



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,

As we come to the end of a particularly extraordinary week, during which we had to implement a partial school closure due to the extreme heat, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere thanks for your support, understanding and flexibility.

I recognise that the changes to normal routines and childcare arrangements may have caused difficulties for many families, and I am incredibly grateful for the patience and cooperation shown by our parents and carers. Your willingness to work with us during these exceptional circumstances has helped us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff while maintaining as much continuity as possible.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our fantastic staff team. Their professionalism and adaptability have been exceptional. Staff have gone above and beyond to support our pupils and one another, often working under difficult circumstances with positivity and good humour. We are extremely fortunate to have such a talented and caring team, and I am immensely proud of everything they have achieved this week.

It was wonderful to come together on Tuesday for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Celebration Assembly. It was a real pleasure to recognise and celebrate the progress and successes of our youngest pupils. The children's enthusiasm and pride in their accomplishments shone through, and it was lovely to share these special moments with families. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year.

Finally, please take a moment to review the school calendar at the end of this newsletter. Due to the disruption caused by this week's extreme heat and the resulting partial closure, a number of events have been rescheduled and some dates have changed. We would appreciate your support in checking these carefully and updating your diaries accordingly.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Reception	Bella
Year 1	Caden
Year 2	Liylah
Year 3	Darcie H
Year 4	Emma

Parent Drop In – Change of Date

Please be aware that the date for the parent drop in next week has been changed to **Wednesday 1st July**.



Sports Day

Sports Day, for the Preschool and Reception Class will be taking place on:
Tuesday 30th June: 9.15am

All parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us. We anticipate it lasting around one hour.

On the day, we would like all children in the Reception class to come to school wearing their P.E kit and trainers. A reminder that the P.E kit is black shorts with a white T-shirt (no football shirts) We do have lots of items in our preloved rail for anyone that requires these items.

Please can parents remember sunhats, sun cream or if the weather is like this week– maybe a jumper!

Eco Day

Wednesday 15th July 2026



On the day....

Clothes Swap- each child may bring in unwanted items of children's clothing, aged 4-10 years, which they can then trade for 'new-to-you' items of clothing.

Please, no school uniform- we can take this as separate donations at the office.

Eco Craft- children will be learning about the importance of bees and making all things bees with re-useable and recycled materials.

Eco Outdoors- children will explore and learn about our special nature areas.

Eco Science- sessions with class teachers.

2pm Families come and join us on the school field for an

Eco Quiz and Scavenger Hunt

With by **Refreshments by the PTFA** including Fairtrade Tea and Coffee

And raising of the new Eco Schools flag!

Donations needed:



Cakes for PTFA please bring on the day.

Please bring to Year 4 asap:

Newspaper



Cardboard (thick brown)



Toilet rolls



Join the free 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat at your local library

Your child (age 4–11) can join the **Summer Reading Challenge** this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!

- set a reading goal
- read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks, picture books, and more
- join in with library events
- Earn stickers, rewards and even a certificate

Starts 4 July in England & Wales

It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun!

Read to the Beat is available from all Dorset libraries from 4 July – check library opening times and What's on activities [Libraries - Dorset Council](#)

For fun digital activities and book recommendations, take a look online:
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Preschool News

Our week began observing the changes in our caterpillar cup. Over the weekend, the caterpillars created their chrysalis. The children were fascinated with the changes and are very excited for the next stage of the life cycle. On the craft table, we've used egg cartons to create caterpillars and paper and paint sticks to make beautiful butterflies. This craft is a two-stage process to show the life cycle of a butterfly. We have taken advantage of the outside space, having picnic lunches in the shade, playing parachute games to keep us cool and had lots of water play! We have spent a lot of time looking at books and exploring jigsaw puzzles to keep the children calm and cool whilst inside. Our children have coped incredibly well in the heat. Thank you to our families for ensuring their child attended with everything needed to keep them safe whilst playing and exploring. We look forward to our Sports Day next **Tuesday 30th June!**





Warm Weather

A reminder to all families that every child must have a hat in school to wear on sunny days. If they don't, they are unable to go outside at breaktime and lunchtime. Thank you for your help.



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

29th and 30th June	Reception Class – Parent Interviews	15th July	Eco Day
30th June	Preschool and Reception Class Sports Day 9.15am (will last approximately 45 minutes)	16th July	Preschool Leavers Assembly 3.15pm
1st July	Parent Drop In (Years 1-4 only) 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm New Date	16th July	Reception Class trip to Moors Valley
7th July	Transfer Day	16th July	Year 4 Leavers trip to Moors Valley
8th July	Year 4 Performance 2pm	17th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly 2pm
9th July	Year 4 Performance 6pm	20th July – 31st August	Summer Holidays
13th July	Preschool Summer Outing	1st Sep	INSET Day – school closed to children
14th July	Year 3 and 4 Celebration Assembly 9am (will last approximately 30 minutes) New Date	2nd Sep	Children return to school

What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we are reading 'Super Milly and The Super School Day' and talking about transition to year 1.	In Literacy, we will be putting our phonics into practice by reading a short passage and answering comprehension questions.	In Literacy, we will compare London today with London in the past using comparative language.	In Literacy, we will sequence and retell key events in a story.	In Literacy, we are finishing writing and editing own fantasy adventure story based on The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe.
In Numeracy, we are drawing maps based on our favourite story journeys, such as Little Red Riding Hood.	In Numeracy, we will be solving missing number equations using our addition and subtraction skills.	In Numeracy, we will create block diagrams to illustrate our recorded data.	In Numeracy, we are solving problems involving time.	In Numeracy, we are learning about position and direction.
In Science, we are investigating floating and sinking.	In Computing, we will be using the App 'Scratch' to learn about programming.	In Computing, we will be creating our own quizzes on Scratch Junior.	In RE, we will be exploring the question: Is the cross a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for some Christians?	In Music, we will be rehearsing for our performance of Pirates VS Mermaids.

Do ask your child about their learning!

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