



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,

It has been a real privilege to see the high-quality learning taking place across our school – from our curious Preschool children to our inquisitive Year 4s. Each classroom has been alive with learning, and it's been wonderful to witness the creativity, enthusiasm, and growth happening in every corner of Frome Valley.

The children have been busy rehearsing for our Harvest Festival that is taking place at 2pm on Thursday 9th October in the Church. They have been learning a range of fun harvest songs. Mrs Johnstone introduced the children to the Harvest Samba which we have all been singing all day!

I also spoke about resilience – a quality that helps us face challenges with courage and determination, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or beyond.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of such a vibrant school. I look forward to all the learning and joy the coming weeks will bring.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Year 1	Lophi
Year 2	Rex
Year 3	Ivy O
Year 4	Emma

Harvest Festival

A reminder that we are collecting items for Dorchester Food Bank, next week, as part of our Harvest Festival.

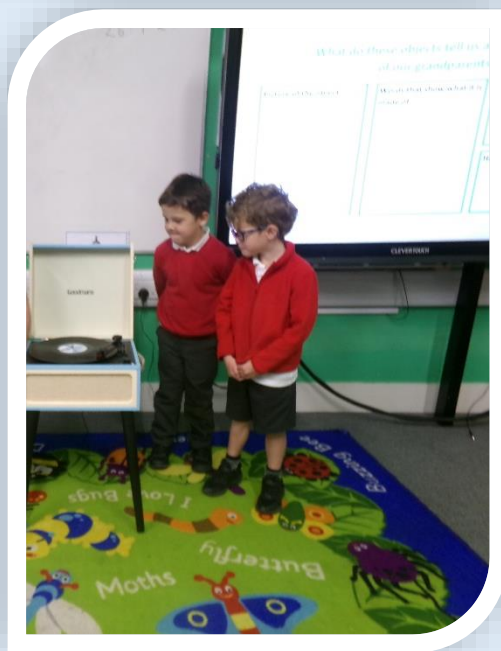
We have resent today the list of items that they are looking for.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible, friends and relatives on Thursday 9th October 2025 at 2pm for the Harvest Festival service.



Year 1 News

In History, Year 1 have been identifying the differences and similarities between things they might have at home now and things from the 1950s and 1960s. Mrs Johnstone brought in her old record vinal player, the children enjoyed dancing to the music and discussing how music is played differently in 2025!



Year 4 Literacy News

Have you heard what the Varmints are doing? Can you stop them polluting the earth and help restore nature? This is what Year 4 have been learning about as part of our Literacy unit on the Varmints story by Helen Ward.

We have grown cress, written instructions, speeches, book reviews and posters which were displayed around the school. For our final big write, we wrote explanation texts on the life cycle of trees and flowers.

We hope their efforts inspire to look after nature too!



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

6th Oct	Year 3 Parent Information Evening –3.20pm and 5pm on homework	10th – 13th Nov	Parent Interviews Years 1 -4
7th Oct	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am – all welcome	12th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.15pm – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 – all welcome
8th Oct	Reception Class -Read Write Inc – Parent Information Evening 3.30pm and 6pm	19th Nov	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm – Years 3 & 4 – all welcome
9th & 14th Oct	Open Morning for parents of children starting school Sep 2026 9.30am-11am	21st Nov	Children In Need Fundraiser
9th Oct	Harvest Festival 2.pm St Aldhelm's Church– all welcome	3rd Dec	Preschool Stay and Play 9-10am
10th Oct	Flu vaccinations	4th Dec	Christingle Service – 2.15pm
10th Oct	PTFA AGM 3.15pm – all welcome	9th – 10th Dec	Parent Interviews – Reception Class
14th Oct	Parent Drop In 8.15-8.40am & 2.15-3pm	10th Dec	Nativity Service – Preschool and Reception Class -9.10am
15th -17th Oct	Special School Week - Science	10th – 14th Dec	Anti Bullying Week
16th Oct	Years 3 & 4 Literacy Festival	11th Dec	Carols by Candlelight 6pm – all welcome
22nd, 23rd and 24th Oct	INSET Days – school closed to children	15th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1 – 4 9.10am
27th–31st Oct	Half Term	16th Dec	Nativity Service – Years 1-4 -2pm
3rd Nov	Individual School Photos	18th Dec	Last Day of Term
4th Nov	School Nurse Drop In 9.30 – 10.30am	19th Dec	INSET Day – school closed to children
4th Nov	Preschool Stay and Play 2-3pm	22nd Dec – 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
7th Nov	Road Safety Awareness with First Bus	5th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children

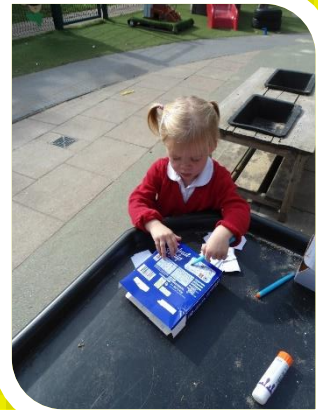
Preschool News

This week Butterflies continued their focus on 'Our Bodies'. They learned that they have bones inside their bodies that help create their shape and enable them to stand, walk and run! Some of the children could tell us that these bones make up our skeleton and without them we would "Wobble like a jelly!"

We've opened a junk modelling station where both Caterpillars and Butterflies have used their imaginations to create some amazing models using gloopy glue, cellotape, scissors and a variety of different boxes.

The Caterpillars have explored the outside space playing Ready, Steady Go games. They have been sharing their photo albums with peers and adults, identifying people who are important to them.

We have also loved hearing some amazing language and enthusiasm when our Caterpillars share their thoughts in the classroom.



Year 3 Trip

On Tuesday, Year 3 went on their first school trip of the academic year. We travelled by train to Dorchester and then walked to Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The reason for our visit was to find out how different Christians are reconciled with God.

We were warmly welcomed there by Father Francis and Deacon Jonathon, who told us about confession, which means asking for forgiveness. We enjoyed hearing about the different features of the church, such as the sanctuary lamp and the confessional screen. After some activities to help us understand about washing away sin (mending mistakes and saying sorry) and a treasure hunt around the church, we were delighted (and surprised) to be given cake and squash to sustain us on our return trip!

It was lucky that we had eaten an extra snack, as our return train was cancelled due to a barrier fault further up the line! Thankfully, the clerk at the ticket office in Dorchester sprang to our rescue with activity books and crayons for each pupil, as well as access to the disabled toilet so that we didn't have to use the general public toilet.

After waiting for about an hour, a kind guard (on a train heading in the correct direction) managed to secure us an unscheduled stop at Moreton! What an adventure!

Thank you so much to our three parent helpers - We couldn't have done it without you.
Mrs Croft



What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we are writing our own story 'The Further Adventures of The Naughty Bus'.	In Literacy, we will begin our new text 'The Bear and the Piano'. Looking at sequencing the story.	In Literacy, we will continue reading "Black Dog". We will be writing expanded noun phrases.	In Literacy, we are writing our explanation texts about flowering plants in best- we have done such a good job of writing them! Next, we will begin our new text The Mermaid of Zennor!
In Numeracy, we will be introducing the terms: 'part' and 'whole', for example: 3 is a part. 4 is a part. The whole is 7.	In Numeracy, we will be working on bonds to 10 and 20.	In Numeracy, we will start to add numbers using a formal column method.	In Numeracy, we are learning to add two numbers up to 1,000 mentally and using column addition.
In PE, we are learning about different ways of travelling, including skipping, hopping and galloping.	In Art, we will be working on our observational skills to create sketches. This will include learning sketching techniques and how to refine our work.	In DT, we will learn why some fruit and vegetables do not grow in the UK.	In Science, we will consolidate our learning about classifying animals and plants by collecting and analysing data.
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