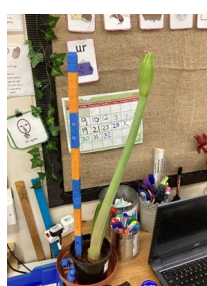


The Dasset News - 24th January 2025

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)
Grace	Lula	Ida	Kendall
	George	Alex	Arthur



Reception— This week we can report that the amaryllis has still not flowered and the daffodils we planted in October are “still hiding coz it’s cold”! In phonics we learned the digraphs ‘or’ and ‘ur’ and the tricky word ‘they’. In maths we have been exploring the heavier and lighter and have been using balance scales to compare weight. In PSED we have been thinking about setting goals and the children thought about a goal they would like to achieve

in 2025 and how to achieve this. We spoke about how they will have to persevere, just like Mable in the story Mabel climbs a mountain. Our story this week is has been Peace at Last and the children have had fun exploring the dark tent and we have talked about the importance of getting a good night’s sleep. We have been exploring one armed robot letters as we practise our letter formation. Hedgehog Class have had two different teachers this week, Mr. Hackett and Mrs. Blackmore, and both have fedback how well behaved and eager to learn the children are. Well done Hedgehog Class!



Year 1/2— It's been another great week in Squirrels Class. This week we have been particularly focused on presentation and have produced lots of beautiful work that we can feel really proud of. The children continue to be fascinated by our History topic. This week, our focus was Buckingham Palace and the children did some lovely work about why it is such a significant royal residence.



Year 3/4— Our English and geography work this week has looked at the AD79 eruption of Mt Vesuvius, which destroyed the city of Pompeii. This will lead into diary writing next week. In maths, we have been consolidating tables and learning to divide including answers with remainders. In computing, we looked at what digital footprints are and discussed the pros and cons of these. In music, we composed a short piece inspired by the imagination song we learnt last week and performed these to the class. RE saw us looking at teachings that are central to Buddhist thought, followed by PSHE about overcoming disappointments. In art,

we capitalised on last week's sketching practice to draw ammonites that we will display in class. For PE we have had Dance with Dani (on a theme of tsunamis) and netball (where we practised various passing techniques and shooting drills). In science we looked at force-meters and planned a fair test about frictional forces. Whole class reading has also taken place.



Year 5/6 - This week in year 5/6 we have been carrying on our flashback writing for the animation 'The Piano'. The writing has been incredibly impressive and very emotive. In Maths we have been working on adding and subtracting fractions and doing lots of fluency practice with this. Science has been looking at different animal life cycles and in computing we had a discussion about having a healthy balance when it comes to screen time. Our PSHE lesson looked at how we can act to support people that are going through hard times. We designed bunting that highlighted an issue that occurred in the world and we decided how we as a community could support it. In RE, we studied how Sikhs value equality and how their followers act as a community in order to support each other.



Parenting in a Digital World

Years 1-6 are currently studying e-safety topics as part of our Computing lessons. We've been really impressed with the mature conversations pupils have been having in class and how much they know about e-safety already. Attached is an e-safety guide produced by 2Simple who provide our Purple Mash computing scheme. It covers our entire age range. I hope it's useful - I know as a parent myself how overwhelming the digital world can seem so hopefully there's some information and tips that help. Mrs Proudfoot, Computing coordinator

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

This weekend is the RSPB's Bird Garden Birdwatch. It's a really lovely bit of citizen science and a great way to get children involved in nature. It's very simple to take part and all the information you need is on the weblink below. If you do take part, please come and let me know and you can compare your results with mine!

Mrs Proudfoot (science coordinator)

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Dates for Diary

Next Week

Wednesday 29th January—Chinese New Year special menu. Children can choose from Chinese Sticky Citrus Chicken with Rainbow Rice or Stir Fry Plant Balls with Noodles served with peas and sweetcorn mix or apple salad. Dessert is a choice of Oriental Pineapple Cake with Custard or Mandarin Jelly with mini Ginger Cookie.



Coming Up

Wednesday 5th February—Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics. If your child is involved in this you will be notified.

Connect for Health—School Nursing Team

Please see the link below for the January newsletter. This includes Positive Mental Health and Health Features of the Month.

https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/C4H-Parent-and-Schools-Newsletter.-January-2025_compressed.pdf

HAF Programme

Please see message from James Holgate, Family Information Officer, Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme.

"We are delighted to confirm that HAF has been extended for a further year, meaning Warwickshire will be running HAF activities during Spring 25, Summer 25 and Winter 25. As a reminder, HAF does not currently run during Half term holidays, meaning the next HAF delivery period will be over the Easter holidays. *We have also completed our internal HAF report for Winter delivery and you can view this here:* <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-478> *We will be updating our webpages to reflect the extension to funding, over the next few days:* <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>

If you have any questions at all, please contact us at: hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk"

Free School Meals

If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals please apply by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals. However, if you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply to receive additional benefits:

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Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme

Is for children aged 4 to 16 in reception to year 11 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. HAF offers eligible pupils access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays.

Pupil premium is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

Family Information Service

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies>

Welcome to Warwickshire's Family Information Service

Not sure where to start? Check out the video and contact their knowledgeable and friendly Family Information Service (FIS). They will listen to you and help you access information and services that can support you.

Eco Committee.

Eco Assembly and Competition Announcement

Our elected school Eco Committee made up of two children from each class meets monthly and this week presented an assembly to the school. In it, they outlined what they do on the committee, why looking after the environment is important and what we all can do in school to care for the environment. They presented some of existing recycling initiatives and our plans for the coming year, including a local litter pick and a plant growing competition. Thank you to Megan in Year 6 who created the presentation in her own time.



Finally, as a committee, we would like to run a competition to promote looking after the new recently refurbished village park. Ahead of spring, we thought it would be a good idea, if children made a colourful poster on an A4 piece of paper encouraging users of the new park to care for it.

Ideas and messages may include: not littering, caring for the equipment, ensuring any dogs are well-behaved and any mess is placed in the bin etc. Be as creative and as catchy with your phrasing as you like. A total of three chocolate prizes will be awarded: Best KS1 entry; Best KS2 entry; and the Overall Winner as voted for by eco-committee members. Deadline for entering is Monday 11 February. (Prize winners will be announced on Friday 14th.)

Danz Academy

Please see attached information on the half term holiday club.

Onside Coaching

Please see attached information on half term holiday club.

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