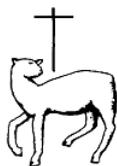


# Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...

...the roots to grow and the wings to fly."



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## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

EdShed

### Learning at Home

Reception - **Milo**  
Year 1 - **Laurie**  
Year 2 - **Pepi**  
Year 3 - **Rowan**  
Year 4 - **Leo A**



### Learning at School

Reception - **Lacey**  
Year 1 - **Natalie**  
Year 2 - **Brayden**  
Year 3 - **Alexa**  
Year 4 - **Genny**



### TOP 3 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1 Tyler - Willow  
2 Khadija - Maple  
3 Indigo - Maple  
4 Douglas - Sycamore  
5 Annabel BM - Maple

### TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

1 Maple  
2 Willow  
3 Sycamore  
4 Hawthorn  
5 Rowan

### FROM MRS MARSLAND THANK YOU

Since the start of 2021, four members of staff have celebrated BIG birthdays, including myself! Last Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, my lovely staff team ensured all of us had a super celebration. There were 'Happy Birthday' banners and balloons, delicious cakes for all staff plus extra special ones for staff celebrating, fabulous birthday cards and three renditions of Happy Birthday sung by the children in school, recorded and shared at Head Teacher's Awards last week. In the evening, they had arranged a virtual pizza party, with a Harry Potter Quiz designed by Rose, Mrs Llewellyn's daughter, which was great fun.



During the Pizza Party, a very special film was shared with me, which many of you contributed to. The film was just short of 9 minutes (by 4 seconds) and I think I have counted 100 delightful children's faces, all wishing me a happy birthday in the most creative and thoughtful ways. I consider myself to be extremely lucky to be working in such a thoughtful, caring school community. I am completely overwhelmed by the lovely messages; thank you all very much.

### LOOKING FORWARD

I am looking forward to welcoming all of the children back in school on Monday; we have all missed you very much. You have all been absolute super stars – children and parents - these last 8 weeks! Please help us to keep everyone as safe and well as possible by entering and vacating school site at the correct times, adhering to the one way system and wearing a face covering (unless exempt). I also do ask that when waiting on the playground at the start of the day, children stand with you in as socially distanced a way from other families as possible.

On Monday, we are also launching 'Playpod', so it is going to be a very exciting day!

### FROM JANET CAUDWELL AND ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Please convey my personal good wishes, and the thoughts and prayers of all St John's community, as you all prepare for the next great step. We hope all goes well! With love to you all, Janet.

### BABY NEWS

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Rylatt is expecting a baby, due to arrive later in the spring. We are sure you will join us in wishing her warm congratulations for her impending bundle of joy!



Here is another tiny member of our St John's family, dressed as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Happy first World Book Day, Ezra Dayman-Johns!

### PLAYPOD

Our new Playpod has now been filled up with an assortment of things, and we are very excited to show the children what it's all about! They will all be given a fun demonstration on Monday by trained Playpod, and St John's, staff. We will also send out a flyer with full details to all our parents and carers.

### VIRTUAL SPORTS WEEK

Thank you everyone who took part in Virtual Sports Week. Did you have a go at 'Floor is Lava'? Did you 'Run Your Heart Out' or 'Roll a Plank'? We hope you had fun!

Forty-four children took part and submitted their scores on time. Mr Bowman is busy adding up the scores from the different events and calculating the results, and will announce the winners soon.

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

This morning I received an email from Rev Colin Alsbury, containing some very sad news. Bob Caudwell, husband of Janet Caudwell, Deanery Warden of Readers and active member of Frome Area Christians Together, died peacefully on Wednesday night in the RUH. Janet is a valued member of our school community. She always welcomes us into church for our school services, she is always in regular contact and is a huge support to our school. On behalf of the St John's School Community, I would like to send Janet our sincere condolences and for her to know that she is in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Mrs Marsland

## SEND NEWS

Here are two links you may find helpful:

### [SEND News](#)

[SEND News - Free Online Wellbeing Course for Families](#)

### COMMUNITY INCLUSION & ACTIVITY TEAM Easter Holiday Activities Tue 6th - Fri 16th April

Attached to this newsletter is a holiday calendar packed full of activities for all children and young people in Somerset with a disability or additional needs.

Easter crafts; forest school; sports; cooking; yoga; kayaking; bush craft; clay modelling; den building and more... You DO NOT have to be referred to any service to access these activities, unless otherwise stated.

You can also order 'Nature Detective' and 'Spring Activity' packs (£2 each) to be delivered to your door by a team coordinator.

## LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Self Control

### Reception

- Phonics - Reading and writing CCVC and CVCC words.
- Maths - Numbers to 20, doubling and money.
- Topic - Welcome back, signs of Spring and animal junk modelling.

### Year 1

- Maths - Measuring weight.
- English - Continuing with 'Funnybones'.

### Year 2

- Maths - Pictograms. Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- English - Writing instructions for planting a sunflower seed.

### Year 3

- Maths - Measurement.
- English - 'Escape from Pompeii.'

### Year 4

- English - Continuing with 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.
- Maths - Fractions.

## DIARY DATES

Mon 8 March	Everyone back in school
Thurs 1 April	Last day of term
April 2 - 16	Easter Holidays
Mon 3 May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Fri 28 May	Last day of term
31 May - 4 Jun	Half Term
Fri 23 July	Last day of school

## LEARNING TOGETHER

We love seeing what you are doing at home and including updates here each week. Please keep sending stories, photos, drawings, quotes etc. to the school facebook group, Tapestry, SeeSaw or to your Year Group email.



## LEARNING TOGETHER

Year 3 read poetry in a special Zoom session and wrote sonnets, carefully counting syllables and using a thesaurus to choose longer or shorter words to fit; Ariana, Maisy, Josh and Year 1 made 'Supertatos'; Ruby was Tracy Beaker; Lana and Ziya were Anna and Elsa; Jay was Harry Potter; Tia and Lily were Anna and Mary Poppins; Romilly was Angelina Ballerina; Year 2 created new characters then wrote them into 'The Enormous Crocodile'; Reception painted 'Mog The Forgetful Cat'; Year 4 doodled their names in a Tom Gates style and had a Zoom story time with Tom Gates - or was it!?

Laurie and Frida made a collage for the Great Big 'Frome' Art Exhibition, inspired by the work of Henri Rousseau, and made a giant castle for Mrs Marsland's 'What We'll Build' activity;



## SOMERSET CRICKET BOARD 'PRO CHALLENGE'

Please find the link below to the fifth and final (for the time being) 'Pro Challenge'. This can also be found on the SCB facebook and twitter pages.

[SCB 'Pro Challenge' Week 5](#)