

The Dasset News - 11th September 2026

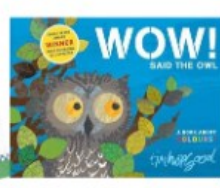
This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in Celebration Assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Owls (Year 1)	Squirrels (Year 2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Magda	Roman	Toby	Will	Harrison
			Lee	Olivia



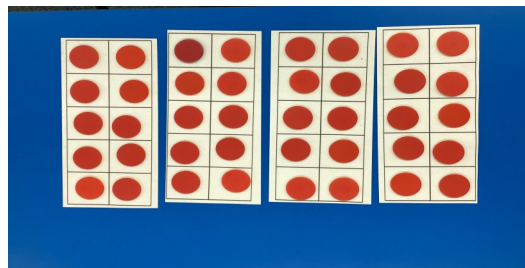
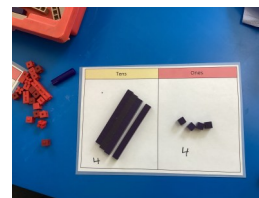
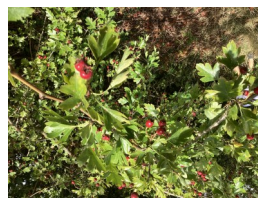
Reception— Well done to all our Reception children for completing their first full week at the Dasset! There is a lot to take on board when starting school and they have all coped brilliantly. Our lovely caretaker Tammy has been very impressed with how good at tidying the children are when she has come to clean at the end of the day! There has been lots of learning through stories and games this week to enable the children to familiarise themselves with each other and their learning environment. Eddy's little teddy from 'Where's my Teddy?' helped them name different areas of the classroom through his game of hide and seek with Bear's enormous teddy. Listening to a class version of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear Who do you see?' helped children to learn each other's name while the non-fiction book 'Why do I have to go to bed?' helped them learn about the importance of getting a good night's sleep and what can help them do this. They listened to poems about being 5 as we made our birthday display in the classroom. Our first couple of 5-year-olds enjoyed the switching on of the birthday lights and their 5 hip hoorays or claps. A big thank you to our Year 6 Buddies who were invaluable in supporting children at lunchtime and on the playground. Have a lovely well earned rest over the weekend!



Year 1 -Wow, what a brilliant first full week we have had here in Owls class. We have been busy getting to know the new routines and expectations of Year One as well exploring our new classroom and outdoor area. Highlights have included, demonstrating how amazing they are at phonics by reading and writing phonemes and graphemes they learnt in Reception as well as being thrilled to find an exciting delivery of Deely boppers on Tuesday morning alongside a mysterious letter. We used our detective skills to work out that it was a hairy troll who had left it! A lovely introduction to our first focus book of the year 'Troll Swap'. Owls have been brilliant mathematicians and have shown their abilities to sort and group items as well as count confidently and recognise numerals to 10. We have been remembering the 'nip, flip and grip' motion to help hold our pencils correctly when writing and have been revisiting how to write numerals 0-9 correctly in our handwriting sessions. We loved our first PE afternoon on Tuesday as well as an afternoon outside exploring woodland, hedgerow and meadow habitats all within our school grounds. In PSHE we discussed what we want to see happening in our classroom and came up with a class agreement to make our class the best it can be by being kind, caring and looking out for each other! I have a feeling we are going to have a wonderful time together in Year One, well done Owls on a fantastic start to the academic year!



Year 2—Well done to all for completing the first full week of year 2! We're getting into our routines and starting our learning our different subjects. In maths, we have started our place value unit of work and looked at recognising 10s and 1s and using a place value chart. In English, we have started reading the book 'Troll Swap' and writing sentences about one of the main characters, Timothy Limpet. We had a great afternoon in science and learnt what a habitat was before going out to explore the habitats we have on the school site. We had fun swishing nets to see what was in the meadow and looked carefully at what was in the hedgerows. Art was mixing primary colours to create secondary colours and PSHE has been talking about rights and responsibilities (tidying rooms was mentioned a lot!). We've also got going with phonics, Mastering Number, handwriting and reading sessions - it's been a busy week!



Year 3/4— The transition for the Year 3 pupils joining the class has gone really well, and it has been lovely to see them picking up some of the work we did together back in July on Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant*. We concluded this work during our first two days back after the summer break. As for this first full week, it has flown by as we have sought to establish behaviour expectations and our weekly classroom routines in preparation for our regular timetable. To that end, the mornings have included spelling and handwriting practice ahead of our English lessons, which have focused on sentence construction and grammar. Maths lessons on place value for numbers up to 1,000 have followed. In the afternoons, our foundation subjects have begun, and we have started our projects in History, Music and Science. In History, we are exploring the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages; in Music, we have begun singing; and in Science, we are learning about animal nutrition and the skeletal structure. In RE, we have produced some artwork in preparation for Harvest, and in Computing, we have made sure everyone can access the activities before beginning some e-safety work, focusing on boundaries and safe use. We have also recapped greetings and key basics in French. PE took place on Friday, with a carousel of outdoor invasion games, starting with basic handling drills.

Year 5/6 - It has been a lovely first week with my new class, and we have already been busy with lots of exciting learning. In Maths, we have been working on place value and developing our understanding of numbers. In English, we have started reading *Star of Fear*, *Star of Hope* and have concentrated on using inverted commas correctly when writing direct speech. We have also completed some fantastic artwork for Harvest and designed our own coats of arms, which have shown lots of creativity and individuality. We are really looking forward to another exciting week of learning next week! Please don't forget to log your child onto ClassDojo to keep up to date with our class news, reminders and activities.



Class Dojo— You should now have received your QR code sheets to sign up to our new Class Dojo classes. We have already sent home an acceptable usage policy and new photographic consent forms. We would thoroughly appreciate everyone signing up to Class Dojo for both your child's class page and our new School Communications page. We are constantly trying to develop effective ways to communicate everyone that is going on in school and we hope parents will find this useful. If you need any support with setting up Class Dojo don't hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher or the school office for support. Tapestry will be active for Reception parents early next week.

Parking

Please can all parents be conscious of local residents and child safety when parking at school drop off and pick up times. Please keep off pavements to prevent access issues for prams and wheelchair users. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Dates for Diary

Wednesday 30th September—Team Colours Day

Thursday 1st October—Special menu

Monday 5th October—Special menu

Tuesday 6th October—Recycling assembly

Thursday 8th October—Reception and Year 6 checks

Friday 9th October—Hello Yellow Day

Tuesday 13th October—Special menu

Wednesday 21st October—Severn Trent Water Assembly

Thursday 22nd October—Harvest Festival Service at 2.105pm

Friday 23rd October—Inset Day—Children will not be in school

Monday 26th—Friday 30th October—Half Term

I would like to give a warm welcome to the new families of reception children who have joined the school this term. We are so proud of the start reception have made to their journey at The Dassett. Well done all for making such a fantastic return to school. It has been lovely to see all the smiling faces on children around school over the past week. As well as the smiling faces on parents at drop off! I would like to single out our Year 6s for particular praise this week. They have been so caring and responsible whilst supporting our new reception cohort to settle into school life so well.

Have a lovely weekend—from Miss Corry and All at The Dassett