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The Dasset News - 28th March 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)
Evie	Sophie	Lara	Megan
	Tommy	Alan	Oscar



Reception—This week we have been enjoying the continuing warmer spring weather. The children have found more signs of spring, the blossoms on the cherry tree. When we looked there were also lots of bees up high! We learned more about lambs as Molly shared her 2025 Lambing Diary. We have been practising our one-armed robot letters and using our tricky words in sentences. We have recapped all the level 3 sounds and start Level 4 next week. In maths we have been comparing sets of numbers to see if they are equal amounts and learning about doubles. The children made butterfly doubles working in pairs. This week in music the children practised using the xylophones in time to Old MacDonald. In Healthy Me we learned about natural and processed foods and how some processed foods can be very unhealthy if we have them too often. We did however enjoy cakes for snack to raise money for the Air Ambulance!

Year 1/2— Squirrels Class started a new book this week in English, Traction Man is Here, which they are absolutely loving. They made comparisons between this book and The King's



Pants, thought of ways to improve the story by adding their own adverbs and they also wrote speech bubbles from superheroes to Traction Man. The children had a very exciting day on Tuesday when Mrs Byrne joined them for the morning. She shared a letter about herself with the children and they all wrote her a letter in return. Combined with the visit from the Air Ambulance and the cake sale, it was a lovely day. In History, the children shared their knowledge of Queen Elizabeth II before sorting a range of statements about her life according to how significant and important they thought they were. This prompted a lot of discussion. Following on from learning about food chains last week, the children carried out a little experiment. They had 20 seconds to transfer as much food (in our case, unifix cubes to represent food) from one tray to another. We then used a scoop to decide which way transferred the most food. Mixed in were some plastic circles which represented plastic in the animal's food. After recording their results, the children made little posters reminding people to put litter in a bin and to recycle. In DT, the children designed thought about different bag tag designs in preparation for sewing theirs next week.

Year 3/4— Varjak Paw has been the novel at the centre of our English studies this week. It tells the story of a cat venturing into the city after the death of its owner in a manor house on the outskirts. Next week, we will write our own chapter about the initial adventures and encounters the cat experiences upon entering the city... Maths this week has seen us adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. In Geography we studied atlases for children to pick an area on a tectonic plate boundary upon which, next week, they will write a report about the risks of future seismic disasters (volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis). In Design Technology, we began to look at what cam mechanisms are and how they are used in simple children's toys. In PSHE we considered group dynamics in friendships discussing what healthy and unhealthy friendships look like. RE saw us look at the parable of The Good Samaritan as part of our work on the Gospels. Whole Class Reading, Music, Computing and Gymnastics with Dani have all taken place. Finally, class members enjoyed a special rugby workshop with Northants Rugby Club's Community Outreach programme (see separate entry).



Year 5/6 - In English we finished reading Skellig and thought about the different themes that have appeared in the book - children have had a really impressive understanding of these in the text. Maths has been looking at multiplying and dividing decimals by whole numbers. In computing we have finished creating our own databases. Our reading theme this week has been disability representation and we have been reading a range of texts about this and widening our understanding and thinking about inclusion. In geography we learned all about modern farming techniques in order to have a debate about whether modern methods help farmers or the environment more. We then moved on to analysing how farming and food production changes in different climate zones by looking at citrus farming in California. We finished the week by allowing children to show their creative side by designing and making their own Mothers' Day cards.



Northants Rugby Club Visit

On Thursday morning our KS2 classes each enjoyed a 45-minute introduction to rugby workshop with Northants Rugby Club's Community Outreach programme. The session included passing, try scoring (by grounding the ball with control) before finishing with a series of tagging games. These games saw the children working in unison as a team to form a defensive line across the field of play as those children who evaded being tagged had an increasing challenging try getting from one end of the field to the other (think of a variation based on the game 'Bulldog'). All children got involved and thoroughly enjoyed the session, building on their existing tag-rugby skills.



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Air Ambulance Assembly

Thank you to all those who supplied cakes and made donations to the Air Ambulance. **We raised £113.04.**





Music Award

Well done to James for superb playing of “Le Moulinet”, Sophie for being very helpful, and Tommy for brilliant progress in piano lessons.



Head Teacher Award

Well done to Emily for excellent work in maths.

Diary Dates—Coming Up

Wednesday 9th April—Solar Panel assembly

Thursday 10th April—Easter Service at church at 2.15pm. All parents/carers are welcome to join us for an Easter service.

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The Friends of The Dasset—Bingo

The Friends of the Dasset will be holding their Easter bingo night on Friday 4th April.

Doors will open at 5:30pm. There will be delicious food provided by the very capable

Ms Warner so please come along and support the friends in their efforts to raise much needed funds for school. Please book by next Tuesday.



Educaters

From 1st April 2025 school meals will be increasing in cost to £2.75 per meal per day.

When we return to school after Easter we will also have a new menu—please see attached for your information, this is also available on the school website along with weekly picture menus.



Manchester United V Manchester City Women

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Your school is invited to bring your students to Old Trafford this May for a thrilling Manchester derby between United Women and City Women with our '**Buy 4 Kids Tickets, Get 1 Adult Free**' promotion!

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Wake Up Wednesday

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X—but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks. Please see attached for further information.

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