



Dear Parent/ Carer,

This week in assembly we have been thinking about what Ramadan is and how long it lasts, sharing a video from 11 year old Sara, a young Muslim. We have also been learning new spring and Easter songs for our Easter Service. This year we are attending St Michael's Church for our Easter Service at 2pm on Thursday 2nd April, rather than holding it in school. All parents are welcome to attend. Reverend Sarah will be leading the service. The children will all be involved with whole school singing, some artwork created by the younger children will be shared, some children at the top of the school will join in with readings. This service will differ from Christmas in the church, as classes will not be taking to the stage to perform a song. If you are able to volunteer to help us walk safely down to church, please speak to your child's teacher. We would ask parents walking down to church with us to park in the school carpark so that they can help us safely escort children back to school after the service. Thank you.

Mrs Stoddart



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The school council led a joke filled assembly to celebrate this year's Red Nose Day. They explained to the rest of the school the importance of supporting this cause that raises funds to tackle poverty and social injustice in the UK and abroad. Please donate on the link above. Each class had voted on their favourite joke and the chosen pupil came up to tell their joke to the rest of the school.

"I'm making a book about how to fall down the stairs.  
It's a step-by-step guide."  
Rafa, Class 3



"Why did the hedgehog cross the road?  
To see his flat mate!"

Rory, Class 5



Class 2 have been making the most of the lovely sunshine this week by taking their learning outdoors. The children enjoyed exploring the school grounds to spot and sketch signs of spring, before using their observations to create beautiful paintings of spring flowers.



In RE, Class 2 have also continued learning about the Easter story, using drama to act out and explore key parts of the story in an engaging and meaningful way.

Mrs Hart

### Diary Dates

#### Forest School Thursdays

\*\*Class 6 26th March  
\*\*Pre-school 2nd April  
Class 5 23rd April  
Class 4 30th April  
Class 3 7th May  
Class 2 14th May  
\*\*Change of dates

#### Class 5 & 6 Met Office Workshops

Tuesday 24th March

#### Reception Class Parents' Evening 2

Thursday 26th March  
3.30pm—6pm

#### Class 4 Trip to Milverton village

Friday 27th March

#### Choir to attend Come and Sing Event at Wellington School

Wednesday 1st April

#### Easter Service at St Michael's Church

Thursday 2nd April at 2pm  
All welcome

#### Easter Holiday

Friday 3rd to Friday 17th April

#### Inset Day

Monday 20th April

#### Class 3 start swimming at Wiveliscombe Pool

Weds 22nd April

#### Art Exhibition after school

Thursday 23rd April

#### Parent Forum

Friday 24th April at 2pm  
All welcome

#### Class 3 & 4 Trip to Roman Baths

Monday 27th April

#### Class 1 Sports Festival at Kingsmead

Friday 1st May

#### May Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May

#### Class 5 Residential to Kilve

Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th May

# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

**GOOD JOB!**

Preschool	<b>Trixie</b> for your amazing growth in confidence at Pre-school
Class R	<b>Myles</b> for your fantastic attitude to literacy every day and your enthusiastic sharing of knowledge.
Class 1	<b>Hugo</b> for your excellent effort in Maths.
Class 2	<b>Lovelace, Felicity and Ella</b> for carrying out extensive research about Mexico to help them complete excellent pieces of non-fiction writing in English. <b>Finn</b> for your superb effort and mature attitude to your learning recently. Well done everyone!
Class 3	<b>Maisie and Toby</b> for your hard work and making incredible progress in your learning.
Class 4	<b>Elena</b> for your focus and hard work in English this week
Class 5	<b>Nola</b> for working so hard to catch up on your writing this week.



Class 1 had a great time at Forest School and just about kept dry! We enjoyed making and playing on swings, building dens, being very creative in the muddy kitchen. We were lucky enough to get our first glimpse of the frogspawn in our pond. We are very excited to watch the tadpoles grow.

*Ms Boullin*

Class 1 continue to enjoy their learning around Mexico. They have been making some very colourful Serape blankets. You will be able to admire them all at the Art Exhibition after Easter.

*Ms Boullin*



Class 1 enjoyed a science experiment to see what happens to bread when you toast it. They were surprised to find the toast was smaller than the original bread. We learned that the water had evaporated when the bread was toasted. It was a particularly yummy experiment!

*Ms Boullin*



On Mondays the 2nd & 9th March, 7 girls (Elsie, Sammy, Seren, Connie, Evelyn, Ivy and Eva) went to Castle School to play a netball tournament. We had four games on each week. The first week, we won 3

and lost 1. The second week we won 2, drew 1 and lost 1. It was super fun and we really enjoyed ourselves. We want to say a big thank you to Mr Lee and Miss Storey for helping to organise these events.

*by Elsie and Ivy*

Milverton went to a Year 3/4 netball tournament on Thursday 19th March. Leading the way as captains were Finn and Robyn who both did a great job at managing their teams, subbing and making sure they were on the correct court after each match. The team represented the school amazingly with their sportsmanship and teamwork. I was very pleased with their passing and catching skills and moving into spaces. Players' player votes went to Finn and Elena. Well done everyone.

*Miss Storey*



Last Friday, Preschool hosted a Mother's day Afternoon Tea event for all our Mums, Aunties and Nans. We enjoyed some delicious cakes, scones and fruit with everyone, and the children particularly enjoyed showing their family all the activities and fun we have at preschool. Thank you to everyone who came, it was lovely to see so many of you!  
*Laura*



The Eco Committee is pleased to announce that Ivy in Class 5 won the giant panda. We are delighted to have raised an amazing £150 to sponsor giant pandas in the wild through the World Wildlife Fund for Nature. Thank you for all your support and a special thank you to Class 5 who helped us sell the raffle tickets.

*Ms Boullin*



Thank you very much indeed to the Lewis family who kindly gave up some time over a weekend to prune our apple trees in our little orchard. We are sure the trees will appreciate it and fruit abundantly this year, ready to make delicious apple juice come the Autumn.

### Helping Families Talk About Online Content: 'You Won't Know Until You Ask'



The government has launched a new campaign called You Won't Know Until You Ask. It is designed to help parents and carers talk to children about harmful or upsetting content they may see online — things like body-shaming, unkind posts, or videos designed to shock. Research shows that many parents have never talked to their child about this, even though most 11-year-olds now have a smartphone. Many adults say they are not sure what their child is seeing online.

The campaign gives simple, easy-to-use help, including:

- step-by-step guides for safety settings
- quick conversation ideas
- tips for talking about false or harmful information

These small conversations can make a big difference. They help children understand what they see online and know they can talk to a trusted adult.

You can find the campaign here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk>

## Message from Somerset School Nursing Team & UKHSA

We understand that recent news reports about the meningitis outbreak in Kent may be concerning for parents and staff working with children and young people. We are reaching out to share information and the correct guidance.

We would like to reassure you that **there is no baseline increased risk outside of the specific outbreak in Kent at this time. Currently there is no need for your setting to take any additional actions beyond routine good practice.**

There is **no new or additional national guidance** issued following the Kent outbreak. The existing national guidance already provides the framework you need. [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK](#)

### Routine prevention

Please remind parents, carers, and staff of the importance of keeping **routine vaccinations up to date**, including the MenACWY vaccine where applicable. The full UK routine schedule is available here: [Complete routine immunisation schedule from 1 January 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

### Recognise the signs and symptoms

You can find out about the signs and symptoms of meningitis here:

[Meningitis and sepsis symptoms - Meningitis Research Foundation](#)

[What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

If a suspected case of meningitis were ever identified in your setting, the Health Protection Team would advise you directly on immediate steps, communication, and any required risk assessment.

### Further information

**UKHSA statement**, including signs and symptoms of meningitis: [Cases of invasive meningococcal disease confirmed in Kent - GOV.UK](#)

University vaccine communications toolkit – [University vaccine communications toolkit](#)

UKHSA Blog – <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2025/10/31/what-is-meningitis-symptoms-risks-and-how-to-protect-yourself/>

Further information on meningococcal disease is available from:

The NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>

The Meningitis Research Foundation: [www.meningitis.org](http://www.meningitis.org) 0808 800 3344 (24 hours)

Meningitis Now: [www.meningitisnow.org](http://www.meningitisnow.org) 0808 80 10 388 (9am – 8pm)