



Well, the weather has certainly changed this week! There was great excitement around school yesterday as everyone looked out the window to see snow falling. Our footballers (and spectators) braved the weather to compete in the Davidson Cup over in Sherborne. They won the Semi-final 3-1 and then headed into the final against Shaftesbury Primary School. Unfortunately, we didn't win, however we are extremely proud of all our players. They were excellent Teamwork Tigers and showed fabulous sportsmanship skills.

I've enjoyed being back in school this week, seeing some fabulous learning happening across the school as we approach the end of the term. I enjoyed spending time with Badgers on Monday afternoon as they created and performed their Carnival of the Animals dance routines. On Tuesday afternoon I joined Foxes for an afternoon of Forest School. They have done a fabulous job clearing and sorting the garden area, planting seed and trees. Fingers crossed we will soon see the garden full of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Then on Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying Hedgehogs and Squirrels on their first school trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum. The children had great fun exploring the museum, investigating all the flying machines, walking through Concorde, and of course travelling on the coach. Thank you to Mrs Toy, Mrs Ramage, Miss K and all the Mum's, Dad's and Granddad's who helped make the trip a success.

Today we have ended the week with yet another Achievement Assembly bursting at the seams with examples of excellent work and achievements. It is a highlight of our week being able to celebrate all the achievements and it is wonderful to see so many children achieving learnimals, demonstrating all our learning skills.

Don't forget to join us next Thursday morning in Church for our Easter Service.

#### PTFA meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Please come along and join us on Monday at 9am in the school hall to discuss the planned forthcoming fundraising events along with enjoying the opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy a hot drink and chat.



Don't forget to get your Easter Egg Hunt tickets  
£2.00 each or £5.00 for a family of 3 or more

#### Easter Service



Come along and join us in St George's Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am  
There will be singing and Easter celebrations

#### Congratulations

Well done to our football team who went to Sherborne yesterday to play in the Davidson Cup Finals  
Their match report will follow next week



#### Support for the PTFA

The PTFA are trying to plan their Catering Days in June but unfortunately the response to their letter hasn't been very high. We know June seems a long way off but plans do need to begin now so that everything is prepared for the big weekend.

The PTFA do a tremendous amount of work to raise funds which benefit all the children in school. Not only do they provide resources for the school, they also subsidise class visits, provide Christmas entertainment and the end of term 'Leavers party'.

**These events could not happen without their support!**

Please consider if you can offer a few hours of support in June and let them know by returning the yellow slip or sending an email. Thank you.

**No CLUBS next week except Yr6 Reading**

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 01/04/2022

**Charlotte (Hedgehogs)** – for making extra effort in Maths and being an amazing role model.

**Ethan (Squirrels)** – for his thirst for learning.

**Alicia (Badgers)** – for being incredibly thoughtful and helping Mrs Shears with lots of jobs this week.

**Maisie-Grace (Foxes)** – for always having a positive attitude towards her work and never giving up.

**WELL DONE!**

### Pupil of the week

Week ending: 01/04/2022

Hedgehogs: **Percy**

Squirrels: **Joey**

Badgers: **Dolly**

Foxes: **Florence**

**Well done**

### Birthdays



**Kenan (9)**  
**Annella (9), Joey (6)**  
**Madeleine (5)**

**Many Happy Returns**

### Bronze Star Awards

Week ending: 01/04/22



**Vita (Y3), Jessica (Y4)**

**Congratulations**

### Silver Star Awards

Week ending: 01/04/22



**Bea Mo (Y2), Charlie (Y2)**  
**Freda (Y2), Isla (Y2)**  
**James (Y2), Ruby (Y5)**  
**Paddy (Y6)**  
**Well done**

### Attendance

Week ending 01/04/22

Hedgehogs – 90.4%

Squirrels – 96.7%

Badgers – 96.1%

Foxes – 91.2%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels**



### Wonderful Writers

Imogen (YR)

William (Y1)

Alice B (Y2)

Elsie-Brooke (Y3)

Milly (Y4)

Noah (Y5)

Daisy (Y6)

**Well Done!**

## Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 01/04/2022

**Evie** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Annabelle** for being a Noticing Newt

**Tabi** for being a Questioning Queen Bee

**Ben** for being a Noticing Newt



**Charlie** for being a Noticing Newt

**Ivy** for being a Noticing Newt

**Elsie T** for being a Noticing Newt



**Eliza** for being a Noticing Newt

**James J** for being a Noticing Newt

**Isla** for being a Noticing Newt

**Bea Mo** for being a Noticing Newt

**Bea Mu** for being a Noticing Newt



**Alice B** for being a Noticing Newt

**Max** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Madison** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Isabelle** for being a Reasoning Robin

**Thea** for being a Reasoning Robin



**Ralph** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Sonny** for being a Teamwork Tiger

**Esme** for being a Have-A-Go Hyena

**Paddy** for being a Noticing Newt



**Well Done**



### Marvellous Maths

**Alice M (Y1), Hazel (Y1), Ernest (Y3)**  
**Reuben (Y4), Alexander (Y5), Connie (Y6)**

**Congratulations**

### House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**766**

**Chaffeymoor**

**714**

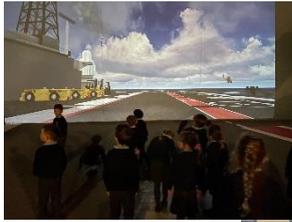
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## Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs this week have had another exciting week! We have continued to follow instructions during English, ending in writing our own for our papier-mâché hot air balloon. We have been thinking about measurement in Maths, first using different small objects to measure with, then moving onto a ruler! We loved playing a ruler game on the computers and the children were very good at remembering to start at 0 and finding where the end was, making sure we used centimetres. For science we finished making our egg drop carriers, we are very EGGcited to see if they survive or break next week! We loved our midweek trip the Fleet Air museum, the children were very inquisitive and loved to hear about the different aircrafts. We were able to have some dressing up and even walk through concord! Well done Hedgehogs for being able to share all sorts of information with Mrs Nicholls when we got back.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



## Squirrels News

This week Squirrels (and Hedgehogs) had a fabulous trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton. The children had an amazing time. We tried on uniforms through the ages, sat in an ejector seat, climbed inside a Sea King helicopter and walked through a Concorde from tail to tip! We also went on a simulated helicopter ride to land on an aircraft carrier where we watched a plane land.

It was very noisy! We even got to see a model of the Kitty Hawk by the Wright Brothers; The children knew all about this from our history sessions. The children were a delight and thoroughly enjoyed the day – especially the play park at the end! A special shout out to those who joined us and helped on the trip; thank you Mrs Coward, Mrs Ridout, Mrs Hibberd, Mr Harvey, Mrs LaTrobe-Bateman and Mr P. Manley.

In Forest School, we furthered our exploration of flying things by making our own willow and tissue frisbees. They flew pretty well! The children worked hard collaborating to support each other with the making skills. After that we planted up some vegetable seeds – radishes, courgettes and red peppers. Have a lovely chilly weekend!

Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



## Badgers News

In Badgers this week, we had lots of fun completing our models of a predator with opening jaws powered by a balloon. We had snapping crocodiles, a hungry wolf, a smiling panther and a sly fox and even a Venus fly trap! The children had to overcome problems which occurred during the making process and considered how they would change their design in the future. In English we wrote our own 'Defeating the Monster Tales'. The children had to come up with creative ways to destroy their beast and tried hard to use different strategies to create suspense for the reader. In PE the children worked in groups to create a dance to the finale of the 'Carnival of the Animals', putting together all our movements and skills from the previous sessions. In Forest School, we co-created a chocolate cake. It was exciting seeing how we could bake in our cast iron dutch oven over the fire; we put hot coals on the lid to create an all round hot 'blanket' effect.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



## Foxes News

In Foxes this week in Maths, the children have been finding percentages of amounts. They initially divided their whole number by 10 to find 10% and then used this to find 20%, 30% etc... Then they progressed to finding 1% by dividing by 100 and used this number to find percentages such as 27%. There were lots of "concentrating camels".

In Forest School, Foxes enjoyed a carousel of activities including giving the beds a good weed, as well as planting summer bulbs, vegetable seeds, strawberries, raspberries and trees! They also made bows, using hazel and string; they whittled v-shaped notches in the sticks to help create tension in the bowstring. Next week we'll see if they work!

Finally, in PE we have been focussing on the sport of cricket. The children perfected the skill of over-arm bowling to one another before transferring those skills to aim at the stumps. We have lots of young cricketers in the making.

Mr Abbott



## ROAD CLOSURE WARNING

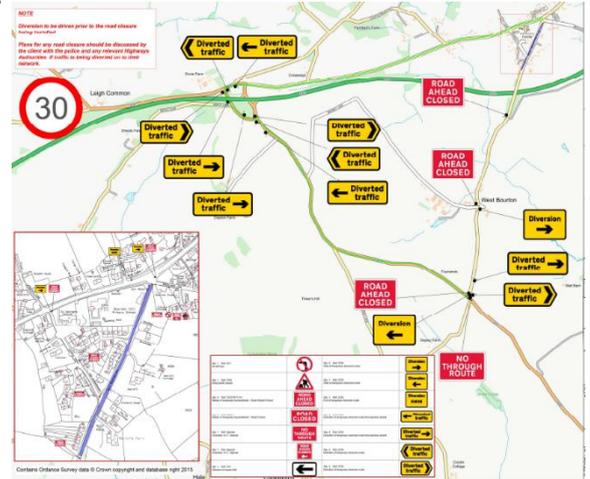
Wessex Water will be carrying out essential repairs to a water main starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The ageing pipes need replacing to ensure the local area has improved water quality. And a more reliable supply. The planned works begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April with a compound just North of the A303 flyover (near school) being set up in preparation for a planned ROAD CLOSURE.

The work involves closing a section of West Bourton Road, from just past Brickyard Lane in the north to just before the A303 flyover in the south. Wessex Water will be using a technique where they make small excavations to minimise inconvenience. A diversion, using New Road and the B3081 will be in place and these alternative routes will be clearly signposted.

Please see road closure and diversion route for further details.

The work itself will begin **Monday 11 April 2022**. They expect it to be completed by **Friday 27 May 2022** so the main restrictions will be in place after the school Easter Holiday. Access will be limited and therefore we are asking parents to park further away from the school site and walk to school.

Please **DO NOT** park on the brow of the hill next to the Church to ensure access to the blue gate is safe for all our children. Access around school will be maintained for residents, although it may be restricted at times so our suggestion is to avoid using Church Track and the West Bourton Road at drop off and pick up times to enable access for residents only.



### Woodland Trust Trees

We have been very lucky as a school to receive 30 trees from the Woodland Trust as part of their plant a woodland campaign. During this week Foxes have been busy planting the trees. The children talked about the importance of tree planting and how every tree makes a difference. We need trees to support biodiversity in our ecosystems - for birds, bee, and bugs. They provide us with materials to use and fruit to eat as well. We also need trees to help benefit the climate as each tree helps to absorb carbon dioxide and emit oxygen for us. We have planted a mixture of Rowan, Silver birch and Wild Cherry. We will care for them and hopefully watch them mature into full grown trees over time.

### Parents Evening and Parent Survey

Many thanks to those of you who attended our parents evening last week either in person, over the phone or via video call. I know the staff really appreciated the time you took to talk about your child's progress and celebrate their successes.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone who also completed our Parent survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive with our strengths being identified as being welcoming, having a community feel and being supportive of all our children; treating them as individuals. Our curriculum offer was also identified as a strength of the school. All the comments have been read and the Governors discussed the results of the survey at this week's Full Board Meeting.

### Y4 Multiplication Check

The children in Y4 will be taking this check in June. For information click the link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>

### Dates for your Diary

4 <sup>th</sup> April	9am PTFA Meeting in School
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr5/6 Football Festival @ Mere Primary 6pm PTFA Easter Bingo
7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am Easter Service in St George's Church Last day of Spring Term – <b>1.30pm finish</b> 1.30pm PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
25 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr3/4 Tri Golf Festival @ Port Regis School
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education van visit Yr2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Gillingham School
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Governors Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Summer Half Term</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 to Okehampton
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr4/5 to Leeson House
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term

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# THE INAUGURAL CHILDREN'S FOSSIL COMPETITION 2022!

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THEN... THE ETCHES COLLECTION - MUSEUM OF JURASSIC MARINE LIFE HAS A VERY EXCITING COMPETITION STARTING ON MARCH 28TH, 2022

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This competition is for children to earn the chance to display their fossil finds alongside the collection on display at the Etches Collection - Museum of Jurassic Marine Life.

The competition has two age ranges: 5-10 and 11-16. There are 6 winners in total, 3 from each age range.

The competition will be open to all UK residents between 5 and 16 years old. Must have parent/guardian consent.

Every child who enters the competition will receive a personal annual pass to the museum. (Valid from September 1st 2022 - September 1st 2023.)

The competition window is open from Monday, March 28th, 2022 through Friday, August 5th, 2022, where the children will have time to submit their entry form along with a written paper, presentation or video explaining where the fossil was discovered, what it is and why they believe it should be on display at the museum. No fossils are to be submitted at this stage in the process.

We wholeheartedly encourage families to lend their support to a child's entry into the competition, especially in relation to the technical/digital support, such as email and creating viewable files. Please visit the web address below for all the details on how to enter the competition.

[www.theetchescollection.org/fossilcomp](http://www.theetchescollection.org/fossilcomp)

The Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital

## EASTER FUN DAY & AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 16th April 2022  
Wincanton Community Hospital  
2 pm to 5 pm

An Afternoon of fun Activities for all, Skittles, Bouncy Castle, Entertainment & Do come with your 'Easter Bonnet' and enter the Parade

or just come and join us for Afternoon Tea

Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm - 3.30 pm  
Afternoon Tea served 3.30 pm to 5 pm

Family Ticket for 4 (2 Adults/2 Children) £10  
Individual Ticket £3.50  
All includes Egg Hunt and Afternoon Tea  
Afternoon Tea Only £3

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NORTH DORSET RUGBY CLUB (SPB 553)

## Big Moments of summer fun!

ALL STARS cricket

Mere CC and Kilmington & Stourton CC are excited to announce that the All Stars Programme is open for registration.

A fun 8-week summer activity programme for children aged 5-8 years old! A place to learn new skills and meet new friends playing a fun new sport and activities! Every child that registers receives a great personalised kit bundle when signing up! Including a bat, ball, bag and t-shirt!

Join us at: Mere Cricket Club, Duchy Manor Field, Springfield Road, Mere, BA12 6EW  
Session dates: Every Saturday from May 14th - July 2nd, 10-11am

For more information or to register please contact your Lead Activator: Brida Skipworth  
Email: [mereccwills@gmail.com](mailto:mereccwills@gmail.com) Phone: 07500 938698

Register online at: <https://ecb.clubsparc.uk/AllStars/Course/83152ecc-a167-44a0-8ead-3fb42a065711>

## KIDS IN THE WILD

### IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?  
ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?  
DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?

Channel 4 and the producers of Junior Bake Off are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

VISIT [WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK)  
OR EMAIL [KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK](mailto:KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK)

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## Fun With Lego

Come and join us for some Lego fun, see what you can build, and where your imagination will take you!

**Gillingham Library**  
Tuesday 12 and 19 April  
11.00am to 12 midday

Booking is essential via the Library

For more information ☎ 01747 822180  
Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

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## Gillingham Library Rocks

Come and create some rock art using small stones and acrylic paint pens. Then take your creation and hide it in our local community for someone else to find, post and re-hide! Suitable for age 5 and over.

**Gillingham Library**  
Thursday 14 and 21 April  
2.30pm - 3.30pm

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