



Frome Valley First School & Preschool News Weekly



*"Together, with God's love, we learn,
nurture and grow, without limits."*

World Book Day Brings Stories to Life at Frome Valley CE First School

Frome Valley CE First School was awash with imagination and colour yesterday as pupils and staff marked World Book Day with a vibrant programme of story-themed activities. The celebration highlighted the school's strong commitment to fostering a lifelong love of reading across all year groups.

The day began with a lively whole-school assembly, where children arrived dressed as characters from much-loved books – from timeless classics to modern favourites. The hall buzzed with excitement as pupils proudly shared the stories behind their costumes, sparking animated conversations about the books that inspire them.

All classes walked to Crossways Library and enjoyed looking at all the different books. Before returning to School, they listened to a funny story "Don't Trust Fish!" Or 'The Runaway Pea' read by two "Where's Wally?" librarians. **Thank you so much to all the volunteers who accompanied us on our trip; we couldn't have done it without you.**

A standout part of the day was a visit from Dorset author and illustrator Linda Webber, who shared her charming story *The Cute Little Octopus*. Linda led engaging sessions in the school hall, speaking about her work as both a writer and illustrator, demonstrating how characters are created and how stories develop. She also encouraged pupils to think about caring for their local environment, blending creativity, storytelling and sustainability in a way that captivated all year groups.

Across the school, classes enjoyed a range of reading-focused activities. Pupils took part in buddy-reading sessions across different year groups. All classes were so engaged that the staff have decided to make Buddy Reading a regular occurrence. The children also tackled creative challenges such as designing alternative book covers, writing character descriptions and inventing their own imaginative stories. Teachers also held special read-aloud sessions featuring well-loved picture books and chapter-book favourites.

The celebrations continued into the evening with the popular Stories at 6 event, where pupils returned to school in their pyjamas for a cosy shared reading experience. With soft lighting, warm drinks and a calm, bedtime-style atmosphere, the session created a magical environment that encouraged children to relax and enjoy stories together.

The day was a resounding success, reinforcing the school's dedication to making reading enjoyable, accessible and central to school life. Frome Valley CE First School now looks forward to building on this momentum with a variety of reading initiatives, author visits and library events throughout the year.

Stars of the Week



Reception	Arthur-Thomas
Year 1	Ruby
Year 2	Alfie
Year 3	Jacob
Year 4	Ivy

Happy Valley Hours

A reminder to every one of the opening hours for Happy Valley.

Monday – Thursday 3.15 – 6pm

Friday 3.15 – 5pm

Sessions are from:

3.15 – 4.30pm - £4.50

3.15 – 5pm - £6.00

3.15 – 6pm - £9

If anyone needs any further information, please speak to the school office.

Photos From World Book Day

Below we have a selection of photos from World Book Day- don't forget to follow our Facebook page to see even more!







What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be reading a selection of traditional tales.	In Literacy, we are writing letters to give advice (to Nyla in our story).	In Literacy, we have started our new text 'The Journey Home'. We are exploring fact files about endangered species.	In Literacy, we are creating expanded noun phrases.	In Literacy, we are planning a tourist brochure on an imaginary seaside town.
In Numeracy, we will be investigating a variety of 2D and 3D shapes.	In Numeracy, we are subtracting numbers to 20.	In Numeracy, we are continuing our work on multiplication and division, investigating odd and even numbers.	In Numeracy, we are working out fractions of numbers.	In Numeracy, we will conclude our learning on fractions by learning to find a fraction of a number and an amount of money.
We will be continuing with our weekly gymnastics lessons. The children will be working on balancing and changing direction.	In PE, we are learning how to control a ball with our hands and with our feet.	In RE, we have started thinking about how Christians trust in God and Jesus.	In RE, we are starting to learn about what some Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God.	In DT, we are designing a model car.

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

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

For each item, 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?!



Preschool News

We've had an incredibly busy week in Preschool. Our nursery rhyme of the week is Baa Baa Black Sheep and we've learnt the Makaton signs for cow and pig. The Butterflies have learnt the names of baby farm animals and completed a cutting and sticking activity matching mother and baby animals. Our Caterpillars have explored the outside area playing in the sandpit and creating seats out of tyres and grass enabling them a space to sit and look at books. We've made bread rolls and learnt the process of growing, harvesting and milling wheat to create flour. Thursday was World Book Day. The children dressed up as their favourite book character. It was lovely to see so many children bring in their favourite books for us all to share. Year 3 joined us for buddy reading and the Butterflies met author Linda Webb. She read her story to the class and gave the children opportunities to meet the characters of the book. We explored different ways to listen to stories and ended World Book Day watching Room on the Broom!



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

10th March	Year 3 visit to Dorchester Museum	27th March	Year 2 Cakes for Apes Fundraiser- new date 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 new date for your diary
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