

The Dasset News - 10th October 2025

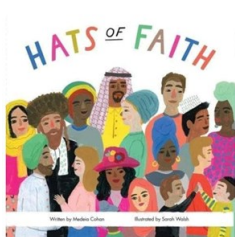
This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Arham	Amalia	Lula	Jacob
	Evie	Lottie	Harrison



Reception—The children have been challenging themselves this week with 35-piece jigsaws and I have seen some lovely team work as they complete the puzzles. In phonics we have been practising our grapheme phoneme correspondence, sounding out and blending to read SAT-PIN words. In maths we have been learning about the composition of 4 as 1 and 1 and 1 and 1, and also as three and 1 more. In RE we have continued to explore how people show they belong and have started to look at the different religions, their symbols and the clothing people wear that identifies their world view. The children have talked about the pets they have at home, how they look after them and how these animals are domesticated. We have explored who might live in a woodland and then sorted animals into those that live in woodlands and those that don't. We have investigated making colours lighter and darker by adding white and black as we painted woodland animals. In PE the children have continued their throwing and catching skills.



Year 1/2— This week has flown by; we have been so busy in Squirrel class! In English we have started a new book 'Meesha Makes Friends' by Tom Percival. We have made our own imaginary friends and written about how to be a good friend to each other. In maths we have continued to work on addition and have focused on doubles, near doubles and adding three-digit numbers together. In Art we have been looking at famous artwork such as Circles by Kandinsky and colour mixing to re-create the colours. We have also been learning to use the 2Paint programme in ICT. In History, we have been making Stewart period buildings from 1666 by using cardboard boxes and craft materials ready to re-create the great fire in Forest School!



Year 3/4—Our class text for the next couple of weeks in English is Floella Benjamin of Playschool fame's: 'Coming to England'. It tells the story of her father bringing the family to England as part of the Windrush Generation (Floella was aged ten at the time). We will use the book for a host of speaking, grammar and written exercises. In maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction strategies capitalising on our previous place value work. In history we looked at the Roman invasions of Britain, which once successful (they initially failed twice under Julius Caesar) took them as far up as Scotland. We looked at how the Picts (Celtic/Scottish tribes) and other factors stopped their conquest and lead to the building of Hadrian's Wall. In RE, we looked at Muslim, Jewish and Hindu approaches to food choices (the beliefs and practices behind halal and kosher meat and wider food groups; and why many Hindu sects encourage vegetarianism). In science we have looked at food chains, whilst in music the children accompanied an electronic rhythm with instruments in C-Minor, as well as singing. Whole class reading, spelling/handwriting and French have also taken place.



Year 5/6 - This week we have begun our new English topic on two books: Young, Gifted and Black and The Journey to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story. Young, Gifted and Black is a celebration of icons and heroes from the Black community. We looked at the Jesse Owens and Bessie Coleman sections this week and enjoyed learning about them. In maths we looked at how to calculate missing angles using known facts and we also started looking at methods for addition. In science we learnt how to take our pulse in different ways and had a focus on repeated measures to calculate an average. We enjoyed the pantomime greatly on Tuesday afternoon and had lots of fun joining in. In French we learnt how to ask somewhere where they live and how to say where we live. In art we started researching significant Black artists, collecting examples of their work and discussed why the work was important. In dance we went back to the 90s and had fun creating routines in unison.

Hello Yellow Day

To mark World Mental Health day we had a special lunch and children wore yellow for the Hello Yellow Young Minds charity. We haven't asked for a contribution to the charity this time but we felt that we needed to mark the day. Thank you for sending your children in something yellow. If you would like to read more about the charity and access some of their useful resources please follow the link below. Please be aware that some of the resources are aimed at older pupils. You can also make a single donation if you would like to support them.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/>



Music Award Well done to Pops and Lexi who have been a delight this week with their lovely flute playing, although it is a bit early in the year for Jingle Bells! Great to have a flute duo in school. Keep up the good work.



Pantomime On Tuesday the children were treated to a pantomime—Jack and the Beanstalk. A great time was had by all. If you have not yet sent in a contribution please do so.



Online Safety Workshop for Parents Parents can get access to the Online Safety Hub: <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/> In addition on Monday 10th November Warwickshire County Council will be hosting a Free Online Safety Workshop for parents of school aged children. Please see attached for further information.

My School Fund If you shop at Sainsbury and Argos please sign up for My School Fund.

My School Fund is an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians, school/nursery staff and other individuals to help boost school and nursery budgets. It's free for schools and nurseries to register, and individuals connected to the school can earn cashback rewards on their behalf as well as pocketing some for themselves when they spend with participating retailers, including Sainsbury's and Argos. Parents, guardians, school/nursery staff and other individuals can earn cashback rewards for themselves at the same time. 1% of eligible spend goes to the school or nursery and 2% goes back to the individual. It's a win-win. Please see attached information.



Poetry Competition Winners Well done to the following children.

Prizes will be awarded in celebration assembly on Monday

Reception—Daisy

Year 1—Winner - Jemima, Runner Up—Benio

Year 2—Winner—Liv, Runner Up – William

Year 3—Winner—Sophie, Runner Up—Eliza



Next Week **Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October**—Parent Evenings. You should have received your allotted day and time. If you have not please contact your class teacher.

Coming Up

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—Please see below

Friday 24th October—Break up for Half term

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.

Harvest Festival



We will be going to church on Thursday 23rd October for our annual harvest festival. 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.

Wake Up Wednesday What Parents & Educators need to know about EA Sports FC 26, also Dealing with Traumatic & Challenging Events—please see attached information.

Family Information Service The newsletter this week has information on How to keep children safe this Halloween, Free money saving cookery classes and more. <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqqs-8830622?e=d04d9d2ed5>

School Led Clubs have now ended for this half term.

All school led clubs are now finished for this half term. Clubs will resume week commencing 10th November.

Stratford Literacy Festival Please see attached information of events for children and families this October.