



Dear Parent/ Carer,

The whole school is looking really festive. Thank you so much for your generous support and donations for the Rainbow Fair which I am sure will be a great success this evening. It has been wonderful to see the mounting pile of generous gifts in aid of Christmas Sparkle. All of these gifts will be wrapped and distributed to children across the local area.

The children are busy rehearsing their carols for the Christmas Service on Friday 20th December at 2pm at St Michael's Church and we are very excited about Reception's Nativity and the many Christmas events coming up. Please check the diary dates for details.

Mrs Stoddart



Barry and Andrew from 10 Radio visited us so we could learn about making a radio show. I was in a group with Kit, Owen and Elliott. We worked really well together. Our idea was to have a chat and ask each other questions about our favourite hobbies, sports, music and books. When we were ready, we went into the Den which had been turned into a recording studio. We had a practice turn so we could get used to speaking into the microphones. When it was time to do the performance we were all really nervous and scared we would mess up. It looked like a complicated desk of equipment so I was even more nervous; I might flip a microphone on at the wrong time or play the wrong music!

by Ben, Class 6



When we started recording my heart was pounding. Barry counted us in "1..2..3 GO!". "Hi, my name is Sophia. I am ten years old and we're all in Year 6", I said. For the rest of the time it went so smoothly. My last line was "I think that we can all agree Miss Storey is amazing and inspires us so much." Then... Dancing Queen by ABBA started playing because we finished!

by Sophia, Class 6



Thank you to Barry and Andrew for this great experience for the children. Tune in to 10 Radio on 105.3FM or online on <https://10radio.org/>



On a lovely Wednesday morning, a man who worked for the NHS came into school. We were so excited because he was going to be teaching us some things about First Aid, like the really important things that you would need to know if you found someone unconscious. We were told about **Dr's ABCD** and how important it is to remember what this means; D for **Danger** (check if there's any danger around the situation), R stands for **Response** (check if they are not just sleeping) S is for **Shout**, shout as loud as you can for help! A is for **Airway**, check that their airway is open, B for **Breathing** (checking that they are breathing), C for **Compressions** (CPR) and D for **Defibrillator**. We paired up and did these steps on each other (except for C & D!). Next, we practiced all those steps on inflatable dummies (including CPR). Before doing this we were told that if you are going to do CPR you need to remove some clothing, but if that takes too long there will be some scissors in the emergency kit to cut them off. After this, random people were picked to use the defibrillator on a dummy to see what it was like, I was amazed as they had never done it before and they did it so well. Finally, we asked a few questions about the things we were a bit unsure about. Afterwards we said a massive thank you and said goodbye, I honestly had an amazing time and learnt so much.

by Tilly, Class 6

Diary Dates

Forest School

Wednesdays

* Class 1 11th December

* Class 2 18th December

* Change of dates

Class R 8th January

Pre-school 15th January

Class 6 22nd January

Class 5 29th January

Class 4 5th February

Class 3 12th February

Reception Nativity

Thursday 12th December
2pm

Christmas Lunch Box Party & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December

Kingsmead Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th
December

Christmas Service at St Michael's Church at 2pm Last day of term

Friday 20th December

Inset Day

Monday 6th January

School Opens to Pupils

Tuesday 7th January

Year 4 Swimming resumes

Monday 13th January

Class 6 Trip to see Bournemouth City Orchestra, Great Hall, Exeter University

Friday 31st January

Half Term Break

Monday 17th to Friday 21st
February

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	148	1520
Cork Oak	159	1751
Blue Cedar	144	1698
Horse Chestnut	148	1520

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	Reuben for your outstanding kindness this week.
Class R	All of Class R for your wonderful behaviour on the school trip to Bear Town.
Class 1	Otto for your excellent subtraction using crossing out.
Class 2	Albie for working really hard on your handwriting.
Class 3	Freddie and Patrick for working well together to create a classification key in Science.
Class 4	Phoebe for your fantastic story writing this week.
Class 5	Jesse for your drive and focus throughout all of your learning this week - keep inspiring!
Class 6	All of the children who have supported the school during the parents' evenings this term. A fantastic job done!



Year 5 and 6 had the amazing opportunity to visit Queen's College to watch a theatre performance of 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child'. The story followed Albus Potter, Harry's son, and his journey through the magical school of Hogwarts. Children saw many familiar characters from the original books as well as new ones. There were smoke machines, amazing sound effects, pyrotechnics but most importantly, outstanding performances from all the children of Queen's College that took part. Both Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful time experiencing such a professional show and it has enthused many of our children to dive back into the Harry Potter world in their reading.

Miss Downer



Class R visited the play space of dreams - Bear Town. We had our first experience of going on a coach (cause for much excitement but wonderful behaviour!). We enjoyed having our lunch in a café, nattering away to each other about what the afternoon held. It was nothing short of magical to watch the children in their element and I think you'd be VERY hard pushed to decide who had the most fun between the adults and the children. We were so incredibly proud of the children, who represented our class and our school in the most sensible and grown up manner and we wouldn't hesitate to take them out and about again. A huge thank you to Mrs Gillespie, Mr Atterton and Miss Davy who accompanied us on the trip and, as ever, to Miss Chiplin who throws herself into everything with unrivalled passion and enthusiasm.

Mrs Atterton

The children in Class 4 have been very lucky this term as we have received weekly ukulele lessons from the wonderful Mrs Eveleigh. The children have developed their skills as a class learning and can now play a variety of songs. The children were very excited this Wednesday when parents and carers were invited in for a ukulele performance. It was lovely to see the excited faces of the children as they played songs and showed their talents to the audience. The Class 4 team would like to say a massive well done to the children and a huge thanks to Mrs Eveleigh and to the parents that came along to support the children.



Mr Penny



Penny Walker, who organises the Christmas Sparkle collection, would like to pass on her huge thanks for the support shown by parents and children. There was a wonderful selection of gifts including some for age groups that they have a shortage for. She said our Wellbeing Champions, Boo and Wilf, were a great credit to the school helping to organise such a worthy and generous collection.



Thank you to Class 5 for coming and supporting Class 1 in computing. You were all amazing teachers. The children loved having you there to support them. Thank you so much and please come back again soon. Class 1



Class 1 have been learning about the artist Edward Tinga-Tinga. We created some paintings in his style using a variety of tools for mark making. I'm sure you will agree; they are great! Ms Boullin



Wellington School Maths Challenge

We all arrived around 9 o'clock on a Saturday morning and walked into the Princess Royal Sports Hall at Wellington School. It was crammed with children from 60 different schools! We had to get through the crowds to sign in with the organisers. At 10 o'clock, we were called to sit down by our table. There was a speech by the upper school Headteacher and the Head of Mathematics which were great (but took a long time!). After the speeches, we were escorted by our hatted helper (who was a past student at Milverton) to the Maths Department. The Maths papers were in front of us but we were told not to open them and start when the bell rings. Luckily, we had done practice papers at school so we knew what to do. Our plan was that 2 people did the odd questions and 2 people did the even ones. Around half way through the challenge (30 minutes) we were brought a bottle of sweets and told that this was for a bonus question and whoever got the closest answer won the jar. Then we cracked on with the questions until the end when the bell rang. After the challenge, we were brought cookies, juice and a cube puzzle that we were told we could keep. Next, we were shown 20 things and had to write them down in 60 seconds, but none of us won. Later we were taken back to the sports hall where we sat down at a table and told the results. First place were awarded a 3D printed puzzle and a book, 2nd & 3rd place got just a 3D printed puzzle. Sadly we didn't win but it didn't matter because we had lots of fun. by Owen, Kit, Elis and Bentley,

We are working on a **School Sport Leader Record Board**. The children have started it this term with the event of the 'speed bounce'. Key Stage 2 have been having a go at this event where they jump side to side with two feet over an object for 30 seconds as many times as possible. Martha from Class 5 was the record holder for a few weeks, but just before the end of term she has been knocked off the leader board it now stands as:

- 1st- Sophia Year 6- 66 jumps
- 2nd- Amelie Year 6- 65 jumps
- 3rd- Luke Year 6- 64 jumps

It's very close at the top! We are looking forward to carrying this on next term and adding more events. Miss Storey

On Thursday 21st of November, some children from Year 5 and 6 Netball Club took part in a match at Parkfield School after school. When we got there, Miss Storey chose Sidney as captain for his great warmups. We headed to the court, which was smaller than usual. We played well and worked as a team. The overall score was 12-10 to us.

by Anna, Class 5 and Isla, Class 6

