



Kindness Shines at Our School

Newsletter

December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

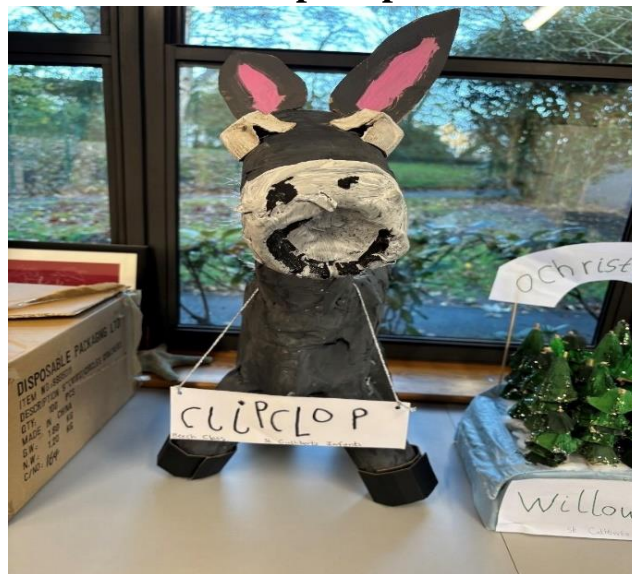
We are at the end of a very busy term and we are so proud of what our children have achieved alongside their learning. At the beginning of December they performed two Christmas shows of Hey Ewe and they were all amazing learning their words and performing to an audience. We were joined by some of the Pre-school children for the final song which made it even more special.

We were pleased to see so many of you at the Christmas Fayre and we would like to thank the Friends of School for making this a great success. There was lots of activities for the children to take part in. The Fill a Candy Cane was a really popular stall. There was lots of sweet treats for the children to fill the canes with. We will let you know how much was raised once the Friends of School have counted all the money. There are a few class Christmas decorations still for sale so if you have not bought your child's decoration and would like to then speak to their class teacher. The children worked hard making the decorations and they really are a treasured keepsake. My children are all grown up and every year I put a decoration they made at school on our Christmas tree.

On Wednesday we walked to St Cuthbert's Church for our annual Christmas Service and we didn't let the rain dampen our spirits. We were so lucky to have so many parent helpers accompany us to Church and we offer our thanks to you all. As always the children sang beautifully and the Reverend Ruth even commented on how lovely it was that so many parent /carers had come along to the service as the church was full. On Thursday we had our class parties, the children played games and the teachers provided party snacks. Pre-school even had a special visit from Santa which the children all enjoyed!

Thank you for all your beautiful Christmas Mobiles this year, every single one of them looked fantastic, our eventual winners were as follows; Pre-school – Stirling, Year R – Fynn, Emerson and Arthur, Year 1 – Rory, Eadie and Dylan, Year 2 – Macie, Callum and Jude.

Clip Clop



The school took part in the Bishops Palace 2025 Eco Art Competition and Beech Class Reception / Year 1 entry, **“Clip Clop”** has won the **“Cutest”** category. The judges were charmed by the creativity and heart put into the piece. The children loved making the donkey to represent the Christmas Carol Little Donkey. Well done also to Oak, Maple and Willow classes for their entries. We had lots of lovely comments from people that had visited the Bishops Palace and seen Clip Clop and the other entries on display.



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Pre-School



I am so pleased to let you know that some of Wessex Learning Trust staff have been very busy this week building the new furniture for the Pre-School rooms and the results are absolutely amazing. Cygnets room has had a whole lot of natural furniture and resources for the children to play with and Swans have also had new furniture, soft lighting and beautiful new rugs.

All of the new resources will enhance the children's learning and the rooms are very calming when you enter them.

We have asked if children could please bring slippers to pre-school to wear when they are inside as all the water and messy play is now in the conservatory and outdoor area. There are also new sheds in the outdoor area with construction and other resources for building and imaginary play. The staff, children and I are very proud of the new look pre-school.

Wessex Learning Trust Admission Arrangements for Somerset Schools (2027/28) Consultation

The Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements. It is statutory to consult every 7 years or when a change is made. To view and comment on the arrangements please click here;

<https://sومersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2027-arrangements>

Our consultation will start on 1 December 2025 and end on 19 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the Trust and our School website by 15 March 2026.



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Punctuality

We expect all our pupils to arrive at school for **8.40am each morning** and we really do appreciate parents support on this. Punctuality to school is incredibly important to ensure your child does not miss out on the start of the school day. We have noticed that many children are arriving late for school which can prove very disruptive to their routine.

If your child arrives in school later than 9.00 am, after the registers have closed, they are marked as an unauthorised absence for the whole of the morning.

'A person who is punctual will always know how to respect their time and others' as well'



Attendance

Attendance plays a fundamental role in your child's success at school. At the end of the academic year we are aiming for our whole school attendance to reach 97% or above.

So far this year our whole school attendance is **94%** and each class is:

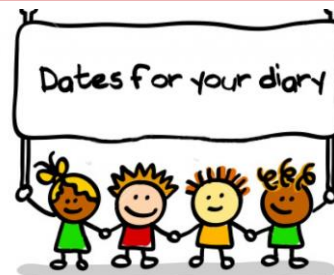
Beech – 92%

Willow – 92%

Oak – 95%

Maple – 96%

Well done to **Maple Class** who have the joint highest attendance so far this year, closely followed by **Oak Class**.



19th December – Last Day of Term

5th January – First Day of Spring Term

10th February – Safer Internet Day

13th February – Inset Day

16th – 20th February – Half Term

Friends of School!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Friends of School team for their fantastic fundraising efforts so far this year.

Both the Santa's grotto in school on the 5th December and the Christmas Fayre on the 12th December were both truly successful events and enjoyed by so many.

If you think you could spare anytime and would like to find out more about joining our Friends of School team they would love to hear from you, please do drop them an email at; friendsofschool321@gmail.com