

# The Dasset News - 13th 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)
Daisy	Éve	Freddie	Year 5/6
Tilly	Ted	Emilie	



**Reception**— It's been another action-packed week of learning in Reception. Our focus on oral hygiene, as part of our Starry Night topic, has led us to experiment on hard boiled eggs to observe the effects of different liquids on their shell. Egg shells are similar to the enamel on our teeth enabling us to see how teeth react to different drinks. We left hard boiled eggs in cups with a different liquid, Coca-Cola, blackcurrant squash, orange juice or water for 2 days to observe any changes. The children were fascinated. The egg that had been in water had no visible changes to it and led us to conclude that the best drink for your teeth was water! The children thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Proudfoot's Internet Safety Day Assembly and thought it was hilarious that AI thinks I am 1% potato! The children listened to the story Penguin Pig to help them learn that not everything you read or see on line is real, it might be fake. A new word for some children. We watched the Jess and Friends video from the CEOP Education and sang the 'Funny in Your Tummy' song to tell them what to do if they watch something on line that makes them feel upset, scared or sad, [https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4\\_7/4-5/badges/watching-videos/](https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4_7/4-5/badges/watching-videos/). In maths we have used balance scales to explore mass and have been exploring capacity, filling containers with different items. The tuff tray challenge was to fill the monsters (tennis balls!) with macaroni. The children have created lots of models of rockets using the tap a shape to help the boy in How to Catch a Star to reach space. The amaryllis is now 29 cubes tall but has not flowered yet. We are hoping it holds off until after half term! In phonics we have learned the sounds 'ar', 'or' and the tricky words they. In spite of the weather, we have been outside enjoying the trikes and practising our throwing and catching skills as part of our Funky Fingers activities. The favourite activity though has been the parachute!



**Year 1/2**— We have worked so hard this half-term and have managed to jam pack so much learning in. This week has been no exception! In English we have been focusing on exploring the features of a good recount. We have been using time conjunctions to order events such as First, Then, Next and have been working hard to write in past tense. We have been extending our vocabulary and working hard to include a range of interesting adjectives and verbs. In Maths, we have begun the early stages of understanding multiplication through making equal groups. We have been busy using arrays to help us to do this and have even had a go at making human arrays, making sure we understand that the difference between columns and rows! In Science, we have been brushing up on our observational skills by looking closely at dug up plants (that were put back after our investigation). We could explore the plant structure, observing the roots, bulbs, stem, leaves and flowers. We also thought about how these plants may change throughout the different seasons. In awareness of Safer Internet Day, we explored what AI was and how it is used in everyday life. Well done Squirrels on another successful half term! Enjoy the half term break!



## Pebbles of positivity!

As part of our English learning, Year ½ 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!



**Year 3/4**- Concluding our English work on 'The Fossil Girl' - the story of Mary Anning, we have written journal entries about her life and discoveries, in the first person, as Mary herself. In Maths, this week we have done: Mastery (tables work), followed by lessons introducing and developing knowledge of simple fractions. In geography we looked at mountains - what they are, and where they are found in the UK. Specifically, we looked at Plynlimon in mid-Wales, from which both the Rivers Wye and Severn have their source. With Safer Internet Day this week, the class looked at safe online behaviours and specifically appropriate awareness and caution around the ever-growing use of AI. In art we have made clay Bankura horses. PE witnessed Dani conclude her dance 'Water' unit. For our Science work we recapped the behaviour and states observed in unusual materials such as gels, powders and foams that seemingly bridge solid, liquid and gaseous states; before going on to deepen our understanding of how heating and cooling leading to changes in state. For Music, we finished our Recycling songwriting and singing project. (We have some budding songwriters in the class!) Finally, Computing, French and Whole Class Reading have also taken place.



**Year 5/6** -A highlight of this week was our 'Road to Riat' STEM day run by the Smallpeice trust and the RAF. In small teams, children had to design and build a glider using the engineering knowledge presented to them through a live stream with Smallpeice HQ. We then tested the gliders and calculated their speed to work out which design worked best. In the afternoon we designed our own sustainable aircraft and there were some very imaginative ideas. In maths we have been subtracting mixed numbers and then moving onto multiplying fractions. English has been writing an alternative chapter for Hugo Cabret and it's been very enjoyable reading everyone's different takes on this. We then used SeeSaw to turn our creations into audio books which we were able to share with parents. In DT we looked at different types of bridges and made comparisons between them. Please have a fabulous half-term break.

## Safer Internet Day

This week we marked Safer Internet Day with an assembly led by year 5/6. The theme this year is exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. We had a very informative and also amusing assembly! To demonstrate how AI works we created a 'machine learning model' and feed some data into it to see if it could distinguish between 'teacher' and 'potato'. You'll be glad to hear it correctly identified the teachers as teachers, not potatoes (although a few it gave a score of 99% teacher 1% potato!). Attached is a letter all about Safer Internet Day from the UK Safer Internet Centre. In it are some useful links and questions to talk to your child about AI. We hope it's useful. Mrs Proudfoot, Computing Lead



## Next Week

**Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February—Half term**

**Monday 23rd February—Children return to school**

## World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

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.

There will also be a special lunch that day. More information after half term.

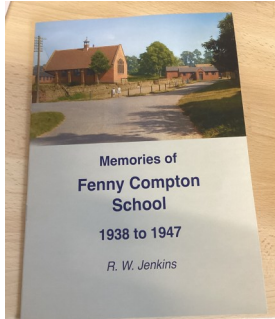


### Music Award

Well done Tommy for being brilliant.



## 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 Dassett 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.

## Fenny Compton Village Hall Lottery

Please see attached information on how to join the village hall lottery.

## Family Information Service

Please see link below for half term activities, Children's mental health week and safer internet day.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=dcc619a918>

*Have a lovely half term and we will see the children back in school on Monday 23rd February—from Miss Corry and All at The Dassett*