



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,

What a wonderful morning we had on Wednesday, 10th December, as our Preschool and Reception children took to the stage for their Nativity performance!

The children were absolutely fantastic- their confidence, enthusiasm and joy shone through every moment. From the heartfelt singing to the charming acting, they brought the Christmas story to life in such a special way. It was a delight to see how much effort they had put into learning the songs, and how beautifully they worked together as a team.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their creativity and hard work in preparing the children, and to our families for your support and encouragement. Your presence made the occasion even more memorable.

On Thursday evening, our Year 3 and Year 4 choir treated us to a beautiful Carols by Candlelight performance. Their voices filled the hall with warmth and festive cheer, creating a truly magical atmosphere. A special thank you to Mrs Johnstone for her dedication and guidance in preparing the choir.

These performances truly capture the spirit of our school – nurturing confidence, celebrating talent, and creating lasting memories.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Reception	Elsie
Year 1	Albie
Year 2	Louie
Year 3	Logan
Year 4	Lauryn

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that has returned their completed questionnaire. Your opinions really do matter to us. Please can any further forms be returned to school by the end of next week. There is a box outside the office for forms to be popped into. Thank you.

Week beginning 12/12/2025

Welcome to Frome Valley - Prospective Preschool & Reception Parents September 2026

The application process for Reception & Preschool admissions in 2026-27 is now open.

If you are looking for a school place for your child during the current year or to start in September 2026, please contact the school and we will arrange a tour with a member of the Leadership Team.

Last day of Term

The last day of term, Thursday 18th December, is a party day with a special party lunch! For the day, children can wear play clothes. The lunch is provided by school and will consist of sandwiches, pizza, sausages, crisps cakes and lots of other goodies.



If any children have any food allergies that we may not be aware of (gluten, dairy) or food preference e.g. vegan, vegetarian, please let us know as soon as possible.

Nativity Services

Years 1–4: Monday 15th December 9.10am and Tuesday 16th December 2pm.

We know that all services will be very popular and we therefore ask parents, relatives and friends to only attend one of the services. After the morning service, coffee and mince pies will be available to parents.



What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be writing about the Christmas Story.	In Literacy, we will be working on reading real and 'alien' words that include the sounds we have been working on.	In Literacy, we will complete our wolf fact files and 'publish' them for display in the classroom.	In Literacy, we will finish our newspaper report on the Tear Thief.	In Literacy, we will finishing writing a formal explanation text using the text Until I Met Dudley as stimulus.
In Numeracy, we will be practicing putting numbers in the correct order.	In Numeracy, we will be using our addition and subtraction knowledge to solve Christmas maths problems.	In Numeracy, we will continue to learn about shape, looking at symmetry and rotating shapes.	In Numeracy, we will learn about arrays and equal groups.	In Numeracy, we will be learning how to find the area and perimeter of shapes.
In Art & Design, we will be making our own Christmas cards.	In RE, we will be continuing to look at the Jewish faith, in particular different 'mitzvahs' or good deeds.	In Science, we will complete our work on humans and how diet and exercise help to keep us healthy.	In DT, we will continue sewing our Christmas decorations.	In Art, we will be creating a hand-made Christmas card.

Do ask your child about their learning!

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

Preschool and Reception Class Nativity

Thank you to everyone that came to the Nativity performance on Wednesday. We are sure you will agree that it was truly heart-warming.



Year 1 News

Year 1 have been busily practicing our Nativity to show you on Monday and Tuesday next week. Year 1 are the main parts from The Nativity Story. Amelia and Rex from Year 2 are the narrators and this year, each year group from Year 1 to Year 4 get up on the stage to sing and perform one of the songs to you. We can't wait to show you all of our hard work!



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

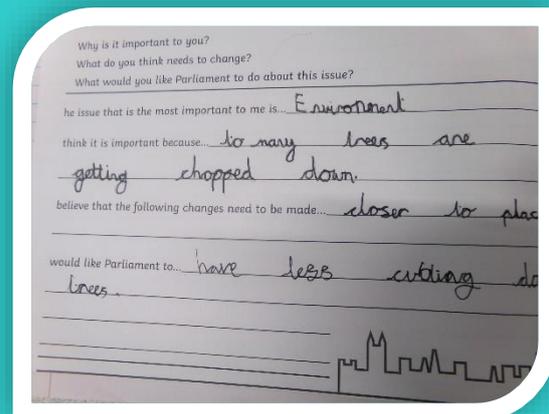
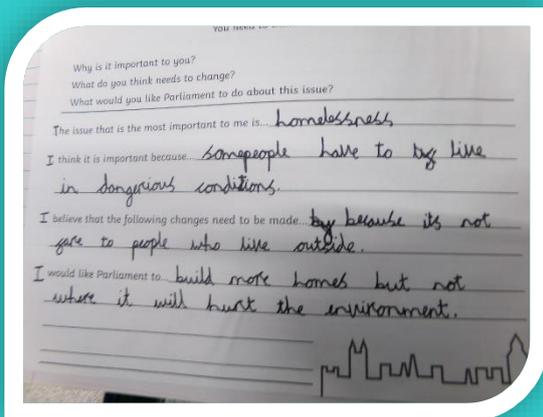
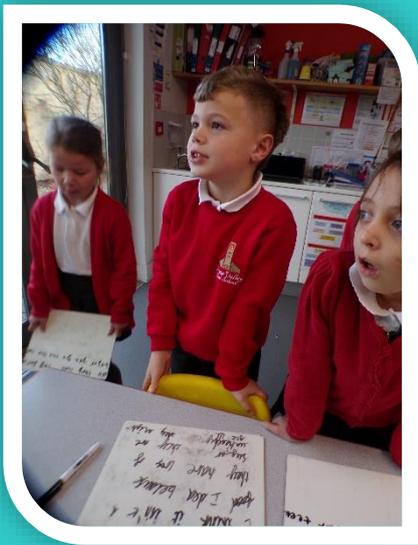
15 th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1– 4 9.10am	19 th Dec	INSET Day – school closed to children
16 th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1-4 - 2pm	22 nd Dec – 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
18 th Dec	Preschool Festive Party 10.30am – 12.30pm	5 th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
18 th Dec	Last Day of Term Party Lunch for children		

UK Parliament Week

Frome Valley pupils have celebrated UK Parliament week. UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is an annual event, spreading the word about what Parliament is and what it does. Last year over 2.4 million people took part in every nation and region of the UK, and countries all over the world.

The school council started the week with an assembly, explaining about the Houses of Parliament, the government and Members of Parliaments. Each year group enjoyed different activities, such as learning where the Houses of Parliament are located, finding out about the assemblies in Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland, debating, voting and campaigning about local issues.

It was a great success and we have definitely learned more about democracy and how the country is governed.



Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is now in school until **Wednesday 17th December**. Everyone can bring their cards into school and post them in the box. **Please remember to write the child's name or adult's name and the year group on the card** so we can deliver the cards to the right people!!



Christmas Tree

We were very kindly donated a real Christmas tree by Dobbies Garden Centre, which is in our Preschool room.

Would anyone like the tree from next Thursday. If yes, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.



Eco Schools Committee News

As part of our eco schools **action plan** on helping **Marine Life**, we continue to raise awareness on not using one-use plastic.

The focus being: **no cling-film in lunch boxes!**

We have made a baseline count of how many children are currently using cling film in lunch boxes and we were pleased to find numbers were low but we will continue to monitor this each month in **the hope that all cling-film disappears from use in school.**

Currently:

Year 1 uses the least cling-film **WELL DONE!**

Year 4 use the most cling-film **LET'S REDUCE THIS**



Instead, you could use:

- **Plastic pots**
- **Tin foil** (this can go in your recycling at home)
- **Beeswax wraps**



Can we get rid of cling-film for good?! Yes, please, thank you!

The Eco School Committee.

Preschool News

This week Preschool have continued their focus on Christmas. They've been busy at the creative table crafting some fantastic Christmas decorations. We've loved celebrating their creations by hanging them on our Christmas tree. We are incredibly proud of all our children who sang their hearts out at the Early Years Nativity Service. On Thursday, our class wore their Christmas Jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day. It was lovely to see the children's excitement wearing their lovely jumpers to Preschool!

We used the Unifix cubes during Fiddly Fingers activities to build tall towers, practice our one-to-one counting and for our Butterflies, they are beginning to show an understanding of the Cardinal Principle (knowing the last number they reached when counting tells them how many cubes were in their tower). Amazing mathematical skills!



Year 3 News

This week, Year 3 joined the Royal Ballet and Opera for an on-line lesson about opera. The Royal Ballet and Opera (RBO) presented a fantastic online lesson based on Mozart's "The Magic Flute". We were taught opera basics, experienced singing famous arias like Papageno's and even explored stage design. This interactive session featured real Royal Opera House artists. Year 3 loved listening to and joining in with the opera in our classroom.

