



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 Cares,

Again, what a busy week we have had at Frome Valley CE First School!

On Wednesday, two of our Local Governing Committee members came into school for our first Governor Morning of this academic year. Please see below information about the morning written by our governors.

"I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to you and the entire staff for kindly accommodating my recent visit and walk-through of the school."

"It was truly inspiring to witness the high levels of engagement shown by both staff and children throughout the school. The considerable effort and hard work taking place behind the scenes is clearly evident, and I hope this brings great reward to everyone involved. It is clear to me that the school continues to go from strength to strength."

Mr M. Mustoe, Parent Governor

"I want to say a huge thank you to you and the staff and pupils for a very fruitful Governor Morning today at Frome Valley."

"The Collective Worship, Learning Walk and pupil voice were all hugely beneficial for us to see what is going on and how the school is working. I was particularly impressed with all the pupils we met, how calm and polite they were and the extent of their knowledge and discussion about the curriculum."

"It is good to see the classrooms full of interest and such a broad and varied curriculum going on. The changes that have been made to the EYFS rooms and the amount of language and activity going on within all year groups is to be applauded. It is clear that the staff team have been working extremely hard on Curriculum and Learning."

Mrs J. Pridmore, Foundation Governor

The Local Governing Committee consists of a group of enthusiastic and dedicated people who volunteer to work in partnership with the school staff to shape the future of the school and to decide the key issues that will help staff to raise standards. We are particularly fortunate that we have a wide cross-section of skills and experience amongst our governors with representation from parents, staff and members of the community. The responsibilities as Local Governors are delegated to by the Board of Trustees for the Wessex MAT and these are contained in the Scheme of Delegation. Earlier this week we sent home to parents' information on a parent governor position. A reminder that all applications need to be made by **9am on Monday 1st December**. If anyone has any questions, please speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Reception	Christabel
Year 1	Liam
Year 2	Freddie
Year 3	Fern
Year 4	Katie

Cold Weather

Please can parents ensure that children have in school a warm coat and a hat, gloves etc. It is very chilly with the wind in the school playground.
Thank you.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

We are today sending home with every child one book of raffle tickets for the ever popular PTFA Christmas raffle. Please return any sold tickets by **Friday 12th December**. The raffle will be drawn on **Tuesday 16th December at 2.30pm**



School Photos

Proofs for school photos have now been sent home. All orders need to be made online by **Friday 28th November** to ensure free delivery before the end of term.

Reception Class Parent Interviews

Reception class parent interviews will now take place on the **8th and 9th December** between 3.30.-6pm. Appointment times will be booked via Arbor. We will email parents further details of this next week.

Textile Recycling

We are holding a textile recycling fundraiser with Bag2School. A leaflet giving full details is being sent to families today. The below link advises which items are acceptable:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Items can be brought to school from Monday 1st – 9am on Friday 5th December.



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

28th Nov	PTFA – Festive Bingo -doors open 5pm	11th Dec	Carols by Candlelight 6pm – all welcome
2nd Dec	School Nurse Drop In 9.30 – 10.30am	15th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1– 4 9.10am
3rd Dec	Preschool Stay and Play 9-10am	16th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1-4 -2pm
4th Dec	Christingle Service 2.15pm	18th Dec	Preschool Festive Party 10.30am – 12.30pm
5th Dec	Textile Recycling Collection Day	18th Dec	Last Day of Term Party Lunch for children
8th – 9th Dec	Parent Interviews Reception Class	19th Dec	INSET Day – school closed to children
8th – 12th Dec	Preschool Parent Consultations	22nd Dec – 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
10th Dec	Nativity Service – Preschool and Reception Class 9.10am	5th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
10th – 14th Dec	Anti Bullying Week		

What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy Reception will be learning how to write a letter. In Phonics we will be recapping all previously learnt sounds and learning the digraphs qu, ng and nk.	In Literacy, we will be beginning to write a fact file on space.	In Literacy, we will carry on learning all about wolves and how to write factual information texts.	In Literacy, we will be writing a poem about the Tear Thief. We will incorporate some of the figurative language from last week.	In Literacy, we will be producing short writes of explanation posters and letters using the text Until I Met Dudley as stimulus.
In Numeracy we will be learning about common 2D shapes.	In Numeracy, we will be beginning to work on subtraction by finding a part.	In Numeracy, we will finish our work on addition and subtraction by solving mixed addition and subtraction problems.	In Numeracy, we will continue to subtract 3-digit numbers using a formal written method. We will focus on exchanging hundreds AND tens.	In Numeracy, we will be multiplying and dividing by 7, 11 and 12.
In RE we will be thinking about why Christians celebrate Christmas.	In DT, we will be making a structure and testing its stability.	In Computing, we will continue learning how to manipulate digital images in our photography sessions.	In Science, we will be learning about balanced diets.	In DT, we will be building a strong structure.

Do ask your child about their learning!

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

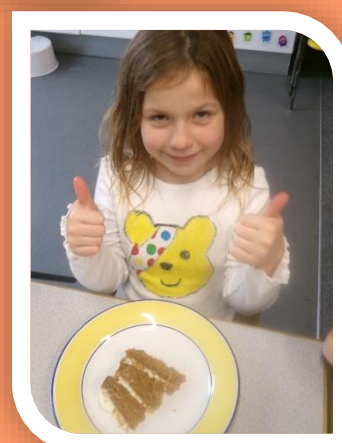
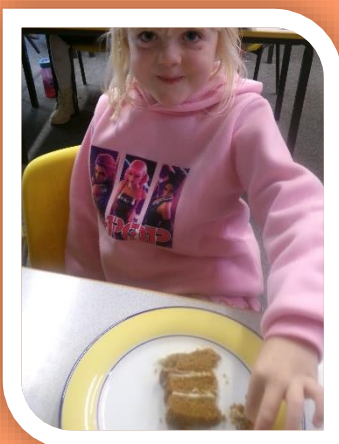
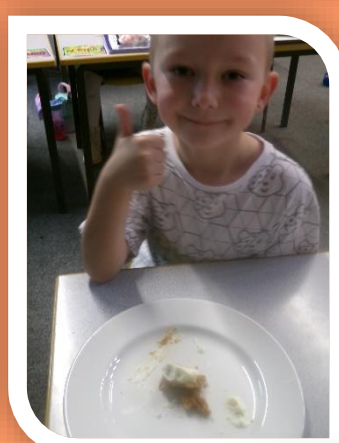
Week beginning 21/11/2025

Year 3 Design and Technology

As part of our DT work, we have been learning about seasonal fruit and vegetables. After discovering what fruit and vegetables are grown in the UK at the moment, some pupils brought in their favourite recipes.

We decided to make a carrot cake. Everyone joined in, peeling, weighing, mixing, cracking eggs, measuring spices and cutting parchment paper to fit the cake tins.

The next day, we evaluated our product. We graded it on appearance, taste and smell, as well as making suggestions on how to improve it for next time.



Preschool News

We began our week enjoying the beautiful autumnal sunshine. Our Butterflies planted Spring bulbs in the planters we have in our garden. They practised their earlier writing skills by creating labels to identify each variety of bulb. They planted three different types and can't wait for them to grow!

This week's focus for all children is birthdays and how we celebrate them with our families. They have all been very creative making shaving foam cupcakes with sprinkles, making playdough party food, baking vegan cupcakes and singing Happy Birthday to their friends throughout their day! We have had our very own party where the children wrote invites for their friends and played party games! It's lovely to see the excitement and enthusiasm on our children's faces as they've explored the environment this week!



Years 3 and 4 Rugby Tournament

On Monday, eight Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a tag rugby festival at Dorchester Rugby Club alongside other schools from the Weymouth and Dorchester area. They learnt a range of skills needed for tag rugby and some of the rules needed to play the game. The children had never played rugby before and they all came away enjoying learning new skills! They all showed such huge progress in only a few hours. A specific mention to Harvey and Adele who scored tries for the team and Dexter who persevered so much during the day! Frome Valley are very proud of every single one of you! Well done!



