

Newsletter

St John's C.E.V.A First School Frome



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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Thomas (Ash) Endeavour (Oak)
Maisy (Hawthorn)
Romilly (Beech) Amelia (Fir)
Liam (Rowan) Tahiri (Willow)
Aphie (Maple) Laila & Hugo (Sycamore)

WELLS PILGRIMAGE

Year Four made their annual pilgrimage to Wells Cathedral this week, along with children from other local schools. This trip marks the beginning of their period of transition from St John's to middle school. Both classes wrote their own prayer, and Maple's was chosen to be read out during the service:

Maple Class

Dear God,

Thank you for our teachers, for knowledge and learning and our lovely school.

Thank you for our enjoyable lives, our friends and our families who support and love us.

We are sorry for sometimes being cheeky or acting without thinking.

Please help us to make good friends in our new schools.

Please help us to show understanding and care for our environment.

Help us to always show respect to others.

Please help us to have courage on our journeys through life and to reach for the stars. **Amen**

Sycamore Class

Dear God,

Thank you for our journey through our school and for getting us this far.

Thank you for all our learning, for our friends and family and for helping us learn from our mistakes.

Thank you for making us better individuals.

Sorry for sometimes being disrespectful and not being the best we can be.

Please help us to not give up and to keep trying by being more responsible and respectful.

Please help us have a good and happy time in our new schools whilst making new friends.

Please let us have another brilliant school life but not to forget the past. **Amen**

COMIC RELIEF/RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for helping us to support Red Nose Day again this year. Everyone at St John's has been raising money for Comic Relief this week by selling red noses, wearing our own clothes to school today and by entering all our best jokes into the School Council's first ever Comic Relief Joke Competition.

In collective worship this morning, we said well done to everyone who took part, then presented a prize to Douglas in Fir for his winning joke:

Q. How do you make toast in the jungle?

A. Put it under the 'gorilla'!

The total so far is an amazing **£345.76** and rising. The final total will be in next week's newsletter. Thank you everyone.

WORLD KITCHEN – YEAR 2

To round off their "World Kitchen" topic, children in Year 2 will be holding a **WORLD FOOD SALE** in the hall straight after school on Tuesday 26th March. As homework next week, they have been asked to make something sweet or savoury to eat, which they will then bring in and sell. They will also make a small flag, so that customers know which country the food comes from.

Everyone is invited; if anyone else would like to donate any world food, we would be very grateful. All proceeds from the sale will be spent on maths resources and games for Year 2 classrooms.

Children in Year 2 also had fun this week making and tasting fruit kebabs with different fruits:



COUNTY CHESS SELECTION

Congratulations to Jesse, George B, Tom, Hugo and Oliver J for being selected to represent Somerset as part of the county's 12-strong Under 9 chess team, competing this Saturday in the southern zone round of the English Primary Schools Chess Association. They will each play three long games against tough opponents from counties across the south of England, with the top scoring teams qualifying for the national finals in April. The team won the recent Wales and West of England event, a great effort and achievement, and should give them confidence for this tougher event – good luck, everyone!



LIDDINGTON TRIP

On Wednesday, we will be sending some of our Year 4 children and staff off to Liddington for a three day residential trip. We hope you all have a wonderful time and are looking forward to hearing all about it when you come back. They are hoping to keep the website updated with photos while they are there. It depends on whether they stop having fun long enough to find time!



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Save the date!

EASTER EGG HUNT - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 3.15pm

EASTER ACTIVITIES - SEND

The Somerset Short Breaks Team has just published its Spring Newsletter, Easter Activity Calendar and May Half Term Activity Calendar, so parent carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities can start planning breaks and exciting new experiences for the holidays.

The Easter break runs from 8-22 April and the Activity Calendar is jam-packed with activities and days out Included in the Spring Newsletter are features on:

- Inclusive and accessible activities.
- A fully inclusive pop-up leisure facility.
- Equine activities in South Somerset.
- Autism Somerset.
- The Woodland Play Centre.

You can also click on this link to view the Easter Calendar:

[**Easter Activities Calendar**](#)

FANTASTIC EATS!

We think you might like this brand new book. Not only is it full of tasty, healthy recipes but it's also written by Angellica Bell – ex CBBC and Blue Peter presenter – in a very child-friendly way.

We want to say a big thank you to Harriet Webster, the editor, who has very kindly donated two copies to school. (She also happens to be Ms Priddle's daughter!)



THE NEST

Music - We will choose new songs to learn from our song book.

PE - We will continue to learn relaxation techniques during our Yoga sessions with Mrs Jenkins.

Art - We will create patterns with rubber bands and peg boards. We will also make and paint a pasta bracelet.



OUR LEARNING WEEK AHEAD

Our value this half term: **Self Control**

Reception

Maths - 3d shape names and properties.
English - Writing Holi cards and Spring words.
Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Place value to 50.
English - Creating story characters based on "The Tiger Who Came to Tea."

Year 2

Maths - Division.
English - Writing instructions to make the Indian dish aloo palya.

Year 3

Maths - Fractions.
English - Writing our stories inspired by the books of David Walliams.

Year 4

Maths - Fractions.
English - A story based on a drop of water within the water cycle.

Liddington - Fun, fun, fun!

DIARY DATES

March 20, 21, 22	Liddington Residential - Year 4
Tues 26 March	World Food Sale 2.45 - 4pm
Tues 26 March	Year of the Flute Concert - Cheese & Grain
Tues 26 March	Tag Rugby Tournament
Weds 27 March	Clive Lewis Tag Rugby Tournament
Thurs 28 March	Vision Testing - Reception
Tues 2 April	'Wind in the Willows' 6.30pm - Choir
Thurs 4 April	'Wind in the Willows' 6.30pm - Choir
Fri 5 April	Easter Egg Hunt - 3.15pm
8 - 22 April	Easter Holiday
Tues 23 April	Summer Term begins
24, 25, 26 April	Life Bus in school
Weds 1 May	Sports Skills Festival - Year 1
Thurs 2 May	Tri-Golf Tournament - Year 3
Mon 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13 May	Earth Science Centre Trip - Maple
Wed 15 May	Class photos
Mon 20 May	Earth Science Centre Trip - Sycamore
Weds 22 May	Mini Red Tennis Tournament
Thurs 6 June	Football Tournament - Year 4
Tues 11 June	Quad Kids Athletics Competition
Fri 14 June	Bag 2 School Collection
Weds 3 July	Transfer Day
Thurs 4 July	Somerset School Games - Millfield
Fri 5 July	Somerset School Games - Millfield
Tues 9 July	PE Transition Afternoon - Year 4
Fri 19 July	Last day of term

At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.