



Monday 17th November 2025

Dear families, This week, I have felt exceptionally proud of how our school has been represented within our community. Our Year 6 pupils attended the local Remembrance Service with such maturity and respect, and our school choir performed beautifully at the Coffee Bank Christmas Market. We have received wonderful feedback about the children: their manners and their positive attitudes made them outstanding ambassadors for our school. Please do look to the final page of this week's newsletter for the poem, written and read by Sycamore Class.

Thinking ahead, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for Parents' Evenings this Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to learn more about the children's progress in their new year groups and to strengthen the relationships between home and school. Working together in partnership is so important in ensuring that our children can be the very best they can be, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

Kind regards
Mrs Baker



Children in Need

The school was adorned with all things yellow, spotty and Pudsey related on Friday! Thank you to Becky and Lynn, who listened to the School Council and kindly made Pudsey biscuits to help mark the occasion.

As a school community, we raised a staggering £376, which the children know will help to make a huge difference to young people in need of extra support.

Remembrance Services



Whilst Sycamore Class were attending the Remembrance Service at the Church Centre, Winscombe, Michael and Gabriella represented the school at the Wessex Learning Trust Service and laid a wreath in Remembrance of those fallen in Sandford and Winscombe.



Arya, Freya, Monty and our very own Mrs Harrison also took part in acts of Remembrance and proudly represented the local Girl Guide and Scout community during the weekend service at St James Church.



Parent Planner Autumn Term

Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th Nov	Parents' Meetings
Friday 28th November	PTFA Mufti-day in exchange for teddy tombola donation
Monday 1st December	'Reverse Advent' (more details to follow)
Saturday 6th December	Singing Club invited to perform at 'Carols by Candlelight', Brent Knoll.
Monday 8th December	Oak Class Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 9th December	Silver Birch Class Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 11th December	Walnut Class Nativity 9.30am
Monday 15th December	Pantomime
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch PTFA Disco
Wednesday 17th December	Mince pies and thank you for school helpers – 1.15pm Community Carols – KS2 Playground 2pm – more information to follow
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Carol Service at St James' Church 1.15pm
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 5th January	Spring Term begins



Well done to all of the children who came to sing at The Coffee Bank last Thursday night. You brightened a very wet evening and made lots of people feel very festive. A big thank you to Mrs. Worthy who is leading singing club this term and who inspires us with her music!

25 Steps!

It really was a challenge, but we did it! The hall was buzzing on Friday afternoon with music and dance, in celebration of Children in Need!

Crew Points:

Matthew	152
Brunel	114
Cameron	110
Concorde	68

Well done to all children who earned a crew point this week. Everyone's efforts to show that they Care, Aspire, Respect and Excel really make our school community a happy place to be!



This week, in celebration assembly, we applauded Avery, Daisy M, Daisy S, Hannah and Sophie for earning 30 smiley faces. We also celebrated Sophie, in year 5, who has been showjumping; Leon, in year 2, who was awarded player of the match for his goal scoring and passing to others; and Aubrey, also in year 2, for being invested into Beavers. Thank you for sharing – we love to hear about achievements out of school too.



“We Will Remember” — A Remembrance Story

Long ago, when the world was dark with war,
Ordinary people were asked to do something
extraordinary.

They left their homes, their families, their friends —
To stand for peace, and to protect others.

Some were soldiers,
Some were nurses,

Some worked in factories,
Some waited and worried at home.
All showed courage —
Not just in battle,
But in the strength to keep hoping.

Courage is not the absence of fear,
It's doing what's right, even when you are afraid.

A young man wrote letters to his mother,
Promising he'd be home for Christmas.

A nurse whispered kind words to the wounded,
When pain filled the air around her.

A child collected scraps of metal,
To help build planes and ships.

A teacher lit a lamp each night,
And prayed for peace to return.

Each small act of bravery
Became a light in the darkness.

When the guns fell silent,
The world began to heal.

Poppies grew where once there was mud,
Their red petals remembering the fallen.

Each poppy tells a story,
Of courage, and of love.

We wear them not to glorify war —
But to honour peace.

To remember those who stood up,
So others could live free.

They were young and old,
Men and women,
From every walk of life.

They dreamed of a future —
A world without fear.

They dreamed of laughter in quiet streets,
And children playing in the sun.

We are the children they dreamed of.
We live the peace they fought for.

We remember their courage.
We remember their sacrifice.

We remember the hope they carried.

And we promise —
To keep that hope alive.

We promise —
To be kind, and brave, and fair.

To stand up for others,
Just as they did.

To build peace,
Where there is anger.

To bring friendship,
Where there is fear.

To bring light,
Where there is darkness.

Because remembrance is not only about the past —
It's about how we choose to live today.

We will remember.
We will be thankful.
We will be brave.
We will keep their courage alive.
We will remember them.

Written in collaboration between Miss Dewey and year 6 for
Remembrance 2025.