

The Dasset News - 6th March 2026

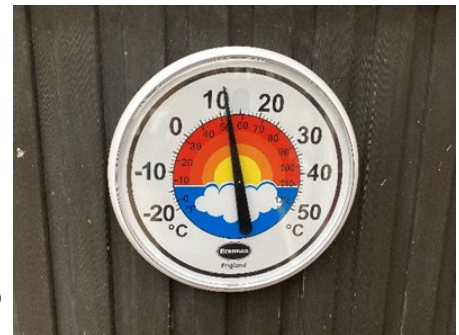
This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



| Hedgehogs (Reception) | Squirrels (Year 1/2) | Bears (Year 3/4) | Badgers (Year 5/6) |
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| Nylah | Benio | Lula | Andrew |
| Oli | James | Lottie | Jacob R |



Reception— The highlight of the week was definitely World Book Day on Thursday. The children were very excited to be in their costumes. They had to put their reading skills into practice find out where Squirrel had left his book the 'The Leaf Thief'. At the start of our Dangerous Dinosaur topic the children thought of things they wanted to know about dinosaurs and this week we have started to find out some of the answers. It has helped us focus on the features of non-fiction books, the contents page, the index and glossary. We found out that Pterodactyls were not actually dinosaurs and they could catch their prey while they were flying using the incredibly sharp teeth in their very long beaks! In Maths we have been focusing on comparing numbers and using this skill to consider where numbers to 8 are in relation to each other. We have continued to the explore the signs of spring, using our new outside thermometer to measure the temperature. In Phonics we have learned the sounds 'oi and 'ear' and the tricky word 'here'. The Naughty Bus was being pesky again and stole all the Long Ladder Letters from our alphabet display. The children are getting really good at saying the letter names when they tell me which ones he has taken!



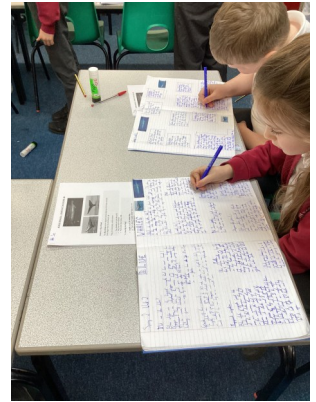
Year 1/2— This week has been very productive in Squirrel class. In maths, we have been working incredibly hard to double and halve numbers, as always, we have practised this with a range of practical games to reinforce our understanding. In English, we have started our new focus book 'The Curious Case of the Curious Mammoth' by Ellie Hattie and Karl James Mountford which kicked off with us solving a jigsaw puzzle to reveal a picture of a huge woolly mammoth! Of course, it was also World Book day on Thursday, and the children had an absolutely wonderful time exploring new books, reading in new places and with children across the school. As it is the National Year of Reading, each year group explored books linked to a different season. Our season was my favourite, Spring! We read the book 'It starts with a seed' and then planted our sunflower seeds as well as create flower bookmarks. We also used our imaginations to think of interesting and magical things that could grow from our seeds, we had chocolate trees, Lego trees and colouring plants to name just a few! We also found time in the



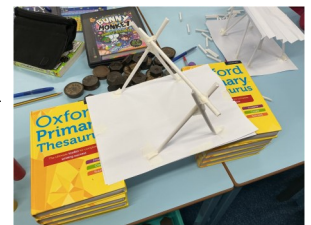
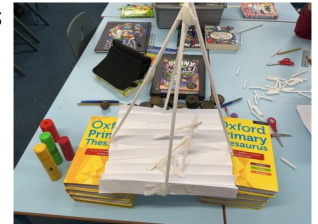
week to explore our Geography learning, where we are now focused on the weather! We strung up a windsock in the outside area and measured the wind using the Beaufort scale! In Art, we started our collagraphy project, sticking different textured materials down ready to use them to print with next week.

Year 3/4— In English we have produced an information text about Blue Whales, why they are endangered and how we can play a role in saving. In maths, we have been working on mixed numbers and improper fractions.

In Geography we studied how mountains are formed and the different types that result from different processes. We also began to look at contours on maps to show elevated ground. In PSHE, our Healthy Me unit introduced drug education defining what a drug is. RE continued our studies about What God is, looking at how Power is defined (considering: the divine, natural/nature, to power seen in everyday life - government, managers, public utilities etc.) before revisiting knowledge of Christian worldview of God being the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). In Wednesday's DT we looked at William Morris' influence on fabric/pattern design. On Friday, we finished the week with Science (States of Matter work based on timed observations and tracking of temperature changes) and music.



Year 5/6—The highlight of this week has absolutely been World Book Day. The costumes were amazing and it was great to just have the time to enjoy and chat about books. We enjoyed the quiz guessing which member of staff was reading each book and we enjoyed designing a mythical creature that would fit into the world of Narnia (with a focus on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe). We shared stories with the younger children in our house groups and took part in a book swap. We also enjoyed listening to the staff reading their favourite stories. In DT we enjoyed building our own bridges - this time focusing on using triangles for strength. We tested these out and we'll take on what we've learnt to design our final bridges later in the term. In PSHE we had a discussion about alcohol, specifically with regards to anti-social behaviour. Science was looking at generating a range of questions we could explore about different circuit components and structures. In maths we have started looking at area and perimeter by calculating the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. French was learning key wild animal vocabulary and discussing what 'cognates' are.



Next Week

Friday 13th March—Happy Mother's Day Menu. Choice is Breaded Fish Finger bap with chips and lemon mayonnaise or Cheese and Broccoli pasta bake with garlic bread. Both served with baked beans, peas or salad of the day. Dessert is School's favourite sprinkle sponge cake or fresh fruit platter. Lunch can be ordered on the day in the usual way.

Coming Up

Tuesday 17th March—Saint Patrick's Day Menu

Friday 20th March—Comic Relief Day—Children are invited to come to school wearing something red with a donation of £1.00 for Comic Relief. The kitchen will also be serving Red Nose Biscuits for dessert.

Head Teacher Award

Well done to Elizabeth for her amazing poetry.



World Book Day

Thursday was World Book Day 2026 which was a fantastic celebration of stories, imagination and reading across the whole school. It was amazing to see so many unique and creative costumes, with pupils bringing their favourite book characters to life. Thank you, parents, for all the support with these wonderful costumes!



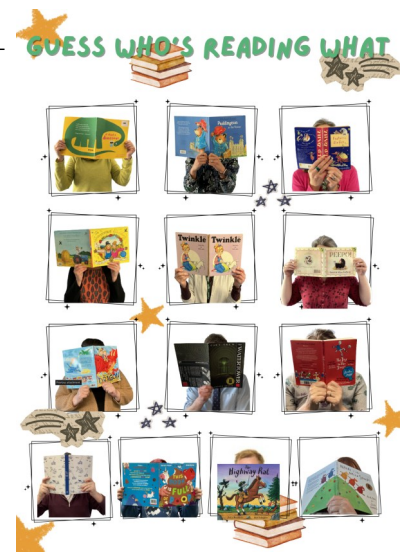
Throughout the day, children enjoyed many opportunities to read, share and celebrate stories together. This year, our class-based activities were linked to the National Year of Reading, with each year group exploring a book connected to a different season.

Reception welcomed the season of Autumn, following clues to help find the squirrel from the story *The Leaf Thief*. Year 1 and 2 explored Spring, sowing seeds and creating beautiful flower-themed bookmarks inspired by the book *It Starts with a Seed*. In Summer, Year 3 and 4 read *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and designed and built the most fantastic lighthouses. Meanwhile, Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to the Winter wonderland of Narnia, creating mythical creatures inspired by *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.



We also spent time reading together in our house groups, enjoyed listening to teachers share their favourite stories in different locations around the school and took part in a very successful book swap.

The kitchen also provided us with a special world book day menu. The book the kitchen was based on was *Cows in the Kitchen*



It was an amazing day that truly celebrated the joy of reading!



Friends of The Dasset

Easter Craft Competition

This Easter the Friends are holding a Easter Craft Competition. Please see attached details on how to enter. Prizes will be awarded.



Onside Easter Camp

Please see attached information on Onside Easter holiday camp.

Echoes Charity—Autism Workshops

Please see attached details on how to sign up for a free Autism Workshop for Parent and Carers.



A message from Abacus

We are holding our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 22nd March 2026 from 10.30am to 12pm. It is £3.00 per child to take part with a chocolate prize, for children in Year 2 and below. The hunt is in the front of the school and games and refreshments to buy in the Abacus building. We hope to see you there. To book please call in at Abacus or phone 01295 772050.

Message from Warwickshire Children and Family Centres

Warwickshire's Children and Family Centres are open to support families with children up to 18 years old, or up to 25 for those with SEND. We are currently collecting feedback from parents and carers to help us understand how we can make our services more visible and accessible to families. Families can share their views by accessing the Padlet using the QR code or the vanity URL on the attached poster. Thank you for your support.

Warwickshire Family Information Service

Please see link below to their newsletter. This addition has information on Healthy Start scheme aimed at pregnant mothers and parents of small children.

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-8832219?e=d04d9d2ed5>

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