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School - 8.45am - 3.15pm
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Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm
Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
We are delighted that we now have new interactive screens in every class. These screens are the first step in building a learning environment that fits the demands of the digital age, and they replace some very tired old kit! They open up a world of new learning possibilities: the teachers and children are already having fun finding out what they can do. The best part about this is that they were provided by you, and your support for the many MSA events throughout last year. The hardworking MSA Committee have now contributed £9,000 towards the purchase of these boards and Sinéad and the team deserve **HUGE THANKS** for all they do!

Mr R Stead

As part of the Mini Police scheme, Class 5 had a visit from P.C.S.O Louise and her colleague. She brought in two dogs; Fred and Heidi. Fred was a Golden Labrador and Heidi was a German Shepherd. Fred is trained to search for harmful drugs and Heidi is trained to search for people. The police dog handler hid some drug decoys around the classroom. Fred searched for the decoys clockwise and found all of them very quickly. The dog handler had a special clicker and a ball and when he found a drug, she would click the clicker and Fred would speed over to her and she would give him a ball as a reward. We went out to see Heidi in small groups. She didn't come out of the police car, because she was a barking dog, so we asked questions about Heidi and the police car. We would like to thank P.C.S.O Louise, Fred, Heidi, the dog handler and Mr Coupe for letting us have a great experience as Mini Police. *by Izzy and Jess*



We would like to say a massive thank you to the team from Green Days charity that came to our rescue with our very slippery paths from the car park and the village. Some of our parents who are involved in the charity kindly offered their services to clear the decaying leaves from the paths. The only downside of having a wonderful tree-filled site is that they shed leaves throughout the year! The recent wet weather had turned them quickly into a slip hazard. Green Days charity is a service for adults with learning disabilities, such as autism, and they are involved in many different community projects and we were extremely grateful for their help. We hope that they will join us again with their fantastic skills for other projects on the school grounds.



Thank you, Green Days!

Diary Dates

Monday 27th January
Whole School Science Day

Tuesday 28th January
Classes 5 & 6 Trip to Bristol Museum

Wednesday 29th January
Class 1 Kingsmead Sports Festival

Monday 3rd February
Class 1 & 2 Visit from Somerset Heritage

Tuesday 4th February
Class 3 & 4 Visit from Somerset Heritage

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
Half Term Break

Tuesday 25th February
Class 3 & 4 visit from Somerset Archives

Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 25th February
All Years
5pm to 7.30pm
Year 1 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 26th February
All Years except Year 1
3.30pm to 6pm
NO FOOTBALL CLUB

We will be using a different system for Parents' Evening booking this time. We will be doing it online through Parentmail and we will let you know how to do it in the weeks before Parents' Evenings.

FOREST SCHOOL
WEDS 29TH JAN
CLASS 3

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	253	739
Cork Oak	328	806
Blue Cedar	286	726
Horse Chestnut	337	785

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-school
Class R
Class 1
Class 2
Class 3
Class 4
Class 5
Class 6

Betsy for being extra helpful in Pre-school and being kind to everyone.

Marnie, Tom, Eva and *Archie* for their fantastic progress in handwriting. Keep it up!

Milly for her beautiful manners both in the classroom and around the school. We have had many staff members tell us how polite you are. Well done.

Harley for writing such a brilliant story this week. It included lots of adjectives to add great detail and description and it was a pleasure to read. Well done, Harley.

All of Class 3 for their attentiveness during this week's RE lesson with Mrs Brierley and Mr Wedderkopp—*Rufus* in particular for his thoughtful, sensitive questions.

Philippa for her increased confidence and resilience in swimming this week.
Sophie C for her hard work in Maths this week.

Sophie for her outstanding written work and attention to detail.

Tom for his fantastic hard work and focus in class this week.



This week, Class 4 had an adventurous Forest School session with Mr Wedderkopp. We had a great time and would like to tell you a little bit about what we did. We played a game called Celts and Romans. The point of the game was to try and get the other team's castle, which was made from a hoop. We used as many tactics as possible. The Celts won both times. Mr Wedderkopp showed us how to light a fire with a fire steel. Then, we were split into our house groups and worked in pairs to light a fire of our own. We then toasted delicious marshmallows on the fire we made. Yummy, yummy! When we were not making fires, we were allowed to play on the swing, play in the mud kitchen, make dens and create rapid conker runs. To finish our incredible Forest School morning, we had delicious hot chocolate to warm us up and to finish the session perfectly. We were treated, thanks to Henry, to colour-changing fire pine cones which we all admired thoroughly.

by Charlie and Heather



Anyone for tennis?

One of our Governors, Chris Mann, is in the process of gathering support and creating a working party to raise funds to get our tennis court back in action—not just for the school, but for community use as well. We will be sending you an online form via Parentmail soon to survey our parent body to find out what you think. This will help with any grant applications that need to be made, so we really encourage you to respond. Thank you!



This Thursday, Class 3 had an amazing visitor. Can you guess who it was? That's right, Mr Wedderkopp! He taught us about the Jewish ritual of Shabbat, as he comes from a Jewish family. Shabbat is the day of rest that is usually observed from Friday at sunset until Saturday sunset. We blessed the homemade bread and wine (cranberry juice!) and Mr Wedderkopp blessed me and I felt a bit embarrassed! We tore the bread for sharing and drank from special silver cups. Mr Wedderkopp showed us some ancient and very precious family treasures that were over 100 years old! Mr Wedderkopp brought in a pretty candelabra to light candles to celebrate the start of Shabbat. We had a very interesting time and would like to say thank you to Mr Wedderkopp for showing us this Jewish tradition.

by Eleanor, Maia and Megan

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What's on near you?

February Half Term Sport Camps

COTFORD ST LUKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bethell Mead Cotford St Luke
Taunton TA4 1HZ

MON 17TH & THURS 20TH FEB 2020

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY CLUB

10.00am - 3.00pm

£20.00

TUES 18TH FEB 2020

MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB

NORTH TOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Staplegrove Road Taunton
TA1 1DF

WED 19TH FEB 2020

MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB

(Assemble in the school hall, the only entry will be via the Staplegrove Road entrance).

PARKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parkfield Road, Taunton TA1 4RT

FRI 21ST FEB 2020

MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB



**You will
need...**

- * A packed lunch
- * A change of footwear
- * Suitable clothing for the weather

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