



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly

*"Together, with God's love, we learn,  
nurture and grow, without limits."*



## Stars of the Week



Reception	Ernie
Year 1	Ivy L
Year 2	Katie
Year 3	Daisy
Year 4	Reuben

## Welcome Back

Happy New Year to everyone.

We hope that everyone had a restful holiday and got to spend some time with family and friends.

The spring term is here – even if it feels very dark, wet and wintry outside! This half term is generally quieter than most but we still have Parent Drop In, Safer Internet Day and our Special School Week. This time the theme is science.

The PTFA also have a magic show. Full details will be sent home to parents in the next few weeks.

## Year 1 Donations to Dorchester Food Bank

Thank you to all Year 1 families for their donations to Dorchester Food Bank. They were very happy with all the extra Christmas treats we dropped into them.



## Year 4 Donations to Water Aid

Thank you to all Year 4 families for their donations to Water Aid. They raised £31 from their non-uniform day.



## Attendance Sheets

Attendance sheets will be sent home to parents by the end of this week. Staff will be in touch with parents with any attendance figures that are causing concern so we can work together to improve your child's attendance. If anyone has any queries, please speak to the school office or your class teacher. Thank you for continuing to work with us on improving attendance.

## St Aldhelm's Church Crossways

With news weekly today, there is a poster giving details of an Epiphany Party – All Age Service that is taking place at St Aldhelm's Church this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## Wessex MAT Consultation

Wessex MAT have entered into the statutory consultation on its School Admission Arrangements for 2025/2026 running through to the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Full details can be found via the following link <https://wessex.ac/>

### Class Trips

Class trips for the rest of this academic year have been arranged. In the next few weeks, they will appear on Schoolcomms so that parents can make partial payments whenever they wish to aid budgeting for them. If anyone has any queries or needs help logging on to Schoolcomms please speak to the school office.

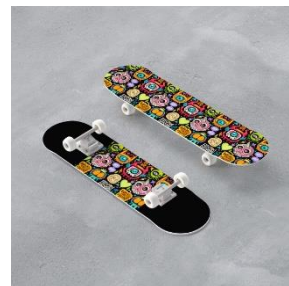
### After School Activities

This half term, we have the following after school clubs:

**Monday – skateboarding**

**Tuesday – Musical Theatre**

Full details of the clubs will be sent home tomorrow and available on Schoolcomms for bookings to be made. Both clubs are available for all years and will start next week, w.c 8<sup>th</sup> January.



## Household Support Fund

We wanted to make sure that families were aware of the Household Support Fund and the funding that any Dorset resident can apply for. The support offered is a £150 supermarket voucher.

The full details are at the link below link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/household-support-fund>

Dorset Council households are eligible to apply if they have: an annual household net income of less than £30,000 and savings of less than £16,000 and not applied for a previous HSF payment within the last 6 months.

### When to apply:

Round 4 will open for applications at 10am on the following dates:

Wednesday 3 January 2024

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Tuesday 5 March 2024

Funds are limited for each application window and the form will close when they have been allocated.

**If anyone needs any help applying or the use of a laptop, please speak to Sian in the school office.**

## Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Parent Drop In 8.15 – 8.40am and 2.15-3pm	<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Special School Week Science
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day (instead of 06/02/24)	<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	INSET Day – school closed to children
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	PTFA – Magic Show (after school)	<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term

Week beginning: 02.01.2024

## Science Week

### Do you use science? If so, we need your help!

**During science week (5-8 February 2024), we want to introduce our children to a range of people who work in science-related jobs, or who use science on a daily basis.**

Science includes working in or with:

Agriculture, animals, medicines, health and hygiene, food, transportation, communication, construction, engineering, product design, water systems, plants, sound and music, and so much more...

If you want to help by introducing yourself and explaining how you use science, please contact Mrs Croft at [year3@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:year3@fromevalley.dorset.sch.uk).

You can help in many different ways, such as:

- Coming into school to talk to a class or the whole school,
- Making and sending us a short 4-5 minute film clip,
- Preparing a few digital photographs with an explanation of how science is useful to you.

## What are we learning in our classrooms this week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Our topic this half term is 'Traditional Tales'. We will be creating a story map for 'The Three Little Pigs' and then acting out the story with our friends.	We will be recognising what makes a sentence and then editing sentences that have been written incorrectly.	In literacy, we will continue to look at word classes, moving onto learning about verbs and adverbs.	In Literacy, we are learning to edit and improve our own writing.	In Literacy we are starting to read the Butterfly Lion.
We are learning about 'zero' and spotting what zero looks like in difference places.	We will be focusing on subtraction - using crossing out as a strategy and also working out 'how many are left?'.	In numeracy, we will be looking at money, identifying notes and coins.	In Numeracy, we are learning about the importance of equal groups when multiplying.	In numeracy we are going to look at factor pairs, and to learn how many factors each number has.
In PE, we are learning the skill of a 'seated balance' - sitting on our bottoms and then trying to lift our hands, feet and legs off the floor and holding the position for 10 seconds.	In Geography, we are going to look at the four countries in the UK.	In art, we will be exploring food art by Giuseppe Arcimboldo and planning printing on textiles.	In Design and Technology, we are learning about machines that use pneumatics or hydraulics.	In PE we are going to do Forest Schools and learn about how to respect nature.

**Do ask your child about their learning!**

**If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.**

## Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help