



# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 15 – MAY 2025



Dear Families,

What a treat to have finally had some warm and sunny weather. I sincerely hope you have been able to enjoy time outdoors.

80 years ago this week, Winscombe Village would have celebrated a very welcome victory, along with the rest of Europe. Interestingly, during World War II, national weather forecasts were kept under wraps, due to weather playing a huge part in military planning. In fact, to help farmers and growers, special weather forecasts were broadcast on the BBC in code to prevent the Luftwaffe targeting ripening crops.

Luckily for us, the forecast is no longer top secret and in school, the warmer weather has prompted us to think about planting and growing in our allotment. Over the past two weeks, beds have been dug, seeds sown and the water butts put to good use to ensure everything stays well-watered. Currently, courgettes, beans, radishes, strawberries, raspberries and lettuce inhabit our raised beds and staff are working with children to nurture their growth.

Elsewhere, a different kind of growth has been nurtured: this week in Silver Birch Class, the children have observed their caterpillar guests undergo a remarkable transformation and form cocoons, ahead of emerging as butterflies. There is a buzz among our youngest learners, as they find out about different minibeasts!

Year 6 have also been thinking about growth and change as they prepare for their Key Stage 2 SATs, which will take place in school next week. This has involved a lot of focus and concentration in class, as children have practised their reading comprehension skills and also their mathematical reasoning skills in readiness for some challenging end of school assessments. Next week's tests mark a significant point in their schooling journey as they get ready to transition to secondary education. We look forward to welcoming them to school early to enjoy their SATs breakfasts (kindly cooked by Becky and Lynn, in the school kitchen) and we wish them well - knowing that everyone will do their very best.

Finally, within our school community, the summer term can often involve transition and change for staff too. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to Miss Willows, who has been an important part of our teaching team for the last ten years and we wish her the very best of luck as she continues on her own adventures into retirement.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Baker

**Head of School**

Winscombe Primary School

## CALENDAR DATES

12.05.2025 KS2 SATs Week	24.06.2025 Moving up Day – Y6 Transition day at Churchill
19.05.2025 PTFA Meeting @ the Woody 8pm	30.06.2025 Inset Day
24.05.2025 End of Term 5	01.07.2025 Sports Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> option
02.06.2025 Start of Term 6	02.07.2025 Music performance for Linden & Ash Classes
03.06.2025 RSPCA Workshops	03.07.2025 Disc sports for Linden & Ash Classes
04.06.2025 RSPCA Workshops	10.07.2025 KS2 Production am and evening for parents
10.06.2025 Class photographs	15.07.2025 PTFA Krispy Kremes
16.06.2025 PTFA Meeting @ the Woody 8pm	16.07.2025 Oak Class – Nempnett Farm
17.06.2025 Sports Day – 1 <sup>st</sup> option	17.07.2025 Ash & Maple classes to Mendip Activity Centre
19.06.2025 Y6 Lydeard Farm lodges	18.07.2025 Ash & Maple classes to Mendip Activity Centre
20.06.2025 Y6 Lydeard Farm lodges	21.07.2025 Y6 Leavers Assembly & PTFA disco

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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY AWARDS

**Weekly Class Attendance over 97%**

**28<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 : Oak, Ash & Silver Birch**

**20 smiley faces:** Emilia, Daisy S and Abigail

**30 smiley faces:** Harvey & Hunter

**40 smiley faces:** Teddy, Iris, Grace, Hugo, Alex, Molly, Freya H and Lorelei

**BRONZE:** Michael

**SILVER:** Fred P

**MUXWORTHY TROPHY :**Pippa for her commitment to sport

**AMBASSADOR CUP:** Eva in recognition of her excellent attitude to school and learning

## CREW POINTS TOTAL FOR THIS WEEK

<b>CAMERON</b>	<b>CONCORDE</b>	<b>MATTHEW</b>	<b>BRUNEL</b>
<b>191</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>200</b>



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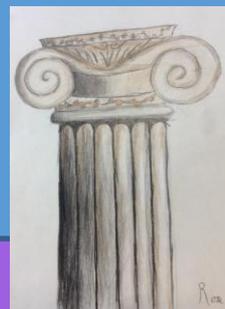
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## MAPLE CLASS Greek Day

Last week Maple Class had a Greek themed day to finish off their topic. The children got into the spirit, with lots of them choosing to wear brilliant costumes! We explored Greek architecture, looking at how the Greeks used columns to create strong structures. We completed our own column challenge to see how strong paper cups could be! We also drew columns, after learning about the different styles of column design. Have a look at this fantastic column by Rose. We also held a Winscombe Olympics, practising our javelin and discuss skills. It was a fun day filled with lots of learning too.

## OAK CLASS TRIP TO SOMERSET COUNTY CRICKET GROUND

Oak Class had a fantastic afternoon at the Somerset County Cricket Ground in Taunton on Tuesday. They had an afternoon of games and activities designed to develop their cricket skills. The afternoon was run by children from two local secondary schools who ensured all the children had lots of fun. Stumpy, the club mascot, made a guest appearance too and joined in with some of the games. A great time was had by all.



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## ASH CLASS

Ash Class were visited by Claire Green this week, who taught us all about Sutton Hoo and the exciting project of re-making the ship. We donated some money to the cause and the money we donated went to pay for a whittling knife that is being used to help build the replica of the Anglo-Saxon burial ship. We also marked out the length of the ship and tried to imagine what it would be like to row it across the sea.



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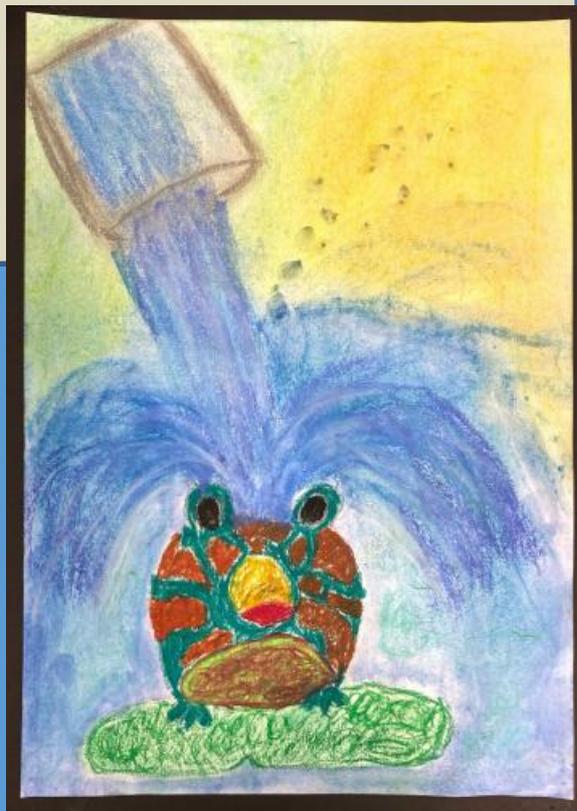
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### **ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Katie, Jacob, Iris, Rose and Ella-Mae, who all entered the Rotary Young Artist competition earlier this year and who have been recognised for their wonderful pieces on the theme of water. A big round of applause to Katie, who was chosen as overall winner and who has received a very beautiful trophy. Thank you too to Mrs Mistry who helped the children explore different mediums before choosing their final entry designs



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BABY &  
TODDLER  
GROUP**

Try us for FREE!

**PLAY, SING, CRAFT and CHAT!**  
@Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

**Mondays 09.00-11.30**  
**12 & 19 May**

- ♥ Friendly group, easy parking
- ♥ Bright hall, lots of toys
- ♥ Yummy snacks; cuppa & cake

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**CREATE! we ♥ Sunday**

**ponies, Piglets & Craft**  
FUN FOR FAMILIES!

**Sun 18 May 4-6pm**  
@Fenswood Farm  
BS40 5DZ

GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
BBQ & STORY  
ALL AGES WELCOME  
FREE ENTRY

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**DIG FOR VICTORY  
FRIDAY NIGHT THEATRE EXCLUSIVE!**



**STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE DIG FOR VICTORY SHOW!**  
13-15 JUNE | NORTH SOMERSET SHOWGROUND

JOIN US FOR A CRACKING WEEKEND OF 1940s NOSTALGIA AT THE DIG FOR VICTORY SHOW – A FAMILY-FRIENDLY FESTIVAL PACKED WITH WARTIME SPIRIT! EXPECT A BRILLIANT MIX OF WW2 VEHICLES, LIVE RE-ENACTMENTS, VINTAGE STALLS, HISTORY TALKS, FAIRGROUND RIDES, SWING DANCE LESSONS, AND TOE-TAPPING MUSIC GALORE.

**SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE – ONE EVACUEE**

WE'RE THRILLED TO WELCOME THE AWARD-WINNING CLEVEDON SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE FOR A MOVING PERFORMANCE OF ONE EVACUEE, BASED ON PLAYWRIGHT MARK WHEELER'S MOTHER'S REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE DURING OPERATION PIED PIPER.

♦ THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT WITH LIMITED AVAILABILITY.  
YOUR TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY TO THE SHOWGROUND ON FRIDAY 13TH JUNE.

DOORS: 5.00PM

SHOW: 6.00-8.00PM (WITH INTERMISSION)

STAY AND ENJOY THE 1940s VIBES 'TIL MIDNIGHT!

TUCK INTO TASTY GRUB FROM OUR FOOD STALLS AND GRAB A PINT AT THE VICTORY MARQUEE BAR. IT'S SET TO BE A PROPER GOOD KNEES-UP!

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE. FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. TICKETS £5  
PLEASE SEE [WWW.DIGFORVICTORYSHOW.COM](http://WWW.DIGFORVICTORYSHOW.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.




Try us for FREE!

**Churchill  
Baby & Toddler Group**

**Paint-Your-Own-Pots**  
**Mon 12 & 19 May**  
09.00-11.30 @Churchill Methodist  
BS25 5NG

Just pop in!

**Great Gifts,  
Super Keepsakes**

Wide choice of cups,  
plates & decorations

GLAZED POTS RETURNED  
MONDAY 9 JUNE

Choose blank pots  
pay by cash, card, mobile

Children's snack  
Unlimited coffee & tea

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**FANCY JOINING AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR?  
THEN COME TO OUR FREE  
POP-UP CHOIR TASTER!**

**WHO IS IT FOR?**  
Anyone, young and old.  
Children welcome, babes in arms welcome.

**WHEN IS IT?**  
Taster session from **2PM-4PM ON SUNDAY THE 18TH OF MAY**. There will be **CAKE**

**WHERE IS IT?**  
Winscombe Hall  
Winscombe Hill, Winscombe BS25 1DH

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**  
If you have fun, you can sign up for a 6 week term.  
There will be twice weekly rehearsals - twice a week so people can choose which one they want to come to, or come to both, you choose!  
6 x choir rehearsals on a Wednesday evening from the 11th of June to the 16th of July  
6 x choir rehearsals every Sunday afternoon from the 8th of June to the 13th of July

There will a performance of our songs  
on the afternoon of Saturday the 19th of July Time TBC.  
At the event there will also be workshops for kids,  
a giant puppet parade, and a village feast!

**TO SIGN UP EMAIL** [soapsouptheatrecompany@gmail.com](mailto:soapsouptheatrecompany@gmail.com)  
**OR PHONE TOMASIN ON** 07970492089

**MAKE FRIENDS!  
HAVE FUN!**

**Mrs Baker**

RAISING FUNDS FOR

THE BRISTOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHARITY  
**The GRAND APPEAL**  
Est. 1995

THE SPECIAL CARE BABY CHARITY  
**COTS FOR TOTS**  
St Michael's Hospital Bristol

Mrs Baker is running the  
**Great Bristol 10K**

11 May 2025

Scan the QR code below to donate and show your support!

The money we raise will continue to improve the treatment and care of young patients and their families at Bristol Children's Hospital and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St Michael's Hospital.

[grandappeal.org.uk](http://grandappeal.org.uk)

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- Guide small groups of children around our interactive safety village.
- Learn new skills.
- Save lives.

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**SEND**  
Open Evening  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
6:00pm – 7:00pm

A great pop-in event for you & your child to join us at Fairlands Middle School to meet the SEND Lead and learn more about our provision.

Please click the QR Code and complete the form.

**Fairlands Middle School**  
We Collaborate, Achieve & Belong

SEND Evening - Tuesday 21st May 2025

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