

# The Dasset News - 9th January 2026

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



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Niamh	Ted	Thomas	Millie
	Scarlett	Hunter	Henry



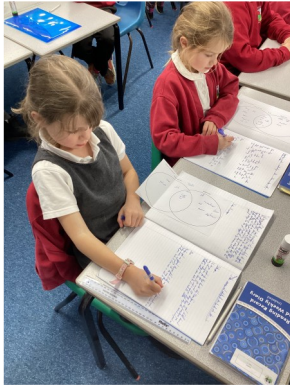
**Reception**—The children have got back into the swing of school like they have never been away! It has been lovely to see each other and share all our news from the Christmas break. The cold start to the week meant we started our Winter Wonderland topic off with a walk. There was no snow to build snowmen with so we used sticks to draw them in the frosty playground! With possibility of snow the children made snowflake pictures using lego blocks as stampers and learned about Storm Goretti. This week in Maths, the focus has been



in subitising and the children have impressed with their ability to visualise an arrangement of dots and describe them. The children were excited by the subitising game on Mathletics which you can access via the QR code stuck at the back of your child's reading record. We started our Dreams and Goals by talking about how doing a challenge can make you feel, some of the children remembered the frustration of trying to thread their wool through the needle when making their felt Christmas trees last term! We listened to the story Mabel and the Mountain and noticed how Mabel the fly never gave up on the challenge of walking up a mountain, even though it was really hard! In phonics we have learned the sounds z, zz and qu and the tricky words 'he' and 'she'. We have started to learn the letter names and have also been recapping capping capital letters. In PE the children started their new dance unit. In music we listened to a new song, a lullaby and focused on hearing and copying a the beat of the tune.

**Year 1/2**— Happy New Year! It has been so wonderful to welcome Squirrels back to school after the Christmas break. We have got stuck right back into our new learning and I have been really impressed with the focus and engagement! In English we have loved exploring our new focus book 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. We have been writing descriptions for animal enclosures at the zoo for a Mouse and a Lion focusing on using a range of writing features such as adverbs, adjectives, and subordination. In maths we have been working on simple addition and subtraction using tens frames and number-lines to support our calculations as well recognising patterns in numbers when we add ten. In art we have created beautiful transient art weather symbols using a range of loose parts and in Science we have explored our new topic 'Seasonal Changes' by going on a winter walk to make observations and then write up our predictions as to what we think we will see as we move into Spring. A reminder to check Spelling Frame and Mathletics for activities that your child can do at home over the weekend!





**Year 3/4** - This week in English, we kicked off our adventure story study with Stone Age Boy! We had fun looking at how to choose the right tenses, describing settings in different ways, and getting into dialogue with some speech punctuation practice. In Maths, we kept going with our Mastery programme to really nail those multiplication tables. We also tackled some work from the White Rose Maths scheme, focusing on factor pairs and how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. In PSHE, we started chatting about Dreams and Goals and looked at some of the challenges people face because of disabilities they were born with. Over in RE, we began exploring the Christian belief in the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. During Outdoor PE, we practised our throwing and catching skills for netball and worked on some shooting techniques. Dani led a dance lesson themed around water, which ties in nicely with our upcoming geography and science topics. We also kicked off a new singing unit in music and wrapped up our work on Sound in Science. Plus, we had some fun in our Computing and French lessons!

**Year 5/6** - A fantastic start to 2026 in year 5/6. Back to some hard work and starting a range of new projects. Our main project this term is Frozen Kingdoms - please see our class page on the website for full information of what we're getting up to. To start this our science lesson was classifying polar animals. We looked at the vertebrate groups and talked about some new invertebrate groupings such as cephalopods and bivalves.



Art was looking at Inuit culture, specifically their different artistic styles. We looked at examples of sculpture, stenciling and printing in preparation for our practical work this term. PSHE was talking about what we want our futures to look like. We discussed jobs, hobbies and goals we had. We then looked at the average salaries for different jobs and had a discussion about this. Maths has been drawing line graphs and starting looking at fractions. In English we have started our book Hugo Cabret which is always a favourite. PE has been starting netball and coming up with a dance based around water using both our dance and gymnastic skills. In music we listened to Vivaldi's Spring and then compared this with Sinfonia Cymru's version of it which gives a message about climate change. Computing was starting the basics of using spreadsheets and talking about how these are used.

## Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm

Thank you those who purchased a tree from Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm we received a donation of £42.90



## School Uniform

Brigade are holding a Winter Warmer Promotion this weekend. Please see following information.

### Promotion Details:

- **Discount:** 15% off school uniform orders
- **Promo Code:** WW15 (must be entered at checkout)
- **Valid:** Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th January 2026

**How to Order:** Parents can visit [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com), select your school from the drop-down menu, and enter the code at checkout.

## Children's Commissioner

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. This guide aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence. Please see link below

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

## Dates for Diary—additional dates may be added

**Wednesday 14th January**—Reception Winter Walk

**Thursday 15th January**—**Special Lunch**—Winter Sports. Choice of either “Bobsleigh” pork hotdogs or Snowboarder’s Bean Pocket (cheese and baked bean pasty) both served with potato wedges, broccoli and sweetcorn. Dessert is a choice of Jim Jam’s chocolate brownie or Slopestyle Swirl mousse. This can be ordered on the day in the normal way.

**Tuesday 20th January**—STEM Day for Key Stage 2

**Thursday 22nd January**—Key Stage 2 trip to RSC to see The BFG

**Friday 23rd January**—**Special Lunch**—Happy International Pie Day. Choice of either Minced Beef Pie with gravy or Veggie Balti Pie both served with new potatoes, peas, carrots or salad. Dessert if a choice of Swedish Apple Pie and Custard or Fresh Fruit Platter. This can be ordered on the day in the normal way.

**Wednesday 28th January**—House Colour Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing a t-shirt of their house colour.

**Friday 30th January**—Year 5/6 talk online with a polar explorer

**Tuesday 3rd February**—**Special Lunch**—Winter Olympics. Choice of either Bobsled Bangers Bowl (sausage hot pot) or “Olympic” Pizza Twist both served with “Slalom Spuds” (wedges) with peas and sweetcorn. Dessert is a choice of “Olympic Ring” Donut or “Gold Medal” Cookie. This can be ordered on the day in the normal way.

**Wednesday 4th February**—Year 5/6 Athletics—Mr Foyle will be contacting parents of children who will be attending

**Thursday 12th February**—**Special Lunch**—Happy Luna New Year. Choice of either Sweet ‘n’ Sour Chicken with Rice or Vegetable Chow Mein served with Broccoli and sweetcorn or salad. Dessert is Mandarin Sponge Cake or Ice Cream. This can be ordered on the day in the normal way.

**Friday 13th February**—RE Day

**Friday 13th February**—The Friends of The Dasset will be holding their annual Valentine Disco for children. Look out for more details.

**Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February—Half term**

**Stratford District and Family Centres** -Please find attached the 2026 timetable with play sessions for families to participate in. They also continue to offer our Baby massage as well as Baby & Toddler Chatter Matter courses (These can be booked by contacting the Centres directly). They have some new sessions, Messy Baby and monthly Saturday Family Time at the Lighthorne Heath C&FC. They are also running an After-school Activity club at our Stratford C&FC with the emphasis on Construction, building & Junk model making. Perfect for 4 – 8-year-olds. Please see attached information.

**Family Information Service** The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies).

This week's Family Information Service newsletter includes information about:

- Applying for school places
- Smoke Free Coventry & Warwickshire
- Support for anyone struggling with alcohol and much more!

If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an [online FIS discovery session](#).

## **The Friends of The Dasset**

Thank you so much for your support attending the Christmas Fair and Breakfast with Santa. We raise **£627.47**. Next event is the Valentine School Disco on Friday 13th February. Look out for more details.

## **Onside**

Please see attached information for the Onside Club held of Friday after school.

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