

The Dasset News - 17th April 2026

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



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Priscilla	Kayden	Jessie	Max
Bodee	Florence	Georgia	Harry D



Reception— The children slotted easily back into the routines of classroom life and it has been a week full of learning! We started our new Jigsaw topic 'Relationships' by looking at our different families and the roles and responsibilities people have within them. The children shared the jobs they do at home, from watering plants to making their beds! We started our Sunshine and Sunflowers



topic with a nature hunt in the outside area. We were lucky enough to see a bee, a black-bird and find a ladybird in the bug hut. There was even a cheeky crow who stole a stick from the stick box! The children were very excited when some very tiny caterpillars arrived! In RE we started looking at the importance of values, starting with our school value 'Honesty', the 'h' in REACH. The children went on a hunt to look for shiny surfaces and to see if they could see their reflection. There was laughter as they found curved surfaces that distorted their reflection! In Maths this week the focus has been on counting and finding 20 of something in the classroom. In pairs we counted how long our partner could stand on one foot, the record was to the count of 77, very impressive! In Phonics we re-capped Level 3 sounds and practised writing them in words and simple sentences. It has been a lovely first week back, the children have thoroughly enjoyed potion making in the mud kitchen and sharing the holiday stories with each other, it's like we have never been away!



Year 1/2— We have had a great first week back! We kicked off the week with a fabulous workshop from Solar Schools where we learnt about the importance of solar energy and how we can make electrical circuits! In English we started our new focus book Toys in Space by Mini Grey which has been a big hit so far. We found some lost toys which we had to describe as well as get into the role as a toy that had been lost, writing in first person. In Maths we have been exploring money. We started by using pre money tokens to understand the concept that one token can be worth different values before moving onto coin and note recognition. In Science we have begun our new topic Plant Parts. We went on a plant identification hunt around the school grounds before choosing a focus plant that we are going to observe and study over the next half term. In History we were all incredibly excited about our new topic Titanic Tragedy, we had lots of questions which we will hoping to explore and answer over the next few weeks! In music we have begun to listen to music from different cultures and to sing in parts.



Year 3/4 – The Journey is a magical - solely illustrated - novel that is forming the basis of our English studies over the coming couple of weeks. This week has witnessed us become immersed in it, learning about its settings, characters, and events as we piece together the story and the children's personal interpretations of the illustrations. In maths, we have continued with our Mastery programme (times tables work), with clock time being the focus of our main lessons. (Reading both analogue and digital clocks: 12/24-hour formats too.) History has seen us commence our new topic on Ancient Civilisations with a look at the definition and understanding of what a 'civilisation' is. PSHE looked at breaking stereotypes by considering how both male and females can do any job they wish to... Similarly, closer to home, household tasks and chores can be completed by either gender. RE had the children reflect upon the question, do you have to be part of a faith community to hold beliefs aligned with an organised worldview (religion)?



In computing we started a new topic using PowerPoint software to make presentations. We looked at text boxes and had a go at formatting text. In French we have started learning the vocabulary for the rooms in a home. We made our own floorplan and labelled it in French. Our art lesson started to examine statues, figurines and figure drawing. PE took place with gymnastics work with Dani and a final outdoor tag rugby session with Mr Foyle. Science began studies about the idea of classification; whilst music saw the class commence a topic about sound effects. Whole Class Reading has also taken place.

Year 5/6 - A focus on SATs this week but everyone has been working hard and we've had time for some lovely practical activities. We've had a real focus on reading and answering comprehension questions - the children have enjoyed looking at a range of texts and expanding their vocabulary knowledge and looking at using evidence from the text. In maths we've been looking at finding the area of triangles and parallelograms and also estimating area. For this we went outside and collected some leaves from around the school site before drawing around them on centimeter squared paper to help estimate their area. In science we finished our electricity topic by looking at how buzzer volume changes with voltage. Art has been starting our topic of Bees, Beetles and Butterflies. We made sketchbook pages detailing patterns, colours and structures from these insects. In French we learnt some more vocabulary for wild animals.



School Class Photographs

Unfortunately, due to technical problems we have had to reschedule these photos. The new date is Monday 27th April.

School Led Clubs

School led clubs will start Monday 20th April—all children should have brought a letter home. If not please contact your class teacher.

Onside Football Club – after school on a Friday

Please see link to book the afterschool football club on Fridays. www.onsidecoaching.co.uk Please select Central Warwickshire Team. Thanks

Dates for this Half Term

Tuesday 21st April— OPAL assembly for children. Today the children will be introduced to the OPAL programme that we will be starting.

Monday 27th April—Class photographs

Monday 4th May— Bank holiday—school is closed

Thursday 7th May— Reception Class Assembly. Parents and carers of children in reception are invited to join us for an assembly.

Friday 8th May— David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. School will be celebrating by having a special lunch and activities—further details to follow.

Monday 11th May—Friday 15th May—SATS for Year 6

Monday 18th May—Friday 22nd May—Arts Week—more details to follow

Thursday 21st May—Year 1/2 Class Assembly. Parents and carers of children in reception are invited to join us for an assembly.

Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May—Half Term

Monday 1st June—children return to school

Notification of road closures from EKFB working in partnership with HS2

Please find attached the **updated dates** for these weekend road closures – we are making use of the previously advertised contingency weekend and will not be processing with the weekend closure planned for this coming weekend. We are combining several activities during this closure, and unfortunately some aspects of the utilities work are not ready to proceed this weekend as originally expected, therefore the weekend closures have been postponed by one week.

The revised closures dates for Wormleighton Road are as follows:

Weekend 1: 8pm Friday 24 April to 6am Monday 27 April 2026.

Weekend 2: 8pm Friday 8 May to 6am Monday 11 May 2026.

(Updated 13 April 2026)

The updated notice is available online with this link, please do share the updated link locally. [Notice-of-road-closures-Link-Road-and-Wormleighton-Road-Boddington-April-2026-Update.pdf](#)



Music Award

Well done Lara for your consistent practicing of the clarinet. We loved your purple clarinet and you already know many notes.

Warwickshire County Council Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) arrangements

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) have begun their inspection of our local area's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) arrangements.

As part of this process, inspectors want to hear directly from parents, carers, children and young people, and practitioners about their experiences of SEND services.

Please see link for parents, carers, and families to ensure that your voice has been represented in the inspection feedback.

The surveys will close at 9am on Tuesday 21st April 2026.

Parent/Carer Survey <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer/10414225>

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