



24th October 2025

Note from the Head...



What a fantastic start to the academic year it has been! It's been a joy to see our children and staff settling so confidently into their new routines and embracing exciting learning opportunities

with enthusiasm.

We've loved welcoming parents into school this week—thank you to everyone who joined us for our gallery outcomes and the informative session hosted by our Mental Health Schools Team. For those who couldn't attend, don't worry—resources will be available on our website soon so you can catch up.

We also have some exciting staff updates to share. While we'll be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Allan at Christmas as she begins a new chapter in specialist provision, we're delighted to welcome Miss Thomson to our Year 1 team. Her energy and passion for teaching were a real strength in the interview process and we look forward to her joining the team!

Mrs Stapleton will begin her maternity leave in January, and we're thrilled to have Mr Davies joining our Year 5 team. He's already made a wonderful impression during his introduction to the class this week in Mrs Stapleton's absence.

After eight years of outstanding service, Miss Richardson, our dedicated SENCO, will be moving on at Christmas. Her impact on our school and community has been immense, and we are deeply grateful for her contributions. We're excited to welcome Mrs Tooth, an experienced SENCO with a strong track record, who is eager to continue building on this important work.

It's certainly been a busy and vibrant half term, and we're so proud of the children's hard work and achievements. As we head into the break, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest, ready to return refreshed and inspired for the next chapter of learning and celebration as we approach the Season of Goodwill!

Best wishes
Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Year 4 Camp - Hooke Court

The children and staff of Year 4 have had a great end to the half term as they attended Camp at Hooke Court.

Despite the damp weather, the spirits were high and lots of fantastic memories have been made. Completing the low ropes and orienteering courses to living like a Saxon! Thank you to everyone who has made this week happen.



Toothbrushing Initiative

The school has been asked to inform parents that we have not agreed to take part in the Big Brush Club initiative. We are dedicated to ensuring the children's time in school is focussed on their learning and emotional/social development; and do not feel we have the time, or man power to support children daily with their dental hygiene. We support the initiative within our curriculum in Year 4 when the children learn about teeth and the skeleton, and enjoy a visit from the dental team at Church Street Dental Practise. Thank you.

Attendance

Attendance this week a fantastic 96.6%, a brilliant way to end the term, Thank you very much. We look forward to keeping these high percentages after the half term.



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Inset Day

Polite reminder of our next Inset Day on **Monday 3rd Nov**, school will be closed to students for that day.

Maths Day



We are excited to let you know that **Tuesday 4th November** will be our Maths Day—a celebration of all things mathematical and a chance to spotlight our use of Times Table Rockstars and Numbots across the school.

To mark the occasion, children are invited to dress up as **Rockstars** for the day! Please don't feel the need to buy anything new—homemade outfits, creative accessories, and a bit of flair are all part of the fun. This could be as simple or as bright and colourful as you wish.

Year 5 Ice Cream Dream



Today it is official the winners of the Ice Cream Dream project, which included the package design, Information shared in the presentation, the ability for the advertisement to engage the consumer and obviously the taste! Following a final battle against four teams: Space Dragons were announced the winners!!! Congratulations to them and to all. As the children have worked incredibly well to produce such fantastic products and advertisements!

Cross Country League

Eight children from Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in another Cross Country event on Monday at Yeovil Town Football Club. There were **468** brave children from **33** schools who took part, despite the rather wet conditions! The children had a wonderful time and represented the school superbly.



Year 1 Carymoor Trip

Year 1 had a fantastic outcome day at Carymoor. The children took part in lots of exciting activities including making autumn leaf wands, putting clay faces on trees, identifying and naming trees by looking at their leaves and an autumn scavenger hunt to name but a few. It gave the children the opportunity to apply their science knowledge from the last term. And we even managed to stay dry.



Children in Need – Fri 14th Nov

'Come to school in your comfy's'
Please come to school in your onesie's, Oodles or Trackies (**Not Pyjama's please**). £1 donation towards children in need which will be payable on ParentMail.

Please note – Year 5 will be on a school trip so will need to wear school uniform as directed in letter sent out.



Medals

- **Miley** in Pluto Class for having a positive attitude towards all her learning in school.
- **Jasper** in Mercury Class for writing a sentence with correct punctuation without support.
- **Rosie** in Earth Class for her enthusiasm and brilliant ideas and knowledge during our trip.
- **Lily-Mae** in Venus Class for her enthusiasm throughout our visit to Carymoor and completing tasks independently!
- **Jessica** in Mars Class for writing fantastic exclamation sentences in English this week!
- **Freddie** in Neptune Class for excellent focus and concentration when learning to count in multiples of 3.
- **Bertie** in Saturn Class for an amazing improvement in effort this week.
- **Isla** in Jupiter Class for a fantastic non-chronological report using paragraphs and sub-headings!
- **No medals this week for Sun and Moon Class due to Year 4 Camp.**
- **Charlotte** in Apollo Class for her incredible take-home learning project, where she created a truly fabulous ice-cream.
- **Theo** in Asteroid Class for overcoming his fear of heights and for reaching the top of the gymnastic apparatus.
- **Drew** in Galaxy Class for your enthusiastic curiosity and questioning mind – it is this that makes you such a successful independent learner. Your contributions to our class are wonderful.
- **Coralie** in Milky Way Class for super programming on Scratch to create a branching database for classifying animals.

Shoebbox Appeal 2025

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this good cause, 38 boxes have been collected and are on their way to the various destinations.



PTA Events

- **Autumn Bingo, 25th Oct** @ The Memorial Hall, please see flyer attached for more details.
- **Movie Nights** – Tues 11th Nov & Monday 17th November, please see flyer attached, booking will be available on ParentMail after half term.
- **Christmas Wreath Making**, Weds 26th Nov 7pm-9pm, , please see flyer attached, booking will be available on ParentMail after half term.



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Community Events & Clubs

