

The Dasset News - 27th February 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)
Nathan	Feofania	Albie	Jacob S
Bertie	Hazel	Mikey	Jack



Reception— It is with much excitement I can report that the amaryllis has bloomed! It reached the dizzying height of 33 cubes high! It has led us to explore counting in 5s using a 100 square to help us and we have been using the Topmarks site, Helicopter Rescue for number recognition (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>). We kicked off our new Jigsaw topic 'Healthy Me' by looking at how we need to exercise to keep our bodies healthy and the effects of exercise on our body. We ran really fast on the spot for a minute and the children were encouraged to notice how their bodies felt. We all had to rehydrate with a drink of water, lots of the children had to take their jumpers off and we were all out of puff! The children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the photos from home of the different sorts of exercise they all do, from riding a scooter to school to going swimming. We started our Dangerous Dinosaurs topic by watching a video and then thinking about what we would like to find out. There is a wide range of questions we will be researching from what is dinosaur skin like to what did dinosaurs play? In phonics we have learned the sounds 'ar' and 'or' and the tricky word 'all'. The children are very excited that they only have 5 more sounds to go to complete all the sounds in Level 3! In maths we have been exploring the pattern of number as we count beyond 20 using the repeating pattern of the '1s'. We have been focusing on number order and that each number is one more than the number before. We have used balance scales to explore the composition of numbers 5,6 and 7 with numicon. Well done on a super first week back at school Hedgehog Class, you have really impressed me with your attitude to learning and how hard you have worked this week.



Year 1/2— As ever, this week has been jam-packed with lots of learning! We started the week by leaving our pebbles of positivity around the school grounds...we hope you found one! Our week has also included lots of brilliant writing as we have come to end of our focus work on the book Grandpa's Gift. The children have spent the last three weeks exploring the book and its characters, the story structure and the vocabulary all in preparation for them to write their own version of this magical story. The children wowed me with their use of vocabulary such as 'dazzling', 'crooked' and 'grimy' and have written some fantastic stories with a clear beginning, middle and end. In maths, we have continued our hard work with multiplication! We have continued to explore arrays and have used them to help understand the idea of commutativity. We have also worked on practical activities that have helped us find equal groups by grouping and sharing. In Science we have been exploring the difference in daylight hours between the different seasons, we found out that by June, we will be experiencing 16 hours of daylight...yippie! We also started our new Geography topic 'Our Wonderful World' where we began by exploring human and physical features through a great game of bingo! Don't forget that it is World Book Day next Thursday 5th March!

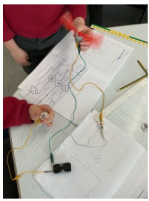


Pebbles of positivity! As part of our English learning, Year 1/2 have designed and decorated pebbles with messages of encouragement and positivity and written accompanying notes for the lucky finder to keep! Children and parents, if you spot a pebble of positivity, please feel free to pick it up and take it home! In doing so, we hope to spread a little joy! **If you found one we hope it cheered you up.**

Year 3/4 In English, we have been learning about the lives of blue whales, building a knowledge base through grammar and vocabulary exercises that will help us write an information leaflet next week. In maths, we have continued our studies on fractions, moving beyond 'one' into mixed numbers. Geography involved atlas work about mountain ranges around the world. A new unit called "Healthy Me" started in our PSHE, focusing on the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and regular exercise. Similarly, RE began a new unit with a big question: "Who or what is God?" The children thought about their own beliefs before we looked at other views on divinity. In DT, we explored fabrics in everyday life, clarifying the terms natural and synthetic, along with their properties for functional and artistic design. PE sessions had the children doing gymnastics with Dani and then playing tag rugby outside, where they learned basic ball-handling skills and movement drills. Science aimed to develop the skill of reading a thermometer, measuring ice-cold, tepid, and - under careful supervision - boiling water. Music started a unit exploring musical contrasts. Additionally, we also had lessons in Computing, French, and Whole Class reading.



Year 5/6 -A lovely first week back after half term. We've greatly enjoyed our poetry unit on the poem 'The Dreadful Menace' which is from the BBC trailer for the 2014 Winter Olympics. We looked at the use of personification in the poem before writing our own versions which were incredibly creative and powerful. In maths we have looked at reading timetables (include the Fenny Compton bus timetable!) and found fractions of amounts. Science has been starting our electricity topic. We learnt the proper scientific symbols for different circuit components and then had a go at drawing the circuits we had made using these (Mrs Proudfoot was very impressed - she is very pedantic about circuit diagrams and they were excellent). DT was testing different bridge structures such as using multiple layers, a U shape and concertinas to test which held the most mass. We will use our findings to help us design our own bridges this half term. In PE we have been working on our gymnastics skills and have started tag rugby. PSHE was a very mature discussion about smoking and also vaping.

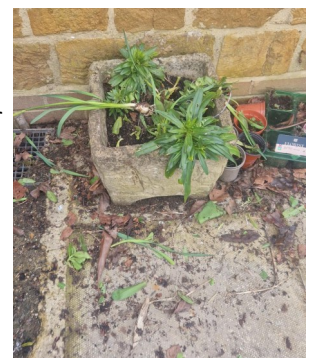


School Led Clubs

All school led clubs will resume from 2nd March with the last clubs being week commencing 16th March. If you were doing the club last half term there is no need reapply as they are a continuation.

Front of School

We have a parent who spends her time planting and watering the pots and raised flower bed at the front of the school. Unfortunately on Monday some of the bulbs were pulled out of the pots. Please supervise children when they are playing at the front of the school.



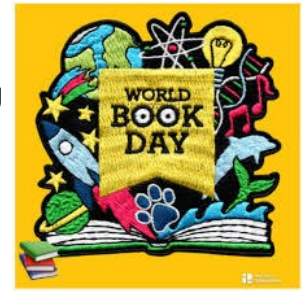
School White Paper—What parents of children and young people with SEND need to know.

Please see attached link for the Every Child achieving and thriving and SEND consultation supporting information.

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Next Week

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day. This year we are celebrating World Book Day by inviting children to dress up as their favourite story hero. We are planning a day filled with fun. Parents are invited to join us for an assembly at 2.45pm.



Thursday 5th March—Special Menu. Children can choose from “Big Dreader Dragon” Pie (sausage and baked beans topped with cheesy mash) with crusty bread or “Dinosaur Roar!” Wraps (vegetable fingers in a wrap) with “Peter Pan” diced potatoes. Both are served with vegetables of the day or salad from the Gardens of Wonderland. Dessert will be “Paddington’s” crunchy delight (chocolate crunch) or “Queen of Hearts” Raspberry Ripple Mousse. Children can order on the day in the usual way.

Coming Up

Friday 13th March—Happy Mother’s Day Menu

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.

Tuesday 24th March—Year 2 and Year 5/6 will be having NSPCC workshops.

Wednesday 25th March—Easter Lunch menu

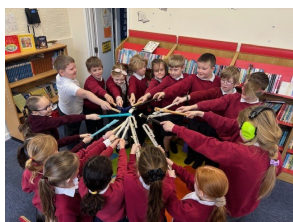
Thursday 26th March—Easter Service at 2.15pm. Parents and Carers are invited to join us for our Easter Service at the church.

Friday 27th March—Quartet assembly for children.



Music Award

Well done Eliza for fantastic recorder playing.



Recorder Club having fun this week in rehearsals learning about the C major scale and working on playing in parts with different rhythms.

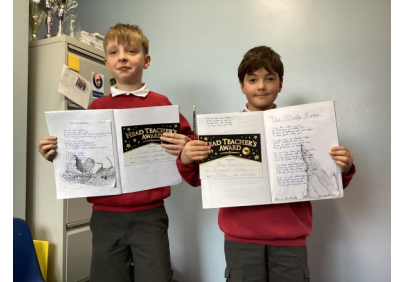
SIAMS Inspection

In January we had our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). We have shared with you the report which is now available on the website. As of September 2023, SIAMS inspections no longer use graded words (Excellent, Good, etc.) to evaluate schools, but instead make a single, evidence-based judgment on whether the school is "living up to its foundation" or "not fully" doing so. This new framework focuses on how a distinct Christian vision enables pupils and adults to flourish.



Head Teacher Award

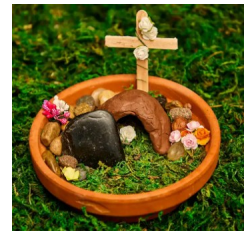
Well done to Dexter, Elizabeth and Harry for their poems about mountains based on The Dreadful Menace.



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.



Thank you

The Friends would like to thank you for all your support so far this year. To date we have raised £1674.80 including £273.60 from the disco before half term. Look out for more events coming up. We are busy planning and if you would like to get involved please contact them on friendsofdassettschool@outlook.com

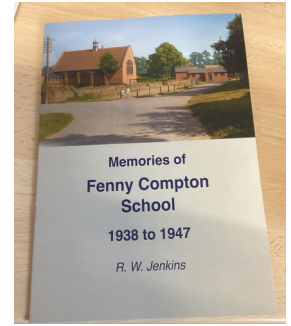
Jess Foxwell's Playathon

Message from Mrs Foxwell. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported Jess Foxwell's Playathon at Burton Dasset Church on Saturday. It was a great opportunity to perform with James, Thomas, George, Lara, Tommy and Georgia all giving lovely performances. A total in excess of £1000 was raised for Birmingham Children's Hospital.



Memories of Fenny Compton School

Some of you may know Roy Jenkins who lived in Fenny Compton and amongst other things was the Officer in Charge of the Fire Station. Roy at the age of 92 has written his memories of Fenny Compton School which is now our school, The Dasset C of E Primary School. We have a limited number of these books in school—although I am sure we can order more at the cost of £3.00 each. If you would like a book please bring £3.00 to the school office. All monies will be sent to Roy who has said that he will make a donation to the school. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Dance Workshop

Please see attached information on a dance workshop on 8th April being held in Leamington.

GOGO Makers

Please see attached information for the Easter Camp.

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