

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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EdShed

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Heidi (Ash) Frida (Oak)
Daisy (Hawthorn) Elena (Poplar)
Aleyna (Beech) Harry (Fir)
Gray (Rowan) Alexa (Willow)
Josh (Maple) Rocco (Sycamore)

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

- 1 Rafe - Hawthorn
- 2 Leo S - Sycamore
- 3 Rowan - Rowan
- 4 Wilf - Hawthorn
- 5 William-Scott - Poplar

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

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

FROM MRS MARSLAND

It was fantastic this afternoon, to have so many parents join us for Headteacher's Awards. Mr Bowman was also able to announce the final winners from the recent whole school virtual sports event we held. We really do appreciate the time parents give to joining us on screen, and your children really do enjoy seeing you and waving to you, so thank you!

I am sure you are all looking forward to the long weekend, and let's hope for some lovely weather too. Although Leo thoroughly enjoys his time with the children in school, I know he will appreciate a bit of a lie in over the next three days, and will certainly enjoy some long walks in the countryside.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable bank holiday weekend!

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES – PLEASE BE ON TIME!

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of children arriving late at school. Not only is this increasing risks with the number of children using the front gate and doors, it is also significantly disrupting the Admin Team from their early morning duties. We respectfully ask that you bring your children to school on time, and that they enter the school building through the designated entrances for their class. Similarly, in the afternoons, please collect on time, and from the designated playground for your child. The only children who should be released via the front gate are those siblings who have an earlier finish time than their sibling, and have spent a few minutes in Twilight.

VIRTUAL SPORTS

During our Zoom Headteacher's Awards this afternoon, we gave out the following awards for our Virtual Sports Week. Well done to:

Year Group Winners:

- Reception - **Maxime**
- Year 1 - **Harrison W**
- Year 2 - **Axel**
- Year 3 - **Gray**
- Year 4 - **Thomas**

Top Scoring Class: **ROWAN**

Top Scoring House: **GOLDFINCHES**

PLAYPOD

Our PlayPod is now in regular use in the back playground and the children are finding brilliantly imaginative and creative ways to have fun with the resources at playtime... The staff have completed their PlayPod training and are supporting and encouraging the children in their creative play... Now we need your help!

Please could you talk to your children and send in any comments they have made at home about using the PlayPod? We would love to know what they think about it, and all feedback will help us ensure our PlayPod is constantly evolving and being used successfully.

Please email any comments to your Year Group email or to the school inbox at: stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

School is closed next Monday 3rd May. See you on Tuesday!

MENU CHANGE - TUESDAY 4th MAY

Our lunch providers have informed us that next Tuesday 4th May, the main school lunch option has been changed to spaghetti bolognese. It is just for this day, and the jacket potato option will stay the same.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021 - 2022

The school calendar for the next academic year has now been updated with all five of our Inset days. It's available on the school website, or here:

[School Calendar 2021 2022](#)

LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Friendship

Reception

Phonics - Continuing to develop our sound knowledge and blending skills.

Theme - 'Not a Box.'

Maths - Patterns and problem solving.

Year 1

Maths - Halves and quarters.

English - Seaside holidays in the past.

Year 2

Maths - Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.

English - Retelling the story of 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'.

Year 3

Maths - Fractions.

English - 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.'

Year 4

Maths - Decimals.

English - 'The Great Kapok Tree.'

A Child's Voice

Children in Year 4 have been exploring the different images Christians associate with the Holy Spirit. We explored different artists' pictures linked to this and then created our own pictures relating to the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

Romilly - "I've drawn God's finger sending his dove to bring the Holy Spirit to everyone on Earth. We must be nice to him and we pray so he hears us."

Annabel BM - "I chose a dove because a dove is the sign of peace and it also represents the Holy Spirit. The rainbow represents all the different languages of the world."

Indigo - "The dove of peace gets sent by Jesus to spread the word of God. In my picture the fire represents all the languages of the world. The dove fans the flames with its wings and blows the fire into the disciples' heads."



DIARY DATES

Mon 3 May	May Bank Holiday - school closed
Fri 28 May	Last day of term
31 May - 4 Jun	Half Term
Thurs 1 July	Class and whole school photos
Fri 2 July	Thoulstone Activities Trip - Year 4
Fri 23 July	Last day of school

Academic Year 2021/2022

Mon 6 Sept	Inset Day - school closed
Tues 7 Sept	Inset Day - school closed
Weds 8 Sept	First day of term

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.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

We are very happy to announce that we will be running a Children's Festival event at the Cheese and Grain this summer. It will be smaller and shorter and we will have lots of measures to keep people safe - but it will be just as much fun as always! So save the date - **Monday 23rd August**.

If you are able to help on the day, or if you would like to run an activity, please get in touch and sign up as a volunteer.

From all at Frome Children's Festival.

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