

# Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Mason (Ash) Roman (Oak)  
Sophie & Dennis (Hawthorn) Maisie & Penny (Poplar)  
Stephanie (Beech) Lilly (Fir)  
Emily (Rowan) Ella (Willow)  
Chloe (Sycamore) Meg (Maple)

Special awards were given to the whole of Poplar class for being brilliant during a particularly tricky week; to Mr Coombs for his video editing expertise, and to Mrs Dayman-Johns.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

This week, we announced our new House Captains and Vice Captains. They will perform various tasks during the next year, the first of which was filming a virtual tour of school this week to go on our website for new parents.

We are having a Captain and a Vice for each House from both Year 4 classes so any work they have to do will not be crossing bubbles. *Very* well done to:

### Goldfinches Captains

Lily - Maple  
Ruby - Sycamore  
**Vice Captains**  
Lissi - Maple  
Thomas - Sycamore

### Robins Captains

Joel - Maple  
Chloe - Sycamore  
**Vice Captains**  
Megan - Maple  
Ellie - Sycamore

### Kingfishers Captains

Cleo - Sycamore  
Romilly - Maple  
**Vice Captains**  
Harriett - Sycamore  
Sophia - Maple

### Woodpeckers Captains

Ruben - Sycamore  
Zoja - Maple  
**Vice Captains**  
Billy - Sycamore  
Sonny - Maple

## STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that after Christmas, Mr Daniel Jackson will be joining the staff team as our new Deputy Head. Previously, Mr Jackson has been teaching in Wiltshire schools; at St John's he will be teaching on some days in Willow, as well as taking on leadership duties.

We are looking forward to welcoming him to our St John's family!

As today was our last collective worship this half term, we said a big, whole-school goodbye and good luck to Mrs Dayman-Johns, who begins her maternity leave after the half term break.

We made her a brilliant video! You can see it under 'Wellbeing' on the website, or just click here:

[vimeo.com/468968649/67c87c2a25](https://vimeo.com/468968649/67c87c2a25)

## STORYBOOK TRAIL

We will be running a fantastic new event over the half term break. It will be a LOT of fun, with things to find and prizes to win...

Keep an eye on your inbox for all the information heading your way on Monday next week!

## VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS - YEAR 4 TRANSFER 2021

### Oakfield Academy

Monday 19th October

Brand new videos, information and updates will be available on their website from 7pm.

### Selwood Academy

Every Wednesday afternoon in  
November from 2-3.30pm.

Year 4 parents are invited to speak virtually with a member of staff about the next step in their child's education.

## FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH

We did miss the school's participation in our St John's Church Harvest Festival, but a big thank you to Max whose lovely photos for our Harvest montage really cheered us up! You can see one of Max's photos on the Harvest video, and in the October magazine too, both of which which you can find on our website:

[stjohnsfrome.com](http://stjohnsfrome.com)

Members of our congregation who don't access our communications online each received an A4 copy of Max's photo, so it played a really big part in our Harvest Festival. Thank you!

Janet Caudwell

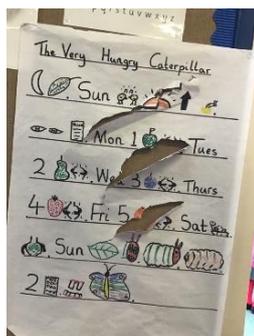
## A Child's Voice

There were strange things going on in Year 1 this week. When the children came into school on Tuesday morning, there was a trail of destruction - huge footprints, messed-up displays, claw marks, sticks and leaves everywhere. It was almost as though Maurice Sendak's 'Wild Things' had visited...

*"Their feet had been everywhere. They moved stuff and I know it was monsters!"*

*"I think I saw one running in the playground!"*

Year 1 parents can see videos on SeeSaw.



## DIARY DATES

19th - 22nd Oct	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Y1,2,3,4
Fri 23 Oct	Inset Day - School closed
Oct 26 - 30	Half Term
2nd - 6th Nov	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Y1,2,3,4
Weds 4 Nov	Flu Immunisation
Thurs 5 Nov	Vision Testing - Year 1
9th - 13th Nov	Parents' Evening Phone Calls Reception
Tues 10 Nov	School Photos
Weds 11 Nov	Bag 2 School Collection
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term

## FROME COMMUNITY EXHIBITION

Free tickets are now available for the Frome Community Exhibition, which runs from 23-25 October at the Welshmill Hub.

This is a collaborative local effort to gather the creative things that have been happening during lockdown, so that we can all come together (in a socially distanced way) to bear witness to these extraordinary times. It should be of special interest to those who have been feeling disconnected and isolated, as a chance to see what others have been through and how they have responded.

[Free tickets can be booked by clicking here.](#)

## LEARNING NEXT WEEK

### Reception

Maths - The number 5.

Phonics - h, b, ll, ss. New words - l, go, no.

### Year 1

Maths - Addition within 10.

English - 'Exciting Writing.' Labelling parts of plants.

### Year 2

Maths - Counting in twos, fives and tens forwards and backwards.

English - Writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. 'Exciting Writing'.

### Year 3

Maths - Addition using part, part, whole.

English - 'Exciting Writing.'

### Year 4

Maths - Addition.

English - Letter writing and 'Exciting Writing'.

## TOY LIBRARY

Frome Toy Library has been running for over 30 years and now faces possible closure if additional funding cannot be secured. Can you help us? You can donate directly, or how about getting your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren etc. a subscription for Christmas? It's only £20 to [become a family member](#) for the year and you get to choose and take home new toys and games every week. There are loads to choose from and it's the ultimate sustainable way to play! (If you can't come to us, we can deliver to you, within Frome and surrounding villages.)

Donate monthly [here](#) or give a one-off gift (committing to monthly donations gives us the confidence to plan well into the future) and learn more about the Toy Library. To become a business sponsor contact [sue@fromechildrensfestival.org](mailto:sue@fromechildrensfestival.org).

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