



Dear Parent/ Carer,

An enormous thank you to our apple pickers, apple donations and juicers... the children had a fantastic day, and everyone got to take home and enjoy some delicious apple juice. Bobby's Dad and Grandad very generously gave their time and equipment so that all could enjoy!

The autumn tidy was a great success. Thank you to everyone that came and supported the school with so many tasks from pond clearance, mud kitchen building, Adventure Playground repair, weeding, leaf clearing and much more—you have all made an enormous difference for all the children to enjoy.

Some of you have asked—where is the flagpole? It is currently being refurbished and will return!

After half term, we will begin our No Outsiders project in school. Please take a look at the parents' guide <https://no-outsiders.com/parents-and-carers>

From the website: *No Outsiders teaches children they belong in school. We say there are 'No Outsiders' here because everyone is welcome; we talk about being different and playing together. There is a No Outsiders resource of 42 picture books with a lesson plan for each book. There are 6 lesson plans/ picture books for each year group from Reception to Year 6. The picture books are probably familiar to you; Elmer the Elephant and books by Michael Rosen, Nick Sharratt and Sue Heap. We want our children to become respectful and responsible global citizens. The No Outsiders project will help us focus on our value of belonging and we talk about difference as a positive thing, not a negative thing. In the 2020s in the UK, we are all different and this work prepares children for life in modern Britain and furthermore, life as global citizens. We want all children to know who they are, feel confident and know they belong in school. We invite you to a parent information session on **Wednesday 12th November at 2.40pm** in the school hall. Please email the office if you can join us. At Parents' Evenings we will have a selection of books on display for you to look at. On 19th November, the school will be hosting a 'No Outsiders' launch day with representatives from up to 10 other schools. Andrew, from No Outsiders, will teach age-appropriate lessons using a different picture book in each year group. The lessons are usually 30 minutes and will be part of the normal school day. Andrew will also deliver a whole school assembly and staff training. Wishing you all a happy half term.*

Mrs Stoddart



Class 1 and 2 had a fun, hands-on workshop presented by Natalie from the S.W. Heritage Trust. We had an opportunity to dress up as nurses and soldiers and role play caring for soldiers as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole had. We learnt about items that were important to their lives and what a positive impact they both had on nursing today. Natalie was very impressed with children's knowledge. We have some budding historians who love to share their knowledge.

Ms Boullin



After half-term, we will be taking part in the national campaign 'Switch Off Fortnight' From Monday 3rd November to Sunday 16th November. It is an opportunity for us all to think about

saving energy and turning off electricity when we are not using it. We hope you will join in at home too.



example, peanut butter in sandwiches so that we can help protect our children with nut allergies.

Reminder: We are a nut-free school! Please do not send your child to school with nuts, nut snacks or, for

Diary Dates

Forest School Thursdays

Class R 6th November
Pre-school 13th November
Class 6 20th November
Class 5 27th November
Class 4 4th December
Class 3 11th December
Class 2 18th December

Half Term Break

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

New Parents 2026 Tour

Thurs 6 Nov at 9.30am

No Outsiders Parent Session

Wednesday 12th Nov at 2.40pm

Children in Need Day Friday 14th November

Children can wear an item of clothing/ accessory with spots or stripes and make a donation to [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 27th November 5pm to 7.30pm

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 2nd December 3.30pm to 6pm

PINS Parents Session

Friday 5th December 9.30am to 11am
All welcome

MSA Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December

Reception Christmas Performance for parents

Tuesday 9th December at 2pm

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	501	1351
Cork Oak	420	1356
Blue Cedar	405	1149
Horse Chestnut	291	1321

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	Neveah for engaging well in all our Pre-school learning.
Class R	Jasper for consistently showing excellent and focused learning behaviour.
Class 1	Freddie and Elodie for your excellent contributions to our History workshop.
Class 2	Eddie for your excellent thinking and great teamwork in Maths this week.
Class 3	Joshua for supporting your team and showing great sportsmanship in PE.
Class 4	Leonard and Siena for your excellent work in Maths this week.
Class 5	Ivy for your outstanding engagement and enthusiasm in our ukulele lesson.
Class 6	Amelia for the help and support you have given to younger children at school this week.



Class 1 had a great time at Forest School, we even got a good dose of sunshine. The children loved playing in our new muddy kitchen, pond dipping at the cleared pond, playing with the new benches and making dens. What a creative morning.

Ms Boullin



Class 2 had a great time at Forest School recently, we did pond dipping, den making and the children played in the mud kitchen, making food for poorly soldiers and pretending to be Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole cleaning up the hospital.

Mrs Hart



Class R have been having a lovely time using the different instruments in the garden where they have experimented with a variety of sounds and rhythms. They have been playing musical statues as well as pretending to be a marching band!

Miss Murray



Class 1 have been practicing following instructions in preparation for non-fiction instruction writing after half-term. They made lanterns so they could role play being nurses looking after poorly soldiers, just like 'The lady of the lamp' Florence Nightingale.

Ms Boullin

The Eco-committee have been hard at work reviewing our current eco credentials, working out what areas to focus on this academic year and designing our new Eco Code. They also shared their new Eco Code with their classmates. Well done Eco-committee, you have got off to a flying start.

Ms Boullin



Our Eco-Code



Biodiversity:

Look after nature wherever you are.

Care for animals and plants.

Encourage other people to care for the environment.

School Grounds:



Take your litter home or in the bin.

Look after nature. Look don't break.

Careful where you stand.



Energy:

Turn off light and board when you can.



Wild Twilight



EXMOOR
NATIONAL PARK

Tuesday 28 October 4.30-8pm

Simonsbath TA24 7SH

Join us for a family event as twilight falls and Ashcombe gardens come alive!

16:45-17:15 Take part in a nocturnal animals orienteering challenge

17:15: Use bat detectors to see if we can spot bats leaving their roosts

From 17:30: Join a nighttime biofluorescence walk to experience the glowing secrets of the gardens

From 18:00: Gather round a campfire for toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate

All evening: Get up close to Exmoor's marvellous moths

All evening: nature crafts
• Tissue paper moths
• Nocturnal animal masks
• Bat wands, and more.

Please bring your own picnic dinner. Activities are primarily aimed at children aged 6+, but younger children are welcome if they are interested and are supported by parents. No expectation to stay until 8pm (if a little late for children) as activities will run throughout the session. Please come prepared for wet weather with waterproof coats and shoes: there is inside space, but some activities will happen outside even if it is raining. No dogs please. Free but donation to CareMoor appreciated. Booking encouraged.
<http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesevents>



Heritage
Fund

30TH OCTOBER
10AM - 12PM

FAMILY TREE ADVENTURE DAY

CAKE & BISCUITS
PROVIDED!

CREATE NATURE
ART!

JOIN EXMOOR RANGERS AT WEBBERS POST
(NR DUNKERY BEACON) FOR A MORNING
EXPLORING THE WOODS!

HELP COLLECT SEEDS
AND LEAF MULCH TO
GROW MORE TREES!

LEARN ABOUT THE CRAZY
UNDERGROUND WORLD OF
MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI

ACTIVITIES AIMED AT 4 YEARS+
BUT EVERYONE WELCOME!

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE EMAIL:
[PIONEERS@EXMOOR-NATIONALPARK.GOV.UK](mailto:pioneers@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk)



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who lack sight, not vision



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for Voluntary Service

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN YOUR

LOCAL AREA

Can you help?



We are looking for volunteers across Somerset to
work one-to-one with sight impaired people.

Our befriending service volunteers visit regularly to
provide companionship and support to people with
sight impairment.

We offer full training and support, and pay all reasonable out of pocket
expenses, including mileage.

If you would like to know more about joining our friendly team, please
contact us on 01823 333818 or email: admin@somersetsight.org.uk

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Registered charity number: 1154472 | Company number: 8432686

Tuesday 28th October, 11:00am - 3:00pm

Family Half Term Fun & Dog Show

Northfield House, Staplegrove Road, Taunton, TA1 1DG

Come and enjoy a family fun day at Somerset Sight



and support your local
charity.

Fun Dog Show – Starts
11.30am. £3 per class

Sponsored by Skinners

Dog Food

Traditional Family Games – all games free.

Fresh locally sourced BBQ.



**Spooky
Magic Show**

**Prize for
best carved
Pumpkin –
bring own
carved pumpkin.**



In aid of Somerset Sight. Charity number: 1154472

Please be advised that there will be no parking available at Northfield House