibrant and welcoming Christian community where all children flourish spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally. Inspired by the teachings of the Bible, we foster a culture of curiosity, creativity, compassion, and service. Here, every child is known, valued, and empowered to become a confident, responsible, and thriving individual who makes a positive impact on the world.

By educating for life in all its fullness, we are preparing our students for a bright future. We believe that our pupils will be confident, resilient, and well-rounded individuals who are ready to make a positive impact on the world. Please be reminded of our Core Christian Values.

Frome Valley's Core Values

Respect

We respect each other and our environment and God's world.

Compassion

We strive to show compassion in how we relate to others. We have compassions for other in the world, particularly in times of need.

We show one another empathy - understanding others' needs.

Perseverance

We persevere in our schoolwork. We strive to be resilient and use our Growth Mindsets to keep trying even when it is really hard.

Stars of the Week



Year 1	Milo
Year 2	Mackaulay
Year 3	Deacon
Year 4	Wulf

Scooters and Bicycles in School Grounds

Please can we remind families that children and adults are not to ride bikes or scooters on the school site. There have been several near misses in recent weeks, and we really don't want any injuries. Thank you.

School Nurse Drop In

The school nurse will be in for her monthly drop in on **Tuesday 4th November** from **9.30-10.30am**.

If you are hoping to see her, please can you advise the school office. We can then gauge if it will be a drop in or appointment times – just so that no one is waiting too long to be seen.

Year 3 & 4 Choir

After-school choir will be starting for years 3 and 4 on the first Monday back after half term, Monday 3rd November. The club will be with Mrs Johnstone from 3.15-4pm and the children will be rehearsing for 'Carols by Candlelight' This will take place on Thursday 11th December at 6pm. A form will be sent home today so that you can sign your child up. Please return the form by Tuesday 21st October.

Year 3 and 4 Literacy Festival Trip

As part of the Dorset Literacy Festival, Year 3 and 4 were invited to The Thomas Hardy School to meet author Chris Smith. We listened and joined in a fun and lively talk about his life as an author and composed an imaginative story about a sandwich! Ask your Year 3 or 4 child to tell it to you....





Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children that completed the Summer Reading Challenge in the summer holidays. We are very proud of you Ellie, Hollie, Ellen, Ellis, Joel and Oz



After School Activities

After half term we have the following after school activities taking place:

Monday – choir (Years 3 & 4)

Monday – football (Years 2 - 4)

Wednesday – dance (Years 1 - 4)

Wednesday – gardening (Years 1 - 4)

We will let you now when the clubs are on Arbor ready for booking.

Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

22nd, 23rd and 24th Oct	INSET Days – school closed to children	4th Dec	Christingle Service – 2.15pm
27th–31st Oct	Half Term	9th – 10th Dec	Parent Interviews – Reception Class
3rd Nov	Individual School Photos	10th Dec	Nativity Service – Preschool and Reception Class -9.10am
4th Nov	School Nurse Drop In 9.30 – 10.30am	10th – 14th Dec	Anti Bullying Week
4th Nov	Preschool Stay and Play 2-3pm	11th Dec	Carols by Candlelight 6pm – all welcome
7th Nov	Road Safety Awareness with First Bus	15th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1 – 4 9.10am
10th – 13th Nov	Parent Interviews Years 1 -4	16th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1-4 -2pm
12th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.15pm – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 – all welcome	18th Dec	Last Day of Term
19th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm – Years 3 & 4 – all welcome	19th Dec	INSET Day – school closed to children
21st Nov	Children In Need Fundraiser	22nd Dec – 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
3rd Dec	Preschool Stay and Play 9-10am	5th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children

Preschool News

At the beginning of the week, we revisited our traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. On Monday and Tuesday, the children were offered porridge for snack just like the three bears. For some of the children, this was their first experience of porridge. Some of them were not keen on the texture however, some asked for more!

We began a group task where the children were encouraged to collaborate ideas to create a structure such as a house. They decided to draw their ideas and place them in the outside area to remind them of what they would like to achieve. The children showed great enthusiasm for this activity, listening to each other, working together and finally ending the task by painting their creation. Amazing teamwork Preschool!

As we continue to focus on Autumn, we created a tuff tray with Autumnal items such as leaves, conkers, pumpkins and apples to encourage the younger children to explore a variety of textures using their hands. The butterflies explored coloured shaving foam, creating marks in their foam using their fingertips. We ended our week with our first baking experience of the year. The children made apple cupcakes. They looked and smelt delicious!





What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy we will continue reading 'I am Henry Finch'. In phonics we are recapping m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, b, and l. Our new letter sounds will be: h,r.	In Literacy, we are learning to use adjectives in a sentence.	In Literacy, we will create our own stories about animals based on the story the Bear and the Piano.	In Literacy, we will write our stories in our best handwriting.	In Literacy, we will be planning and begin writing our own legend story.
In Numeracy, we will be learning about repeating patterns.	In Numeracy, we are learning our number bonds to 10.	In Numeracy, we will be working out addition and subtraction for 1- and 2-digit numbers.	In Numeracy, we will start to subtract 2- and 3-digit numbers using a formal written method.	In Numeracy, we are consolidating our addition and subtraction learning alongside learning the skills of estimating and checking answers with rounding and the inverse calculation.
We will be making autumn collages using natural materials such as leaves and conkers.	In Music, we will be learning about the pitch within songs.	In Music, we will finish our work on rhythm and pitch. Marching in time to different music.	In Jigsaw, we will focus on why we have rules, and what our responsibilities are.	In Art, we are learning to use texture, tone and proportion within drawing and shading.

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