



Frome Valley First School & Preschool News Weekly



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

Collective Worship: The Value of Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, we gathered in church for a very special Collective Worship session focussed on one of our core school values: **Respect**. It was a thoughtful and uplifting service that brought our whole school community together.

We were delighted to be led by Lay Minister Will Spackman, who guided us through a reflection on what respect truly means – both in the teachings of Jesus and in our everyday interactions. Will shared engaging stories and encouraged the children to think about how respect can be shown in simple but meaningful ways: through our words, our choices, and how we treat one another.

The children listened beautifully and offered wonderful examples of respect in action – from supporting friends, to caring for the school environment, to showing kindness towards those who may feel left out. Their contributions reflected the strong values we see lived out across our school every day.

A warm thank you goes to Will for leading such an inspiring and child-centred service, and to the church team and staff for helping to create such a welcoming and reflective atmosphere. As we continue through the term, we will build on this theme in school, encouraging every child to show respect not only in what they say, but in the way they act at home, in school, and within the wider community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Moore
Head of School

Stars of the Week



Reception	Evie
Year 1	Elliot
Year 2	Freya
Year 3	Fern
Year 4	Leo

School Nurse Drop In

The school nurse has her next 'Drop In' on **Tuesday 3rd March from 9.30 – 10.30am.**

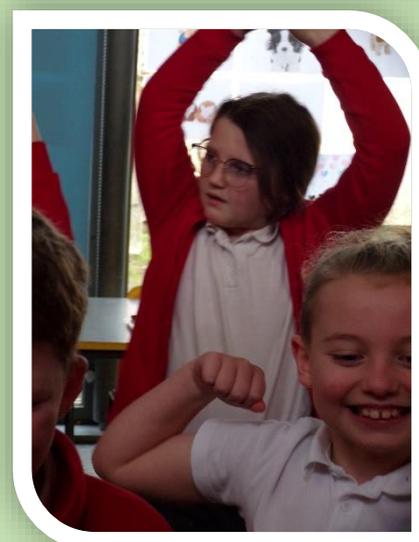
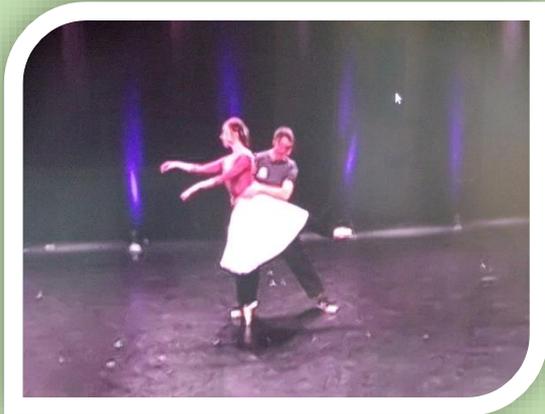
This time we are trialling booked appointment times.

If you would like an appointment with Emma (school nurse), please contact the school office.

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Year 3 News

Following the success of the previous Royal Ballet and Opera live lessons, Year 3 were delighted to join in with the Royal Ballet once again. We travelled in a time machine to various eras and places, including the time of the dinosaurs, the Palace of Versailles, Alice in Wonderland and Swan Lake. The children loved performing the movements and facial expressions, led by real dancers and choreographers. In addition, we learnt about how ballet shoes and costumes are designed and made, and looked behind the scenes at the props department, lighting and scenery design. We even watched a prop sword being fabricated. I wonder if any of these jobs might inspire the children in their future careers. Mrs Ashby kindly brought her own ballet pointe shoes into school so that the pupils could see how they look in real life.



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

With News Weekly, we are also emailing home information on 'World Book Day' which is on Thursday 5th March. If anyone can help with the library walks on the day, we would be very grateful for your help.

Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

13th Feb	Safer Internet Day	18th Mar	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival
16th – 20th Feb	Half Term	19th Mar	Children Clothes Swap
27th Feb	NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Assemblies	20th Mar	Comic Relief Fundraiser
3rd March	School Nurse Drop In 9.30 – 10.30am	20th Mar	Year 3 and 4 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately 45 minutes)
5th March	World Book Day and Stories at 6 (6-6.30pm)	25th Mar	Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately one hour)
10th March	Year 3 visit to Dorchester Museum	25th – 27th Mar	Year 4 Residential – Hooke Court
16th – 17th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 1, 2 and 3	30th Mar – 10th Apr	Easter Holidays
17th and 24th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 4	13th Apr	INSET Day – school closed to children
17th Mar	Class Photos		

What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be having a go at writing independently, sounding out the letters we can hear in words.	In Literacy, we are beginning to write the first verse of a poem based on our book 'Julian and the Mermaid'.	In Literacy, we will be completing our own stories from the book 'Tadpole's Promise'.	In Literacy, we will plan and write a brochure for the pet shop in our story.	In Literacy, we are planning and writing a sequel to the story Frindleswyldewhats will he do next...?
In Numeracy, we will be exploring capacity by learning about floating and sinking.	In Numeracy, we are going to be describing turns. E.g. quarter turn, half turn, full turn.	In Numeracy, we will use the multiplication symbol and learn about the link between multiplication and repeated addition.	In Numeracy, we are continuing to divide, using the bus stop method.	In Numeracy, we will be using our multiplication and division skills to solve word problems.
We will be using a range of construction bricks to build our own boats.	In Art, we will be practicing using sponges and brushes for painting large areas.	In Art, we will be finishing our collages using different materials to create our images.	In Music, we will continue to learn how to play the recorder.	In Art, children will be painting a still life that showcases their own unique style.

Do ask your child about their learning!

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

Reception 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!

In Literacy next week 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 Mathematics, 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.

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.

Reception and Year 4 Buddy Time

The children in both classes had a lovely time last Friday sharing books from the library and exploring the Reception classroom together. Reception children went to the school library to choose a book and the Year 4 children then read to their buddy. It was wonderfully heart-warming to watch!



Preschool News

This week the Butterflies have explored fossils. They used fantastic language to describe the varying textures of our classroom fossils, printed the smaller ones in playdough and created their very own salt dough fossils. In PE our focus was gross motor skills climbing up and over the A frames. Our Caterpillars continue their focus of animals where this week they've explored polar animals creating fluffy polar bears in the craft area. We've extended mark-making activities by printing fantastic animal and dinosaur creations the children made using their fingertips on a painted surface. We've made great use of the new puddle suits where the children have shown great excitement puddle jumping in our ginormous puddle!



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Year 1 News

Year 1 had an exciting week as they took part in their very own **Winter Olympics**! The children immersed themselves in a range of creative, winter-themed activities designed to challenge their coordination, teamwork and imagination.

They began with some inventive *"ice skating"*, gliding across the hall using number tiles attached to their feet. This was followed by a lively game of *"ice hockey"*, where they used hockey sticks and beanbags to develop aim and control.

The children also explored *"curling"* using coloured body boards and a red marker to guide their direction. For *"skeleton"*, they lay on body boards on their tummies and steered their way carefully around cones, showing great concentration and determination. Finally, they enjoyed *"skiing"* by jumping through hoops while holding two rolls of paper as their skis—an activity that brought lots of laughter and enthusiasm!

To celebrate everyone's effort and sporting spirit, Caden proudly presented medals to all participants. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, physical activity and fun.

