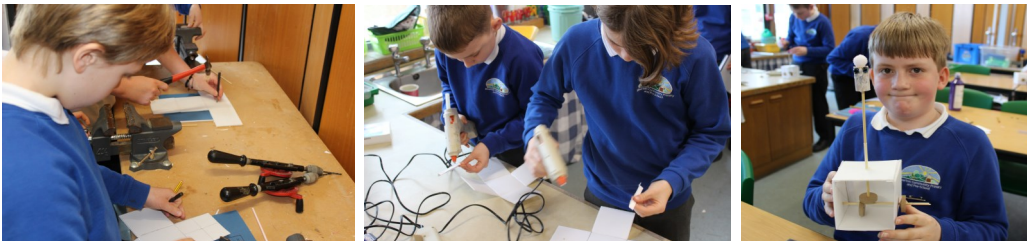




Dear Parent/ Carer,
 Spring has sprung! What a wonderful sunny end to the first week back at school. The children are all enjoying playing outside and are very much looking forward to using the field again, once the ground has dried out a little more! Over the half term break we used an energy efficiency grant to have new lighting installed throughout the school—so it is a little brighter too!

The children (and staff) are looking forward to World Book Day next week. We hope that every child can come dressed as a book character on Thursday as it promises to be a fun day with our annual World Book Day Quiz amongst other book related activities.

Mrs Stoddart



This Wednesday, the Year 6 boys (because the girls were doing referee training at Kingsmead) made their own cams; a simple mechanism of moving cogs we put inside a box that makes an object move on the outside. Mr Coupe explained to the us how to construct the cams and what we needed for the project: corrugated plastic, two poles, a circular piece of MDF and lots of tools. The first step was to draw the folding points on the plastic and score it. The second step was to make four tabs on some card; two 8 cm and two 2 cm and then scoring it again. The third step was to glue it together, which took a lot of thought. We then made the object for the outside. I named my object Bob, which is short for Bob Floss. We had a great time.

Sidney, Class 6



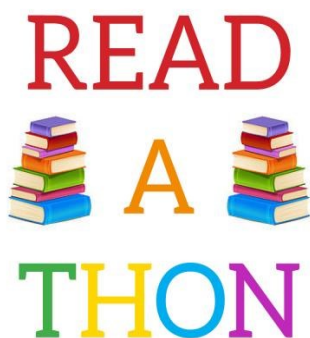
Class 1 is enjoying learning about the different countries in the United Kingdom. This week they learnt about Wales and enjoyed making Welsh flags just in time for St David's day. We are going to write our own persuasive advertisements to encourage visitors to all parts of the United Kingdom.

Ms Boullin



School Council News

School Council are organising a fundraising read-a-thon! Next Thursday, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, every child will have the opportunity to read and share any book of their choice to help us raise funds to create an outdoor, quiet, reading space. Please send in donations on Thursday as the School Council will be collecting at the school gates at both the beginning and end of the day. Please support us and help us to raise some funds to create a comfy new outdoor area for quiet reading and relaxation. **A big thank you from the School Council.**



Diary Dates

Forest School

Wednesdays

Class 1 5th March
 Class R 12th March
 Pre-school 19th March
 Class 6 26th March
 Class 5 2nd April

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 6th March
 5pm to 7.30pm
 Bookings are live on
 Parentmail now if you have
 not yet made a booking.

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 11th March
 3.40pm to 6pm

Class R Teeth and Bones Workshop

Friday 14th March

MSA Wonka Film Night

Friday 14th March 3.45pm
 Tickets £3 on the door—cash
 & card accepted.
 Children must be
 accompanied by an adult.

Parent Forum

Friday 14th March at 2pm

Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse

Tuesday 18th to Friday
 21st March

Year 5 Sports Festival at Kingsmead

Thursday 20th March

Year 3 & 4 Greek Day

Thursday 20th March

Year R & 6 Heights and Weights

Tuesday 25th March

| House Points | Weekly Total | Half Term |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| London Plane | 252 | 252 |
| Cork Oak | 208 | 208 |
| Blue Cedar | 227 | 227 |
| Horse Chestnut | 208 | 208 |

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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| Preschool | Florence for your perseverance and determination in the activities this week. |
| Class R | Louis W for writing some great sentences to go with your drawings during drawing club. You tried hard to form your letters correctly and used the sound mat to spell words. Well done Louis! |
| Class 1 | Ella for your enthusiastic contributions to our discussion about persuasive adverts. |
| Class 2 | Arlo for showing the school value of 'care' in Forest School by being thoughtful about animals, plants and the environment. |
| Class 3 | Willow for thinking of others and showing kindness. |
| Class 4 | Imogen for your fantastic effort in maths this week. |
| Class 5 | Rufus for your outstanding use of mathematical knowledge and reasoning. |
| Class 6 | Daniel for his excellent writing this week. |



Class 2 had a fun filled Forest School session this week! They started with some mindful exercises around the campfire, before going on a bird hunt around the forest! They showed great teamwork skills by working in pairs and then using their findings to help others. They then spent some time playing hide and seek, building dens, playing in the mud kitchen, sawing wood and roasting marshmallows. Thank you, Mr Wedderkopp. *Miss Farrimond*



This week in Pre-school we have been learning all about creepy crawlies through many different activities. We have made spider pictures with pasta, played with the bugs in a bath, searched for tiny spiders in rice, and made bubble worms! We have also created different characters ready for our super worm display. If you go on any bug hunts, please email us some photos to preschool@milvertonprimary.co.uk so that we can share them! *Charlotte*

On Thursday, Sammy, Evelyn, Phoebe, Imogen and Elsie went to a gymnastics competition involving 15 schools. First, we had floor (we thought we'd get the hardest part out of the way!). We all had fun and enjoyed doing our routine. Next, we had trampolines and laughed at how high we bounced. We weren't scored but if we were, we'd all have 0! After that we had vault. We had two chances and our best would be our score. Then we watched the other schools and relaxed. Unfortunately, we did not get a medal but we all had fun and tried our best. We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Storey for organising and helping us with the competition.



by Sammy and Elsie



All of the Year 6 girls had the opportunity to learn about being a football referee at Kingsmead. We were given a referee training booklet and learned about what makes a good referee. We learned about the safety elements of what makes a safe football pitch and what would be unsafe such as leaving whistles lying around. We were split into two groups and one group had to train with flags and the other with whistles. We had to learn all of the correct positions such as goal kicks. Then we had to put our new found knowledge into action by refereeing a big match involving Year 6, Year 8 and Year 9! Thank you to Miss Storey for organising this for us. *Year 6 Girls*



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What is 'Incredible Years'?

The Incredible Years® Program was created in 1980 by Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton. Carolyn is a licensed Clinical Psychologist, Nursery Practitioner and University Professor. Over the past 4 decades, she has developed and researched the evidenced based Incredible Years Parent, Teacher and Children's series.

The Incredible Years® evidence-based early intervention parenting programs focus on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement in children's school experiences, to promote children's academic, social, and emotional skills and reduce conduct problems. The parent intervention programs are delivered to groups of parents/caregivers according to their child's age group: at Young Somerset we are able to offer both group support to parents of pre-schoolers (3-6 years) and 1:1 home coaching for parents of 0-5 years.



What will the programme cover?

Throughout the programme, we will cover a variety of topics, including:

- Building strong positive relationships
- Effective use of praise and incentives.
- Social and Emotional Coaching to strengthen your child's empathy, self regulation and social skills
- Rules routines to promote your child's cooperation and sense of responsibility at home
- Handling misbehaviour through limit setting and other techniques
- Encouraging your child to problem solve
- Effective communication



The Incredible Years

Do you want to promote social and emotional learning, academic skills and positive behavioural outcomes in your child?



Our 'Incredible Years' programme can help you!

What do parents think?

I believe this programme changed my family's life for the better, we are all a lot happier and feel a lot more confident in overcoming new hurdles.



"The service has been a lifeline for the family. Lots of these learnt practices will be used daily to keep our home and everyone living here happier. The difference in 12 weeks is vast!"



What additional support can we offer?

In addition to your weekly group sessions, we also offer 1:1 weekly phone calls to support you in addressing any concerns throughout the week as well as celebrate your successes!

