



MONDAY 27th APRIL 2026

Dear Families,

It was super to welcome everyone back to school last week, especially with the glorious sunshine, which allowed us to make the most of both our outdoor and indoor learning.

On Thursday, Walnut Class enjoyed a fantastic day of learning with a difference. Dressed as pirates or ready for the beach, they launched their seaside topic through a range of activities designed to encourage independence and creativity. From exploring positional language in maths to making masks and telescopes, the children had a busy and engaging day working through their “to-do” lists.

Elsewhere, there was great excitement in Silver Birch Class as they were introduced to some very special new visitors—caterpillars! The children are already speaking knowledgeably about how they will care for them as they grow, form pupae, and eventually emerge as butterflies.

We were also delighted to welcome Ronnie, our PAT dog, back on Friday afternoon. He was very pleased to return to school and particularly enjoyed listening to readers and being gently petted by the children.

We continue to be proud of our broad and rich curriculum, and we are looking forward to the full range of after-school clubs starting again this week.

Wishing you all another sunny and enjoyable week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Baker



REMINDER



With the warm weather we are currently having don't forget to send your children in to school with a hat, applied sun-cream and water.

Winscombe and the wider community

Don't forget to keep an eye on the noticeboard in the front foyer to keep up to date with any events in the village and wider community such as sporting activities, holiday clubs and other events.

Attendance in the Spring Term

Your child will shortly be bringing home one of our traffic light attendance letters.

Where your child's attendance is cause for concern Mrs Baker would like to meet and discuss any ways in which we can support you going further. You will be contacted by telephone to arrange an appointment in this instance.

Raised Beds

Thank you very much to Mrs Miles, who kindly gave her time last week to clear the raised beds along the pathway into school. The bulbs are being carefully preserved to be replanted elsewhere, and Mrs Miles is now planning to work with groups of children to replant the beds in a way that reflects our Crew colours. This will create a vibrant and welcoming entrance that we can all feel proud of.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Platinum award for Oli J
(Sycamore)

Gold award for Wilbur
(Maple)

Sporting achievements:
Austin & Toby W-
football

Imogen, Daisy M,
Spencer - swimming
Rex -rugby

Avery - pet training
Aubrey - zip line.

Emma played the children
into assembly on the flute



Assembly Theme: Responsibility

This week's assembly theme is responsibility. Children will be thinking about the small actions they can take to make a positive difference in school and in their wider community.

We are also pleased to welcome the RSPCA, who will be talking to the children about the impact of litter on animals and our shared responsibility for caring for the environment.

At home, we encourage you to talk together as a family about what responsibility means and the different ways it can be shown in everyday life.



WEEKLY CREW POINTS

187	188
201	192

POLYTUNNEL

Thank you for all the generous donations for the polytunnel. We are very grateful to have received pots, shelving and gardening tools from families and friends. We are also planning to upcycle our old classroom tables into new potting benches—an idea suggested by our caretaker, Mike. We love the fact that this is a sustainable approach. Watch this space!

Mathematics

At our school, we use a mastery approach to mathematics, which helps children develop a deep and secure understanding of key concepts. Children are encouraged to explore ideas using a range of representations and manipulatives—such as counters, cubes and diagrams—so that they can see and understand the maths in different ways. This week, Year 5 especially enjoyed a hands-on lesson investigating square and cube numbers using practical resources to support their understanding!



PARENT PLANNER

Tuesday 28th April	RSPCA workshops (all Classes)	Tuesday 23rd June	Induction Day Y6 to Churchill Academy
Friday 1st May	Class Photographs	Wednesday 24th June	Y6 Drama Day at Churchill Academy
Monday 11th May	PTFA meeting 8pm @Woody	Tuesday 30th June`	Silver Birch Trip to Puxton Park
	SATs Week	July 1st - July 3rd	Y6 Residential at Lydeard Farm
Thursday 14th May	PTFA Disco	Wednesday 8th July	Whole school to KOW Sports Festival
Thursday 21st May	Maple Class Barton Camp	Thursday 9th July	Y4 Swimming Gala
	Winscombe Cricket Festival (details to follow)		Oak Class to Nempnett Farm
	PTFA Cake Sale Oak Class	Friday 10th July	Sports Day 1 st option
Friday 22nd May	Maple Class Barton Camp	Saturday 11th July	The return of the Summer Fayre
Friday 12th June	PTFA Bingo Bonaza	Monday 13th July	PTFA meeting 8pm @Woody
Monday 15th June	PTFA Meeting @Woody 8pm	Tuesday 14th July	KS2 Production to parents 9.30am & 6pm
Thursday 18th June	Walnut Class Trip to Weston Museum	Wednesday 15th July	Sports Day 2 nd option