



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,

A huge well done to the children at Frome Valley who led a beautiful Harvest Festival filled with songs, poems, and hymns – all reminding us to be thankful for the food we have and for those who grow, produce, and provide it.

It was wonderful to have the whole community together in St Aldhelm's Church- parents and carers, staff, children, governors and members of the local community and parish.

Thank you to all the families who generously donated food for the Dorchester Food Bank. We will still collect items up until the half term break. Your kindness makes a real difference!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Moore



Harvest Prayer

Faithful, loving God,
at harvest time I pause to remember your goodness.

Thank you for the wonderful things I have:
the beauty of your creation,
the kindness of others and
the hope you give me in every season of my life.

I'm grateful for moments of joy,
for the people who walk with me in life and
for your love.

Help me to hold onto that gratitude,
even during hard times,
and to share that hope with other people.
Amen.



Stars of the Week



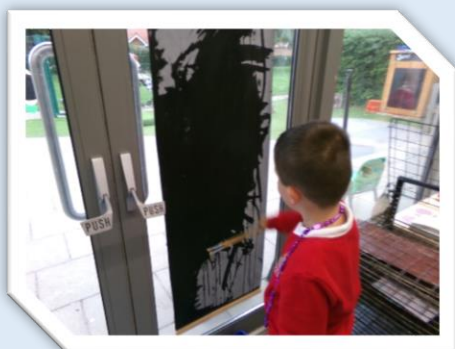
Year 1	Ellis
Year 2	Bo
Year 3	Hunter
Year 4	Joel Ph

Science Week

Just to let parents know, we have rescheduled our Special School Week on Science due to take place next week. This will be rearranged for another time later in the year.

Reception Class News

This week in Reception class we have been working on teamwork and collaboration. The children have been working together to build, create and explore. They have also been trying hard to keep our learning environment clean and tidy – showing themselves to be very responsible! The children have taken part in a wide variety of mark making activities this week but painting their hands to make handprints was definitely the most popular.



Year 3 News

Year 3 have been learning about why the Stone Age is called the Stone Age! We were so lucky to have the opportunity to handle real Stone Age artefacts and tools, borrowed from the Museum of East Dorset in Wimborne. We noticed how the tools became more refined over the three periods of the Stone Age. Large hand axes became sharper with smoother surfaces. Spear and arrow heads became smaller and sharper. We handled flint scrapers that had been knapped from larger stones, as well as items that may have been used as spiritual or decorative items.

The amazing thing about the Stone Age people is that they could do so much without any electricity or technology. However, we only have artefacts to give us clues about how they lived, as nothing was written down - that is why it is called "Prehistoric"!



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

14th Oct	Open Morning for parents of children starting school Sep 2026 9.30am-11am	3rd Dec	Preschool Stay and Play 9-10am
14th Oct	Parent Drop In 8.15-8.40am & 2.15-3pm	4th Dec	Christingle Service – 2.15pm
16th Oct	Years 3 & 4 Literacy Festival	9th – 10th Dec	Parent Interviews – Reception Class
22nd, 23rd and 24th Oct	INSET Days – school closed to children	10th Dec	Nativity Service – Preschool and Reception Class -9.10am
27th–31st Oct	Half Term	10th – 14th Dec	Anti Bullying Week
3rd Nov	Individual School Photos	11th Dec	Carols by Candlelight 6pm – all welcome
4th Nov	School Nurse Drop In 9.30 – 10.30am	15th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1 – 4 9.10am
4th Nov	Preschool Stay and Play 2-3pm	16th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1-4 -2pm
7th Nov	Road Safety Awareness with First Bus	18th Dec	Last Day of Term
10th – 13th Nov	Parent Interviews Years 1 -4	19th Dec	INSET Day – school closed to children
12th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.15pm – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 – all welcome	22nd Dec – 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
19th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm – Years 3 & 4 – all welcome	5th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
21st Nov	Children In Need Fundraiser		

Parent Drop In – Tuesday 14th October

This term's parent drop in takes place next **Tuesday 14th October**. This is when you are able to drop in and look at your child's work and let them show you, their classroom. If you would then like to speak to the teacher, just let the teacher know. Please remember that if you wish to speak to your child's teacher for longer than a few minutes then we are happy to arrange a separate time.

For drop-ins, there is an early morning session from **8.15 - 8.40am** and an afternoon session from **2.15 - 3pm**.

You can drop in at any time during this session, and we look forward to seeing you there

Preschool News

This week our Caterpillars and Butterflies have been busy exploring colour mixing using primary colours. They have used different textures such as shaving foam, gloop and poster paints. The children have shown great enthusiasm! They also completed an Autumn Walk in the school grounds finding lots of exciting objects. The children showed great pride in sharing with their peers what they had found. The week ended with a shape hunt, looking for basic 2D shapes in our environment.



Year 4 News

Year 4 have been learning about effective composition in art. They have been inspired by the artist Beatriz Milhazes and have created their own wonderful collages out of materials found at home and around the classroom.



Cleaning Vacancy

Our contract cleaning company (Churchill) are currently recruiting for a cleaner for school. The vacancy is for 2 hours per day from 4.30 – 6.30pm. Further details and the link to apply is: <https://www.churchillservices.com/job/6596/>

What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be continuing with our daily phonics lessons and learning the letter sounds u,f,e and l. The letter sounds we have learnt so far and will continue to recap are: m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k and b.	In Literacy, we will be starting our new text: Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max.	In Literacy, we will use our inference skills to consider how the Bear is feeling in the story.	In Literacy, we will be planning and writing our own "suspense" story, based on our text "Black Dog".	In Literacy, we will be exploring the text of The Mermaid of Zennor further by writing letters and retelling the story.
In Numeracy, we will be exploring and creating simple patterns, including going on a 'pattern walk' around the school grounds to look for different shapes and patterns.	In Numeracy, we are learning to write and understand addition number equations to 10.	In Numeracy, we will use our number bond knowledge to work out bonds to 100.	In Numeracy, we will continue adding 2- and 3-digit numbers using a formal written method. We will focus on exchanging 10 ones for 1 ten.	In Numeracy, we are learning to subtract two numbers up to 1,000 mentally and using column subtraction.
Through our topic 'Me and My Community' we will be thinking about people in our community who help us. If any parents work in 'helping' roles and would be happy to come and speak to the children about their job please speak to Mrs Bell.	In Computing, we are learning to use a keyboard to type into a program (paintz.app).	In Science, we will begin looking at different types of materials and what they are used for.	In History, we will learn what life was like in the Paleolithic and Mesolithic Eras (Old and Middle Stone Ages).	In Science, we will begin our new unit of States of Matter: solids, liquids and gases.

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