

The Dassett News - 21st November 2025

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) |
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| Tilly | James | Pops | Oliver R |
| Nylah | Martha | Olivia | Eve, Isla |



Reception—The children have had lots of different experiences during science week! They have experienced mini-beasts using VR headsets. They have had a go at using Spheros – some of them became quite expert at getting them around the course set up by the RAF as part of Kineton Stem. They have explored magnets by making birds fly and found out that it is not just birds that lay eggs! They have helped the teachers find out which is the best biscuit to dunk by finding out what happens to biscuits when you add water to them and conducting an experiment to find the best ‘dunker’! They explored what materials burn well in Forest School - great given how cold it was on Friday! In phonics we have learned the sounds ‘b’ and ‘f’ and the tricky words ‘no’ and ‘go’. We have practised reading words in pupils’ Rhino Reader books to help build their fluency by reading words by sight, starting with sounding out in their heads and saying the word out loud. In maths we have been looking at composition using the concept of ‘wholes’ and ‘parts’. We looked at our own bodies and familiar toys to understand that whole things are often made up of smaller parts and that a whole is, therefore, bigger than its parts. They have loved episode 12 of number blocs ‘The Whole of Me’. After reading the Witch’s Kitchen last week there has been lots of following recipes to make different potions, practising our stopping number when counting out.



Year 1/2— We have absolutely loved Science Week! Our current Science unit is Human Senses and we have loved exploring this throughout the week. We have labelled the body, learning about the different names of body parts. We have focused in on our senses by completing a apple taste test which we all loved! We have to rate each different variety of apple out of 5 and then create a whole class bar chart to record our results, Granny Smith was our favourite (but closely followed by Golden Delicious). We also used our sense of smell to try and work out what was in hidden pots. We smelt mint, coffee, vanilla, onion, spices, lemon and cheese! We loved some of the smells but others we were not so keen on! We have seen how sound vibrations made sprinkles jump on the cling film. We had a host of other inspiring activities including a talk about our carbon footprint and medicines by Helen and Graham, a Virtual Reality session where we went head first into the wonderful world of wild animals and a stem rockets sessions with Kineton RAF where we were all very impressed with the height and distance our rockets zoomed across the field! We thoroughly enjoyed the Come and Learn glow stick session as well as our whole school biscuit dunking session. After such a wonderful week, maybe we have inspired the next generation of Scientists, ready to change the world!





Year 3/4— Science week has dominated our timetable this week with the activities, events and investigation detailed in the separate entry. In the spaces surrounding science afforded, Year 3/4 have been spring-boarding off 'The Winter's Child' novel in English to write their own fantasy genre stories. In maths we have focused on the Mastery programme helping us acquire times-table knowledge and confidence. In History we studied the impact of Emperor Constantine's decision to make the empire Christian. PE continued with gymnastics (indoor) and hockey (outdoor). Whole Class Reading, French, Computing and Music sessions have also taken place.



Year 5/6 - We've had great fun during science week - see elsewhere in the newsletter for what we've been up to. In between the science activities we've been focusing on our other STEM subjects. In maths we've been looking at irregular shapes and their properties. We've also looked at squared and cubed numbers. We did an afternoon of computing where we designed our own 3D adventure games using 2DIY3D on Purple Mash with some great results. PE was gymnastics and hockey which the children are really developing their skills in.

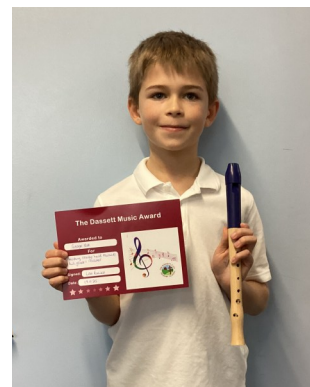
Travelling Books

Thank you to all those who supported the book sale. We raised **£252.10** in commission to spend on school books, some of which are already in the classroom.

Music Award

Well done George who is working incredibly hard towards his Grade 1 recorder piece.

Mrs Foxwell set her musicians a task of making a decoration for the tree that will be in the music room over the festive period. Well done Sophie for being the first one to bring one in.



Head Lice

We have an outbreak of headlice in school. Please can you check your child/children's hair and treat if necessary.

Treat appropriately: the wet combing technique eradicates the lice and eggs. This should be done every 3 to 4 days over a 2-week period to break the life cycle. If you require further information please have a look at the following website: <https://www.chc.org/how-to-treat-head-lice-and-nits-successfully/>

Coming Up

Wednesday 26th November—Dress down day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes with a forfeit of chocolate for the Christmas fair tombola.



Wednesday 3rd December—Drumming assembly. Top of the Rock are hosting a drumming assembly for the children.

Monday 8th December—Dress down day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes with a forfeit of bottles for the tombola at the Christmas fair.

Wednesday 10th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Production. Parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy “Baarmy Bethlehem”. A letter will be sent home with requests for costumes and tickets next week.



Thursday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper. This is a nationwide event with a donation to Save the Children. Suggested donation of £2.

Thursday 11th December—RE Day

Friday 12th December—School Christmas Fair. Come and join us for our annual Christmas fair 6-8pm. There will be stalls, games, pork baps with trimmings, mince pies, mulled wine, hot chocolate—with or without Baileys and lots more. Watch out for more details.



Sunday 14th December—Breakfast with Santa. Come and join Santa for breakfast—details will be sent out shortly on how to book.

Tuesday 16th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are off to Warwick Art Centre to The Tiger who came to Tea. Thank you to all those who have contributed, if you have not done so please log on to your Parent Pay account.

Wednesday 17th December—9.00am Music Assembly. Mrs Foxwell is organising a music assembly and will let you know if your child is involved. Please come along to see them play.

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Lunch. School Christmas dinner. No need to prebook. Children can order their turkey or vegetarian dinner on the day.



Thursday 18th December—Christingle Service in the church at 2.15pm. All are welcome to join us.

Friday 19th December—Carols in the hall. Join us in the hall at 1.30pm for our annual carolling.

Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026

Science Week

We've had a very enjoyable Science Week here at the Dassett. Children experienced a whole range of activities that have complemented and extended the science curriculum at the Dassett.



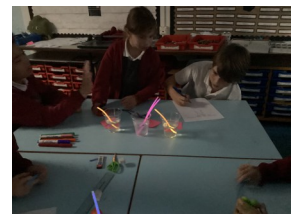
On Monday we had a visit from Severn Trent. After an assembly for all the school, they worked with the year 3/4 class to carry out a 'Water Street' workshop which was great fun with lots of good maths measuring skills included. We also had some parents in to talk about their STEM jobs. Mr Pegler talked to Year 5/6 about jobs in the tech sector of which there was much interest and enthusiasm. And the Buttricks ran some great sessions with Year 1/2 and 3/4 discussing climate change, carbon footprints and medicines. It was really valuable for the children to hear from people with STEM careers and the sessions were greatly enjoyed.



On Tuesday we had Virtual Reality Workshops. Children really enjoyed this - 5/6 journeyed inside the human body, 3/4 had a trip into space, year 1/2 looked at wild animals and Reception had a miniblasts session. Watching the staff having a good time with the virtual reality headsets was also quite amusing! I think we enjoyed it more than the children!



Wednesday was a busy but highly enjoyable day. Kinton STEM visited (who are always great!) and helped the children make rockets which we then launched on the field. Some even went as far as the hedge! With Reception they had a go with the sphero robots which we're greatly enjoyed. In the afternoon we had our first Science Come and Learn session and it was lovely to invite parents in and show them what we get up to in science lessons. We carried out a glow stick enquiry and found that the glow sticks glowed brighter in hot water. We had some fantastic scientific discussions across the school and thank you to all the parents for getting happily involved (you can all have a house point!)



Thursday was a biscuit dunking enquiry. Children had to test which biscuit was the best dunker to help solve our staff room 'quarrel' over which was the best (bourbon biscuits all the way for Mrs Proudfoot!). Reception made some observations and used cubes to record how many drops of water they were putting on the biscuit before it went soggy. Year 1/2 tried out different biscuits to dunk and made graphs of how many dunks each biscuit could withstand! Year 3/4 came up with their own methods and evaluated them - they found rich tea biscuits were found either to break instantly or were indestructible! And year 5/6 came up with their own questions to investigate - ideas included looking at whether biscuits with more sugar were better dunkers and what temperature of water was best for biscuit dunking.

Friday was forest school sessions with Mr Stopps and an opportunity for year 5/6 to work with reception and year 1/2 to work with year 3/4. Using fire safely, they investigated which objects burnt. Thank you Mr Stopps for running these sessions and it's always fab to see how much the children love being outside (despite the cold!) and collaborate so well with different year groups.



A very big thank you firstly to all our visitors who have put such dedication and time into delivering some really exciting sessions this week. And also thank you to the children who've demonstrated excellent teamwork, talked about science in such depth and been welcoming and enthusiastic to our visitors. A final thank you to all the Dassett staff who have worked really hard this week to put different activities on and are always completely on board and enthusiastic about science week. Also thank you parents for coming to school and engaging with our Science learning.



Thank you Mrs Proudfoot for organising a fantastic science week—Miss Corry

Family Information Service

Please see below the link for their newsletter this week. This week the newsletter covers Warwickshire Libraries—whats on, Smartphone safety and Money advice market.

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqgps-8831017?e=d04d9d2ed5>

The Friends

The Friends would like to let you know about upcoming events.

Wednesday 26th November—Dress down day—children can attend school in their own clothes with a forfeit of chocolate for the tombola at the Christmas fair

Monday 8th December—Dress down day—children can attend school in their own clothes with a forfeit of a bottle for the tombola at the Christmas Fair

Friday 12th December—Christmas fair.

Sunday 14th December—Breakfast with Santa

The Friends would also like to thank Mrs Cowling who has been Chair for several years and previous to that on the committee. Sarah has been instrumental in raising money for the school which has supported various trips etc. Thank you Sarah and hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Onside Coaching

Please see attaching information on Onside Coaching Christmas holiday clubs.



Royal British Legion—Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those who contributed to the annual poppy appeal—this year we raised

£146.74.

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