

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...

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



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HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

Theodore & Daphne (Ash) Lewis (Oak)
Sylvie (Hawthorn) Eliza (Poplar)
Chloe (Beech) Retaj (Fir)
Mila (Rowan) Sophie (Willow)
Lissi (Maple) Jay (Sycamore)



EdShed

TOP 3 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

- 1 Oliver - Sycamore
- 2 Alexa - Willow
- 3 Ruben - Sycamore
- 4 William-Scott - Poplar
- 5 Thomas - Sycamore

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

- 1 Sycamore
- 2 Willow
- 3 Maple
- 4 Poplar
- 5 Rowan

FROM MRS MARSLAND

Thank you... and welcome back everyone...

Thank you to each and every one of you for your patience and understanding whilst we all get back into our 'normal' routines. Thank you to everyone for arriving at the correct scheduled times, wearing face coverings and adhering to the one-way system, helping us to try and keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. I am delighted to have all of the children back in school, and I am super proud of how they have all approached this week with enthusiasm, confidence and good humour; they have all been delightful.

PlayPod

All classes were introduced to PlayPod on Monday, a great way to welcome everyone back, and five classes have already had their first session playing and using the resources. All of the children have told me that they have great fun using the PlayPod, and you can see what they have been up to in the photographs opposite. The remaining five classes will have their first session next week, and I know they are looking forward to it.

World Book Day

Thank you to all of the children who submitted their book cover designs, stories and poems and illustrations in Year 3. Yet again, I am amazed at your creativity; the quality of work is amazing. It really was extremely difficult to choose prize winners, as everything I have read or seen was worthy of a prize, and so I have awarded every child who entered 5 house points each. The winners of the prizes, which I hope will be delivered to me over the weekend are:



Year 4: **Lissi and Joshua G**
Year 3: **Mia-Rose and Lily**
Year 2: **Orla and Rosalie**
Year 1: **Harrison B and Olive**
Reception: **Lana and William**

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief is next Friday 19th March. This year, we are supporting this national event a bit differently. In Collective Worship next week, we will talk to children about Comic Relief and where the money raised goes. In preparation for next Friday, please can you as a family come up with a joke, which is suitable to be shared with your child's class. Your child will need to learn the joke well enough that they can remember it and say it confidently to their class. Each class will have a joke sharing session on Friday morning, and choose their favourite or funniest class joke to share in Head Teacher Awards in the afternoon. We are not taking a collection in school; if you wish to donate, please do so via the link: comicrelief.com/rednoseday/

We also remind you that there should be no red noses or other Comic Relief items in school. If you have purchased them, please keep them at home. By all means take a photograph of your child wearing their nose at home and email it in.

TO GET YOU STARTED...

What object is king of the classroom? The ruler!
What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
Stop going in circles and get to the point!



PE DAYS

Children may come to school in their PE kits on their PE days, as follows. (Please don't worry if they come to school in PE kit and/or uniform on the wrong day - it's really not a problem!)

Ash and Oak - Thursday
Hawthorn - Monday and Thursday
Poplar - Tuesday and Friday
Beech - Thursday and Friday
Fir - Friday
Rowan and Willow - Friday
Maple - Thursday and Friday
Sycamore - Thursday

LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Self-Control

Reception

Phonics - Letter sounds; blending and segmenting
CCVC and CVCC words; sentence writing.
Maths - Numbers 16-20, non-chronological ordering;
halving; spatial reasoning.
Theme - Growing cress.

Year 1

Maths - Capacity.
English - Rewriting the story of 'Funnybones'.

Year 2

Maths - Tally charts and block graphs.
English - Retelling the story of 'The Giraffe, The Pelly
and Me'.

Year 3

Maths - Perimeter.
English - Continuing with 'Escape from Pompeii.'

Year 4

Maths - Fractions of a quantity.
English - Poetry.

SOMERSET CRICKET BOARD GIRLS' CRICKET CHALLENGE

To celebrate International Women's Day, Somerset Cricket Board have teamed up with Western Storm captain Sophie Luff to launch a Girls' Cricket Challenge Book. The book contains challenges that involve practising cricket skills, cricket themed conundrums, creative activities along with wellbeing activities and much more.

There are some money-can't-buy prizes for both individuals and schools including signed Western Storm polo shirts and a visit to the CA County Ground along with the chance to attend a match.

The deadline for submissions is the 1st July.

Although aimed at primary school girls (and only girls' entrants will be used for prizes), all the activities are relevant for boys too.

The Challenge book is attached to this newsletter and the link to watch the video of Sophie launching it is here:

[Sophie Luff launches Girls Cricket Challenge Book](#)

GREAT BIG ART EXHIBITION

This year we are very excited to be taking part in the **Great Big 'Frome' Art Exhibition**. This is a fantastic new nationwide project designed to get the whole country making and exhibiting art. It's a great way for people to explore their creative side at home, from first-timers to professional artists. If the last time you painted was at school, it doesn't matter - we'd love to see as many people taking part as possible. You can display your art in your front garden, from a balcony, in your windows or on your front door to help us create one Great Big Art Exhibition!

You can choose any animal and use any media or materials that you like - painting, collage, clay, photos etc. If you'd like to make your animal creations at home then you can send in a photo using Seesaw or Tapestry.



We have joined with the other schools in town and the wider community to decorate our windows with animals. You can see some of our creations here, or have a closer look when you are in the school playgrounds.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you be interested in becoming a Parent Governor? We currently have a vacancy, and full details were emailed to all our parents this week. If you missed it and need it again, or if you have any queries about the role and what it involves, please email the main school inbox on:

stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk

DIARY DATES

Fri 19 March	Comic Relief
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.