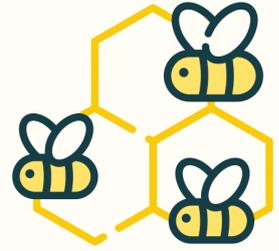




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 1

5th September 2025

Message from Mrs Smith:

Welcome back to the start of our new school year! We have been so excited to welcome the children back to us and they all seem to have returned to School or Preschool eager and ready to learn - which is fantastic!

We hope that you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for the routine and normality that the school run brings! Welcome to our new parents and families, we look forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks, but for now let's hope 2025-26 is the best year yet for us all!

Congratulations! Our 'Be Proud Certificates' this week have been awarded to...

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Everyone!	Goldfinch	Everyone!
Bumblebees	Everyone!	Woodpecker	Everyone!
Caterpillars	Everyone!	Skylark	Everyone!
Butterflies	Everyone!	Falcon	Everyone!
Wren	Everyone!	Kestrel	Everyone!
Robin	Everyone!	Swan	Everyone!
Kingfisher	Everyone!	Puffin	Everyone!

Team Talk

This term in **TeamTalk**, we are focusing on **transition and starting new things**. Through weekly social stories, discussions and short activities, children will explore feelings around new beginnings, friendships, routines, and teamwork. Our aim is to build confidence, resilience, and a positive classroom community as we settle into the new academic year.

This week in School!

As I'm sure you will be aware by now with the regular pings on your phone, we have introduced a new ClassDojo points reward system. More information on this below:

New ClassDojo Reward System

We are excited to introduce a new reward system across the school using *ClassDojo*. This will allow us to celebrate positive behaviours and reinforce our three core values of *Being Safe, Being Ready and Being Respectful*.

Each child now has a Dojo profile and points will be awarded whenever they demonstrate these values both in and out of the classroom. Parents will be notified instantly when their child receives a point, giving you the chance to celebrate successes at home as well as in school.

The system also makes it easier for us to track points ready for our weekly celebration assembly where children's efforts and achievements will be recognised. We hope this new approach will strengthen the link between home and school while giving children clear, motivating feedback for their positive choices.

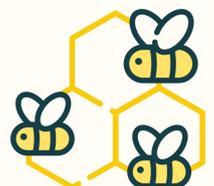
This week in Preschool!

We are very proud of all the children who have returned to Preschool so well and we welcome all those who are new to the setting! Meanwhile, we are celebrating our Preschool expansion with the opening of a new room for our Caterpillars!



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Gentle Reminders!

Please can we remind you that we are a **nut free school**. This is to support many children and staff who have nut allergies so please do not include nuts in lunchtime or breaktime snacks.

The **Staff Carpark** has new fencing to reduce the risk to our children. Please continue to **not use** this carpark at drop off or collection as this can cause a safety risk to our children.

Secondhand Uniform Shed - Don't forget that we have this amazing resource provided by our wonderful FPTA for you to use. The children looked so smart in their uniforms this week but inevitably they will quickly lose or grow out of these! So please check here first to significantly reduce the cost of replacements to you and support our school at the same time!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
w/c 15 th September	All After School Clubs start. More info to follow...
Monday 15 th September	Year 3 Swimming starts. More info to follow...
Friday 19 th September	Jeans for Genes Day. More info to follow...
Wednesday 24 th September	3:30-4pm for meet the teacher. More info to follow...
Tuesday 7 th October	Flu Vaccinations. More info to follow...
15 th & 16 th October	Year 3 & 4 Trip to the Museum of Somerset. More info to follow...
22 nd & 23 rd October	Parents' Evenings. More info to follow...
Thursday 23 rd October	Last day of term
Friday 24 th October	INSET Day
Monday 3 rd November	First day back!



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