



**MONDAY 20th APRIL 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all after the Easter break. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful time with your families.

As we return to school, we look ahead to Earth Day on Wednesday—an important opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the natural world.

With this in mind, it felt especially fitting that on the final Wednesday of last term we were joined by Eleanor Thatcher, who officially opened our new apple orchard. The trees were generously donated by Thatchers, and it has been super to see so many members of our school community involved in planning, siting, and planting them. Trees play a vital role in sustainable living, and this orchard will be a lasting resource for our children to learn from and enjoy.

Continuing this theme, over the Easter break we were delighted to see the installation of our new polytunnel. With huge thanks to the PTFA for their generous funding, this space will provide exciting opportunities for outdoor learning, allowing children to plant, grow, and harvest their own produce.

Our focus on caring for the environment continues into next week, when we will welcome visitors from the RSPCA. They will be sharing important messages about protecting animals, reducing litter, and looking after our surroundings. As part of this, all children will take part in a litter pick around the school grounds, helping us to keep our site tidy and safe for wildlife.

It is encouraging to see how much we are doing as a school community to celebrate the environment and think carefully about how we can all show we CARE.

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back today, and I look forward to another busy and rewarding term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Baker



## A busy Easter holiday in school!

Whilst the children were enjoying their Easter holiday, many members of our school community were busy working hard behind the scenes.

We are pleased to share the transformation of Walnut Class, and we are very proud of the “before and after” results. This really has been a whole community effort, and we would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved. In particular, Mrs Pemberton and her team of resourceful helpers, who have done a fantastic job, using their creativity to give the classroom a fresh and inviting new look. We are also very grateful again to our PTFA for their generous funding towards new furniture and accessories, and to Mr Mike, our caretaker, for giving the room a beautifully refreshed coat of paint.

I am sure the children will love learning in their updated environment. We are also pleased to share that new playground markings are now in place, designed to support active and engaging playtimes. Careful thought has gone into these additions, and we are very pleased with the results. The KS2 playground is now complete, and we look forward to seeing the children making the most of these new opportunities for games and activities.

Our KS1 playground developments will continue, with an activity trail and target practice game planned for installation during the May half term. Unfortunately, the initial visit did not include the correct equipment, however, we are pleased to confirm that a return visit has already been arranged—so watch this space!



## School uniform

Thank you to all parents and carers for sharing your views on the school uniform survey and for your continued support in ensuring children come to school in smart, appropriate uniform. It really does make a difference—helping to create a sense of belonging and setting a positive tone for learning and behaviour across the school. As we move into the Summer Term, we would appreciate your support in maintaining these high standards. Please ensure children wear suitable footwear (black, polishable shoes, not boots, or closed-toe sandals) and that PE kit is practical and appropriate for active movement. Please avoid sending your child in sports branded clothing.

We ask that jewellery is not worn, long hair is tied back, and any hair accessories are in school colours and kept simple. Maintaining these expectations helps create an environment of equality and consistency, where all children can focus on learning without distraction.

## Butterfly Oasis Project:

In the spirit of Earth Day, we are also pleased to be supporting the Butterfly Oasis project. This important community initiative brings together local schools, families, and organisations to create mini wildflower meadows and support pollinators and biodiversity. We will be receiving seed packs and instructions for the school, and children will also bring home invitations to a community launch event taking place on Wednesday 22nd April, 6–8pm at Winscombe Bakery. Further butterfly-themed activities, talks, and workshops will follow in the coming months, and we look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

## PTFA EASTEWR EGG HUNT

A big shout out to the PTFA who raised an amazing £480.64 from the Easter egg hunt! Also to Hartland Chiropractic, who kindly donated £250 towards the eggs, and Tesco Weston, who donated 30 eggs.

## A warm welcome to new starters

We are pleased that Reception places for September have now been confirmed and we look forward to welcoming a new cohort of children to our school in the autumn term. The Silver Birch team are already busy planning transition arrangements to ensure a smooth and positive start, and we will be in touch with families very soon with further information.



## PARENT PLANNER

<b>Monday 20th April</b>	Start of Term 5	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Walnut Class Trip to Weston Museum
	PTFA meeting 8pm @Woody	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Induction Day Y6 to Churchill Academy
<b>Tuesday 28th April</b>	RSPCA workshops (all Classes)	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 Drama Day at Churchill Academy
<b>Friday 1st May</b>	Class Photographs	<b>July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 3rd</b>	Y6 Residential at Lydeard Farm
<b>Monday 11th May</b>	PTFA meeting 8pm @Woody	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole school to KOW Sports Festival
<b>Thursday 14th May</b>	PTFA Disco	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y4 Swimming Gala
<b>Thursday 21st May</b>	Maple Class Barton Camp		Oak Class to Nempnett Farm
	Winscombe Cricket Festival (details to follow)	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day 1 <sup>st</sup> option
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	Maple Class Barton Camp	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	The return of the Summer Fayre
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTFA Bingo Bonaza	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PTFA meeting 8pm @Woody
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTFA Meeting @Woody 8pm	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Production to parents 9.30am & 6pm