

The Dasset News - 17th October 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)
Bertie	Cerin	Albie	Jacob
	Clemmie	Sophie	Eve



Reception—In maths we have been showing different amounts quickly on our fingers and looking at the different ways we can show 4 using cubes to help understand the composition of 4. We also created out nature patterns using autumn fall. In phonics we have learned the sounds g and o and the tricky word 'is'. We have done lots of sounding out and blending to read words made with the letters s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o. In RE we listened to the parable of the Lost Sheep and continued to learn about different religious world views people may have – this week learning about the Sikh faith. In PSED we played the Honey Pot game where a bear has his honey stolen and has to guess who in the class took it. We explored if it is ok to take things without asking and how everyone has the right for their things and them to be safe. We revisited our school rules and discussed how, by following them, we can help everyone be happy. We have continued to find out facts about woodland animals – did you know a baby hedgehog is called a hoglet? The children explored making grey with black and white while painting badger pictures. In PE the children have been doing obstacle courses going under and over different heights, skipping and playing tag. In other news road closures are affecting the outside area and restrictions have been put in place by our engineers – we will keep you updated about further closures. They may or may not be linked to HS2, this has yet to be clarified.



Year 1/2— This week we have been working incredibly hard on our writing skills in English. We read the poem 'With a friend' by Vivian Gouled and then wrote our own class poem following the same structure! We have been working hard to solve missing number problems using the part-part whole model in maths, as well as working on the tricky concept of finding the difference. We did this practically by making towers of numbers using cubes and counting on to find how many more the bigger tower had. We have also been using a number line to help us solve addition and subtraction questions. We have practiced counting in tens from any number e.g. 3,13,23 etc and have worked out 'how many tens'. In Science we have been exploring how to use Venn diagrams to sort and record data. We did this practically by using objects around the classroom and classified them into groups based on different properties such as transparent and absorbent! In Art we have been continuing to experiment with colour mixing, we used sponges and roller brushes to layer primary colours! We have been practising our Harvest Poem ready to perform at the Harvest Festival next week, we hope to see you there!





Year 3/4—This week has saw us conclude our English work on Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England'. Writing in role, having settled in England, we wrote a letter back to a relative in Trinidad about the experiences of the first six months. In maths we have been learning about exchanging (carrying) into the ten, hundred or thousand column when doing written additions.

In history we looked at the infamous account of Boudicca's rebellion and the Battle of Watling Street, the children correctly ordering a storyboard and retelling it. In PSHE we considered how our school rules make people feel safe and welcome and what we can do to welcome new people into the school. RE witnessed us watching, discussing and reflecting upon a series of short videos about the work of Christian charities in both the UK and abroad and how being charitable is a key Christian teaching. In PE, both dance and football took place

drawing an end to both these units of work as next Thursday is Harvest Festival. Similarly, French, Computing and Whole Class Reading lessons also occurred. We closed the week with Science, looking at the human digestive system and Music in which we sought to compose our own beats inspired by our work on EDM pulses in the previous weeks.



Year 5/6 - A busy week in Year 5/6 as we get fully immersed in our various units of work. In English we looked at a section of our book 'Journey to the Frozen North' and wrote a short character description from the perspective of one of the other characters in the story. In maths, we learnt about vertically opposite angles being equal and we had a go at investigating this by drawing our own pairs of lines in an 'x' and measuring the angles. In science we collected more data on our resting pulse rates and calculated averages before looking at an exercise enquiry that we'll carry out next week. We've moved onto a new unit in Computing and had a discussion about what makes a good computer game and evaluating some example maze games (we will build up to coding our own 3D adventure game). PSHE was a lesson on teamwork and we built two towers - for the 2nd build we assigned people specific roles and had much taller towers, thus proving that clear roles can help in teamwork. This went into our dance lesson where the children worked very successfully in new teams to create a dance to modern pop music (mostly Soda Pop!). You might've heard our music lesson on Thursday (think most of Fenny Compton did!) as we sang some panto-style songs with gusto!



Next Week

Monday 20th—Thursday 23rd October—Bikeability for Year 5/6

Tuesday 21st October—OPAL meeting for Parents. Parents/Carers are invited to join Mr Foyle and Mr Hackett for a meeting at 7.30pm. A link will be sent out nearer the time. This is to outline our plans to develop our skills for play using Outdoor Play And Learning. Below is a link to their website which explains what the project is all about.

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/opal-programme/introduction/>



Thursday 23rd October— Harvest Festival at the Church. We will be going to church on Thursday 23rd October for our annual harvest festival at 2.15pm Children will be performing harvest songs, poems etc. Please come along. At harvest time The Dassett supports Fosse Food Bank. Children are asked to bring items that are then taken to the food bank for people to access. This year the food bank are urgently looking for toiletries and household items so we have decided that we'd like to concentrate on items including shower gel, toilet rolls, laundry powder/liquid/capsules and shampoo. We would appreciate your help with this. Please bring items in week commencing 20th October. Many thanks in anticipation of your donation.



Christmas Cards

All children will have bought home their Christmas card design. **Please make any orders by noon on 24th October.** Please note that when you confirm your child's name, this is what will be printed on the card.



Science Week—Monday 17th November

Science week runs from Monday 17th November and we have lots of exciting activities planned.

We'll be running our first Science Come and Learn session. You are invited to come into school between 2pm and 3pm on Wednesday

19th November to see how we teach science at The Dassett and take part in a science activity with your child/children. We'll be in house groups so siblings will be together. More details nearer the time but just a date for your diaries.



If you work in a science-related role (STEM), are available (in-person or virtually) on Monday 17th November and would be happy to tell the children a little about your role and answer some questions please send an e-mail to the office FAO Mrs Proudfoot.

Mrs Proudfoot, Science Lead

MATHS You should be receiving a small piece of paper with a QR code on from school. This is so that you and your child can access Mathseeds and Mathletics at home. Mathseeds is the award-winning online maths programme for kids aged 3–9. Your child can enjoy fun, interactive and rewarding lessons that teach foundational maths and problem-solving skills while nurturing a love of maths. Mathseeds combines structured one-on-one lessons and highly motivational elements that keep children engaged and eager to keep learning and improving their skills. Your children can start learning with Mathseeds and Mathletics anytime and anywhere there is a computer or tablet. Mathletics can help pupils practice and develop their maths skills. Look at the areas covered At the moment, children can access and play maths games across the platform and they can earn certificates, which we will give out in celebration assembly. After children have tried out the platform, teachers may look at using mathletics to assign maths homework too. In the meantime, look at the Autumn term and practice work that is relevant to what the children are learning in class.



Music Award Well done to James York for brilliant practice at home. Your certificate will be handed out in next week's assembly.

Headteacher's Award - Sophie Arden has been awarded this week because she has done a brilliant presentation about the features of a jungle habitat and she recorded it so that she could share it with the class. It was amazing! Thank you for all your hard work Sophie.

Stratford District Children and Family Centres—Autumn Half Term

Please see attached timetable for Autumn half term for Families. They continue to deliver weekly Family Time, Let's Play and Baby Time groups.

Autumn Arty Party, 28th October at Lighthorne Heath C&FC. For 3–8 year olds.
Nature Explorers, 30th October at Lighthorne Heath C&FC. For 3-8 year olds.

All can be booked via the Eventbrite page.

[Our Eventbrite page](#)

Wake Up Wednesday

What parents need to know about Memes. Please see attached information.

GOGO Makers

Looking for something active and exciting for the kids this half term? GO GO Makers is running fun-filled activity camps from 27th - 31st October* in Warwickshire and Coventry, packed with sports, crafts, challenges and a Halloween Party for children aged 4-12.

You can enjoy an exclusive 15% discount at our Xtra! camps (7-12 years) with the code XTRA15 when booking online.

<https://enrolmy.com/gogo-makers?emyatb=4w7ygdi834>

There are also fantastic competitions running this month to win free days at camp.

<https://gogomakers.co.uk/about-go-go-makers/competition/>

*Finham Park School and North Leamington running 27th - 30th October

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

Coming Up—more dates may be added

Monday 3rd November—Inset Day

Tuesday 4th November—Children return to school

Tuesday 4th November—Open Day. Parents/Carers of children due to start school in September 2026 are invited to come and have a guided tour around the school. Please telephone or email the office to book a time—9.30am or 1.30pm.

Friday 7th November—Year 5/6 Class assembly—Parents/Carers are invited to join year 5/6 for an assembly at 9.00pm in the hall.

Monday 10th November—Odd Socks Day. Children can come to school wearing odd socks to express individuality and stand against bullying.

Tuesday 11th November—Remembrance Day

Thursday 13th November—Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks. The school nursing team come into school to weight and measure the children. Year 6 also complete a health questionnaire. Parents have been sent the information about this.

Friday 14th November—Children in Need—We are holding a cake sale with proceeds to go to Children In Need.

Monday 17th November—Friday 21st November—Science Week—more details to follow

Monday 17th November—Thursday 20th November—Book Sale. Scholastic books are returning, this raises a lot of money for school to purchase additional books for the classrooms and library.

Tuesday 9th December—Reception, Year 1 and 2 dress rehearsal

Wednesday 10th December—Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity production in the afternoon

Thursday 11th December—RE Day and Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 12th December—Christmas Fair—look out for more details from The Friends

Sunday 14th December—Breakfast with Santa. More details to follow

Tuesday 16th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Warwick Art Centre—more details to follow

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th December—Christingle service at church

Friday 19th December—Carols in the Hall

Monday 22nd December—Friday 2nd January—Christmas holidays