



# Frome Valley First School & Preschool News Weekly



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

## Message from Mrs Moore

### A Strong Start to the New Term

I am delighted to share how well the children have begun the new term. From the very first day back, they have shown maturity, enthusiasm and a real readiness to learn. Classrooms are full of focus, friendly faces and an eagerness to do their very best.

What has been especially impressive is the way our pupils are living out our Core Values of **Respect, Compassion** and **Perseverance** each day. They are showing **Respect** by listening carefully, using kind words and taking pride in their learning environment. They demonstrate **Compassion** through their thoughtful actions, supporting their friends and welcoming others with warmth. Their **Perseverance** shines through as they tackle new challenges with determination and a positive attitude.

In addition to this strong start, we held our first Spirituality Day on Wednesday 25th February. The pupils explored the idea of Mirror Moments – taking time to reflect on themselves, their feelings and what makes them truly special. It was a meaningful opportunity for every child to pause, think deeply and recognise their own unique qualities.

Spirituality in our school is about giving children the space to reflect, to ask questions, to understand themselves and others, and to notice the wonder in the world around them. Through activities like this, we help pupils build confidence, empathy and a stronger sense of who they are.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Moore

## Prayer for Lent

Dear God,  
As we begin our Lenten journey,  
help us to pause, reflect, and grow.  
Teach us to show Respect in our  
words and actions,  
Compassion to everyone we meet,  
and Perseverance when things feel  
challenging.

Help us to make good choices,  
to think of others before ourselves,  
and to notice the goodness in the  
world around us.

Thank you for walking with us each  
day.

Guide us to become kinder, stronger,  
and more grateful in everything we  
do.

Amen.



## Stars of the Week



Reception	Henry
Year 1	Ellen R
Year 2	Charlie
Year 3	Natan
Year 4	Minnie

## School Nurse Drop In

A reminder that the school nurse has a drop in next **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. If anyone would like to see her, please book an appointment with the school office by 9am on Monday morning.



## World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**World Book Day** is Thursday 5th March and we have many things planned...

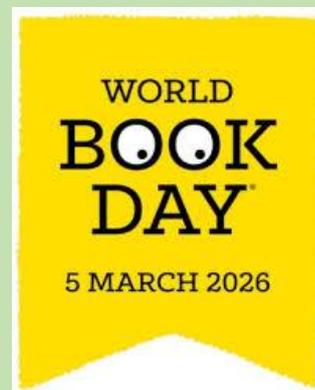
### Library visit volunteers needed!

Over the course of the morning of World Book Day, each class will be visiting the library.

### Are you or other family member able to walk to and from the library with any of our classes?

It can just be for **one time slot or the whole morning** from 9:10 to 12:15.

Any help will be greatly appreciated! Please, let the office know if and when you are available. Thank you!



Library Time Slots includes walking time from school and back to school from the library

9:40-10:40 Reception

10:05-11:05 Year 1

10:30-11:30 Year 2

**10:45-12 Year 4**      *change to original newsletter*

**11:25-12:30 Year 3**      *change to original newsletter*

### Author and Illustrator visit

Linda Webber, Dorset author and illustrator, will share her story *The Cute Little Octopus* about an endearing octopus who reuses and recycles things he finds in the sea and loves shoes!

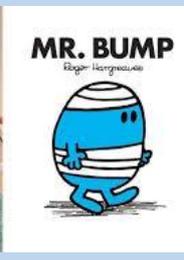
Linda Webber's **book can be purchased in advance** and she will be in the hall **after school for book signing**. *The Cute Little Octopus is recommended for children aged 3-7 years*. The book is £8.99, finger puppet £3.99 or buy both £12. If you would like to purchase a copy, please email the school office by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. An invoice will then be added to Arbor for payment. Alternatively you can purchase items on the day with cash.

Find out more about Linda Webb: <https://www.swanage.news/read-all-about-swanages-cute-green-octopus/>

## Word Book Day Dressing Up and Stories at 6pm Information

### Dressing Up

If your child would like to, please come dressed as a favourite book character. We love best, the costumes that use resources from home, BE INVENTIVE, don't go out and spend money on fancy costumes!



### Stories at 6

All children are invited to return to school in the evening in their PJ's or Onesie to listen to stories read by their teachers and to drink hot chocolate. Children will need to bring a plastic cup to school for their hot chocolate!

**The session will start at 6pm and finish at 6.30pm.** Parents are welcome to wait in the hall during the session or drop off and pick up later.

## What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will continue to practice reading and writing short 2 and 3 letter words.	In Literacy, we will be starting our new text 'The Comet' by Joe Todd-Stanton.	In Literacy, we have started our new text 'The Journey Home'. We are exploring fact files about endangered species.	In Literacy, we are beginning a new fictional writing unit based on the book "The Tin Forest" by Helen Ward.	In Literacy, we will be using the text, The Baker By the Sea, to help us use the present perfect tense: e.g. I have felt; He/ she has felt.
In Numeracy, we will be investigating length and learning how to compare items.	In Numeracy, we are adding numbers to 20 by counting on and also by using our number bonds to add the ones together first.	In Numeracy, we are continuing our work on multiplication and division, investigating odd and even numbers.	In Numeracy, we are calculating the perimeter of shapes.	In Numeracy, we continue learning about Fractions: adding and subtracting fractions and finding a fraction of a number.
We will be learning about Spring and looking for signs of Spring around us.	In RE, we will be focusing on The Easter Story and the symbols associated to this story	In RE, we have started thinking about how Christians trust in God and Jesus.	In Science, we are starting to learn about soils and their importance.	In Computing, we are learning to collect and analyse data by using a data logger app to measure sound, light, temperature

**Do ask your child about their learning!**

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

## Preschool News

This week, the Preschool children had pancakes for snack as they learnt about Shrove Tuesday. They had a choice of toppings; lemon and sugar, orange segments or plain pancakes. They used the new cutlery to eat their pancakes. We linked making pancakes to our new topics 'Food from the Farm' for our Caterpillars and 'Down on the Farm' for the Butterflies. We explored where flour, eggs and milk come from and took it in turns to toss pancakes in a pan.

As the sunshine made a surprise appearance, our beautiful Spring bulbs came into bloom bringing insects such as bees and bumble bees to our garden. The children were fascinated by the size of the bumble bee! We explored making structures and enclosures using wooden dominoes and wooden blocks. Chelsi from Little Robins Gymnastics Club ran another amazing gym session where the class were introduced to Hopscotch and used a springboard to jump on to a box. What a busy week!





## 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 20<sup>th</sup> March?!



## Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	School Nurse Drop In 9.30 – 10.30am	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately one hour)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day and Stories at 6 (6-6.30pm)	<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 4 Residential – Hooke Court
<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 visit to Dorchester Museum	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Preschool family Celebration 2-3pm	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	INSET Day – school closed to children
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parent Interviews Year 1, 2 and 3	<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	INSET Day – school closed to children <b>(apologies this date was missed off before half term)</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parent Interviews Year 4	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Class Photos	<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Miles for Mosaic Fundraiser
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reception Class – Height and Weight check - National Child Measurement Programme
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Children Clothes Swap	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Parent Drop In 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Comic Relief Fundraiser	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Day Celebrations 1.15pm – 3pm (approximately) – all families and relatives are welcome
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 3 and 4 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately 45 minutes)	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Reserve May Day Celebrations 1.15pm (if wet on 20 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Preschool Stay and Play 2-3pm	<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Half Term