



The Dasset News - 19th December 2025

This Week:-

Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Zachary	Halley	Freddie	Toto/Harry D
	Grace	Mickey	Lara



Reception—We got off to a great start to the week with a visit to Warwick Arts Centre to see The Tiger Who Came to Tea. It was a great production with sing a long songs and audience participation – it was very loud with the theatre being packed full of young primary school children. The coach journey was filled with the sound of our nativity songs both there and on the way back. The children have really impressed this week as they mastered the art of threading a needle and using a running stitch to join two pieces of fabric to create a Christmas tree decoration. We have been making paper chains in funky fingers, comparing length and working together as a team to complete a task. We have been counting out given amounts as we fed Santa mince pies and Rudolph carrots. In phonics we have learned the sounds w and x and continue to practise our blending. As we count down the sleeps until Santa, we have been thinking of the different units we measure time in, days, months, seasons and years and have made a calendar for the new coming year. We have been finding out about the Christian celebration of Christingle and then made our own Christingles with the help of our year 6 buddies. Well done on a fantastic first term of primary school Hedgehog Class – you have done a huge amount of learning and grown up so much since you started in September. Mrs Garland and I are very proud of you all. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2026!

Year 1/2— This week has been as busy as always, we have worked so incredibly hard this term, and we are definitely in need of a well-deserved break. Highlights of this week include a visit from Southam Firefighters who reminded us of the importance of their jobs, how to prevent fires and key fire safety procedures! We looked at the uniforms they wear and also practised the Stop, Drop and Roll technique. In English we been writing letters to Father Christmas and in maths we have been consolidating the key skills we have worked on this year including, finding doubles, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, number patterns and simple addition and subtractions. In DT we finished our project 'Shade and Shelter' by creating miniature shelters outside following a design criteria. We were also incredibly lucky to visit Warwick Arts Centre to see the Tiger that Came to Tea which was absolutely wonderful. It was so lovely to see the children truly captivated by the acting, singing and dancing! Wishing you all a restful and merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all, well rested, after the Christmas break!

Year 3/4-This week, we've wrapped up our history studies by diving into the Roman withdrawal from Britain and who came next. In PSHE, we explored how negative language can affect us compared to positive, complimentary language. In RE, we looked at the story of Abram/Abraham from the Old Testament, along with some more modern examples, like the work of the Salvation Army. Plus, we got into the festive spirit with a bunch of Christmas activities, such as making Christmas cards and Christingles, and we even rehearsed and performed for the lovely elderly residents of Northend during the Christingle Service and Friday's school carol concert.

Year 5/6 - A great last week of our first term. We've completed our DT unit by making a roasted pepper sauce. We learnt the different ways to chop peppers and onions using a knife (claw grip and bridge method) and then roasted the vegetables. We blended with passata to make a tasty sauce to have with pasta. In English we have been writing up our Grinch writing drafts into final pieces with added Grinch illustrations that we did in art. These look really wonderful and it's been a really nice opportunity for us to see how much everyone's writing has progressed over the term. In French we learnt some different French Christmas words and then followed a set of French instructions to add the decorations to a tree template. Christmas dinner was greatly enjoyed on Wednesday (there were even a few sprouts eaten!). Year 5/6 led the Christingle service on Thursday absolutely beautifully - the moment with the Christingle candles in the dark and everyone singing was incredibly moving. Everyone did a fantastic job of reading their parts and we're always very proud of the enthusiasm for singing - it sounded great. Have a lovely break and a good rest and we'll see you in 2026 ready for more great learning.



The Friends Events—A Great Big Thank You

Fair Thank you to all those who joined us at the Christmas Fair. We had a great time and raised lots of money for school fund. We will let you know how much in the new year. The friends of The Dasset run these events to help raise much needed funds for school. They help towards the cost of trips e and equipment.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa was a sell out this year. A massive thank you to Santa for giving up his Sunday morning to come and visit us. And a massive than you to the Friends (including our cooks Alicia and Tammy) for giving up their time and providing a delicious breakfast.

A big thank you to Tammy Davis, Alicia Morton and the Friends for all their hard work in putting on these events and to those of you that support them.



School Groups

Eco Committee

Eco committee is Harrison, Harry, Martha, Lexi, Cerin and Oliver. Eco committee will be getting together in the new year to work on our Climate Action Plan.

The Dasset Student Vision Association

The DSVA team are Max, Alfie, Eliza, Autumn, Amber, Daisy, Arham and William. The children have met once to discuss their goals and strategies and to come up with their name. They are going to be focussing in on one of our values each week in the new year and looking for pupils who are enacting them.



Christmas at The Dasset

We have had so much fun leading up to the Christmas break — thank you to everyone who has joined us for our celebrations.

On Tuesday all of Reception and Key stage 1 enjoyed a trip to the theatre at Warwick Arts centre to see the Tiger Who Came to Tea. The children were engrossed and brilliantly behaved. Thank you to our helpers, Mrs Arden, Mrs York and Mrs Shakespeare.

On Wednesday we all enjoyed an excellent music assembly during which the talented musicians of The Dasset performed a variety of Christmas songs on piano, flute and recorder. Well done all of Recorder group and all the solo/duet performers

Recorder group—James Wakeley (Captain) . Harrison Trowell (Vice Captain) . Harry Roberts (Vice Captain) . Georgia Lawson . Lexi Meaney . Olivia West . Fin Buttrick . Scarlet O'Reilly . Pops Rider . Jamie Smith . George York . Lee Pretorius . Thomas Wakeley . Eliza Habgood . Molly Dronfield . Kathleen O'Reilly . Jemima Rider

Soloists/duets—Sophie A, Molly D, Tommy W, Lexi M, Lara W, Thomas W, Georgia L, James W, and George Y and Pops R

We had a delicious Christmas lunch provided by our excellent cooks Alicia and Tammy on Wednesday. The children enjoyed being served by teachers and they all had crackers to pull. The Christmas biscuits and cakes with green and red icing were a big hit. Thank you to our brilliant kitchen staff and all the teachers for waiting on!

On Thursday we enjoyed a rainy trip to the church to share our Christingle service. We made Christingles—Year 6 helped their buddies in Reception. Year 5 and 6 led the service so well done to them.

On Friday we loved the singing in the hall—there was a lovely atmosphere and the children were really happy—if a bit tired. There was a huge crowd so they did really well. Thank you all for coming and singing We Wish you a Merry Christmas with us.

Dates for Spring Term

Monday 5th January—Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January—Children return to school

Thursday 22nd January - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see The BFG

Thursday 12th February—RE Day

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

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Friday 20th April—Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th March—RE Day

Thursday 26th March—Easter Service at church

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April—Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April—Children return to school

A message from Abacus Pre-School Nursery.

We are holding our Duck Race on Sunday 25th January 2026, so please save the date. We will be selling Duck numbers when the term starts back in January.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year too.

Have a lovely, peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. —from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset