



# 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,

Collective Worship is a central part of daily life in a Church of England school. It provides children with time and space to reflect, be still, and explore Christian values within a supportive community. Worship is inclusive and invitational, offering all pupils – of all faiths or none – the opportunity to engage at their own level.

On Wednesday, the children took part in a thoughtful Collective Worship in the church, led by Mr. Greenman. The session focused on our core value of Perseverance, encouraging pupils to reflect on what it means to keep trying, stay resilient, and support one another even when things feel challenging. The children responded beautifully and shared some wonderful examples from their own experiences.

On Thursday, we also enjoyed another engaging session of Open the Book. The team shared two stories with the children:

### **Story 51 - Star Gazers**

*Star Gazers* is a retelling of the visit of the Wise Men (Magi) who follow a star to find Jesus. The story highlights wonder, searching for truth, and recognising Jesus' importance.

### **Story 52 - Where's Jesus?**

This story is a retelling of the moment when 12yearold Jesus is accidentally left behind in Jerusalem, found in Luke 2:41-52. The story emphasises curiosity, spiritual growth, and Jesus' deep connection with God.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our school community flourish.

Warm regards,

Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week	
Reception	Ella
Year 1	Gabi
Year 2	Kingsley
Year 3	Darcie B
Year 4	Alfie



**Parent Drop In**

A reminder that we have a parent drop-in next **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**. A morning session from 8.15 – 8.40am and an afternoon one from 2.15 – 3pm. 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

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

**Year 4 – Wessex Singing Festival**

Year 4 had their first music lesson with Mrs Trevorrow in preparation for the exciting concert at Thomas Hardy on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm. They all sang beautifully and we cannot wait to see them all up on the big stage soon!



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!			
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parent Drop in 8.15- 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Class Photos
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Special School Week - History	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Comic Relief Fundraiser
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3 and 4 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately 45 minutes)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day and Stories at 6 (6-6.30pm)	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately one hour)
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 visit to Dorchester Museum	25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4 Residential – Hooke Court
16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Interviews Year 1, 2 and 3	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Holidays
17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Interviews Year 4	13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	INSET Day – school closed to children

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

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be continuing to read <i>The Night Pirates</i> . We will be writing lists of different types of treasure.	In Literacy, we will be focusing on plurals in words. We will also be creating mermaid accessories and costumes and using adjectives to 'sell them' to our friends.	In Literacy, we will begin a new text, 'Tadpole's Promise' by Jeanne Willis. We will begin by writing short explanation texts, about how things change.	In Literacy, we will be learning how to use the "present perfect" tense.	In Literacy, we are planning and writing our own story using <i>Frindleswyde</i> by Natalia and Lauren O'Hara as a stimulus.
In Mathematics we will be continuing to use ten frames to practice counting items carefully up to 10.	In Numeracy, we are learning how to compare capacity.	In Numeracy, we are beginning our block of work on multiplication and division. Starting with recognising and making equal groups.	In Numeracy, we will continue to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, using a formal written method.	In Numeracy, we are learning to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers.
In RE, we will be thinking about how we can help our friends at school.	In Music, we are learning to play different percussion instruments.	In Science, we will look at plants and the things they need to grow. We will carry out our own investigations to find out what they need.	In PE lessons, we are learning how to jump on and off a skateboard. This requires great balance and control!	In Art, we are learning how to paint using tints and shading.

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

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



## Preschool News

Preschool began their week with a visit to the forest school area. They explored the environment walking through the squelchy mud, lifting logs to hunt for minibeasts, played in the mud kitchen and climbed trees. It was fantastic to see our Caterpillars and Butterflies enjoying the outside space. We've made the most of the wet weather this week, playing in the ginormous puddle in our outside space, jumping, scooping and pouring water down the guttering. We made birdfeeders using pine cones, seeds and butter. Once set, our children will hang them around the outside space to welcome our little visitors to the garden. We've been busy crafting, creating handprint dinosaurs and flying pterodactyls. It's lovely to see our Butterflies working collaboratively in the garden area building and balancing using crates and tyres.



## Year 3 News

Year 3 children (and staff!) are loving our PE lessons on a Monday. We are lucky that Alex, a skateboarding coach, has returned to Frome Valley to teach us how to skateboard. This week, unfortunately, the rain meant that we had to be in the hall, but it didn't dampen our enthusiasm! We practised balancing on one foot while occasionally pushing along with the other. We also learned a new skill, which involved tipping the board by leaning our weight one way and then the other. The most courageous pupils also tried to spin on the spot, either by making half-turn or repeated mini-turns. Well done Year 3!



## History Week – Bringing Our Curriculum to Life!

We are delighted to share that from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the whole school will be taking part in History Week. An exciting opportunity for children to deepen their understanding of the past and bring our History curriculum to life through hands-on, immersive experiences.

As part of our celebration, children are invited to come to school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February in fancy dress linked to their year group's current History topic. These themes reflect areas of learning from our curriculum and help children step into the shoes of the people they are studying.

### Costume Themes by Year Group

#### Reception – Pirates

Linked to their topic on early exploration and storytelling. Children can come dressed in simple items such as an eye patch, belt, pirate hat or bandana.

#### Years 1 & 2 – Explorers

Supporting their curriculum focus on significant explorers and journeys, children are invited to wear adventure ready clothing such as a backpack, binoculars and outdoor gear.

#### Year 3 – Evacuees

As part of their learning on World War II, Year 3 will explore what life was like for evacuee children. Simple costumes might include old fashioned clothing and a name tag.

#### Year 4 – Romans

Year 4 are studying Roman Britain. Children can come dressed in Roman inspired outfits such as a toga (made from a sheet), a leaf crown or Roman helmet.

This special week gives pupils the chance to engage actively with the past, make meaningful connections to their classroom learning and develop a deeper appreciation of the people, events and cultures that have shaped our world.

We look forward to a fantastic week of discovery and creativity!

## Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear Families,

I am writing to you as your new chair of governors. I look forward to continuing with my role as a governor and working with the staff at pupils at Frome Valley as chair.

This week my fellow governors and I enjoyed a super morning in school on Wednesday. We were able to see all the children throughout the school doing their phonics learning. Then Mrs Ashby told us all about how it works and how they organise the children for their learning. We got to talk to the children with their writing books all about their favourite pieces of work and the things they are proud of at school.

We got to see Collective Worship and learnt all about the school's value of 'perseverance'. The children were very good at thinking about things they had done that took perseverance or will do in the future.

Thank you so much to everyone who made this morning possible. It was a joy to be part of the school for the morning, seeing the children learning and talking to the teachers.

If you want to get in touch with us, use our email address: [governors@frome.wessex.ac](mailto:governors@frome.wessex.ac)

Many thanks,  
Mrs De Bardi