

# The Dasset News - 30th January 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)
Ruby	Oliver	Autumn	Elizabeth
	Reuben	Olivia	Harrison



**Reception**—This week we have learned even more about Antarctica through non-fiction books and clips from David Attenborough's Planet Earth. We even found out that some icebergs are green! The Naughty Bus continues to live up to his name and trapped some of the sea animals in ice! The children came up with lots of suggestions for how to free them such as putting the ice blocks on the radiator where it was warm or next to sun or banging it on something hard. The quickest way to melt the ice was the suggestion to run it under the warm tap! The sea creatures were soon free and we are hoping the Naughty Bus doesn't do anything else in the classroom. We have continued to find out how the sacred texts of different religions, this week learning about Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy book. We listened to the story "The Milk and the Jasmine" and thought about how this relates to our school vision and the value of humility. In phonics we have learned the new sounds 'ee' and 'igh' and the tricky word 'my'. In maths we have been exploring the composition of 5 and also exploring 6 and 7 as 5 and 1 more / 2 more. This week's coat challenge is continuing apace with lots of children completing it. It has been lovely to see all the effort the children are going to master this task, the encouraging words they use with each other and the perseverance. Some coats are easier to do up than others! There has been much excitement as the amaryllis we planted last week has begun to grow! We are measuring its growth using cubes. It started the week at 7 cubes tall on Monday and on Friday had grown to 12 cubes! In PE this week the children continued to work on their Frozen dance routine, practising moving in time to the beat.



**Year 1/2**— This week we have been busy getting stuck into our new focus book 'Grandpa's Gift' which explores the idea of finding magic in the everyday. It has been a lovely idea to reflect upon with the children bringing in items from home that are special to them. In maths we have been working incredibly hard to subtract using concrete resources to support our understanding. We have been exploring hibernating animals as part of our Seasonal Changes topic in Science and have been excitedly learning about a range of female pioneers in History. We were so inspired by the stories of Bessie Coleman, Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson who really paved the way for women in aviation. We worked in partners to research their achievements and present this information by creating posters. In PSHE we have been exploring things that we do well by making a Treasure Chest of Success! We also had a wonderful time on Wednesday for Colours Day, working together to explore the idea of Kindness and what it means to us! A reminder that next Wednesday 4th is our class trip, please return permission slips if you have not done so already!



**Year 3/4** - This week has been all about Mary Anning, our 'Fossil Girl'! We've dived into her biography for our English studies, which has led to some fun sentence and grammar activities after our initial exploration. In Maths, we've been mastering our times tables, focusing on 3 times 7 and 6 times 7 as our key facts. We then moved on to division, tackling three-digit numbers divided by one-digit numbers. Over in Geography, we had a great time using atlases to learn about and label some of the world's major rivers. It was a fantastic way to explore our planet! In PSHE, we got creative designing signs for our wellbeing garden, which ties in nicely with our plans for a future OPAL playtime zone. For RE, we continued our exploration of the Christian Trinity. We watched some videos on Christenings and Baptisms, discussing their meanings and symbolism, and even shared some family experiences from our classmates. Thursday afternoon was all about PE! We had dance and netball sessions, and it's amazing to see how the children's skills are progressing. We also squeezed in some Whole Class Reading, French, and Computing this week. To wrap up the week on Friday afternoon, we consolidated our learning in Science about Sound before jumping into our music lesson. We had a blast song writing and singing from our Recycling-inspired unit. During a movement break, the kids enjoyed following the line along to the music, which was a lovely way to finish the week!



**Year 5/6** - A busy week in Year 5/6 with lots of great learning going on. In maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions and have used our knowledge of equivalent fractions as part of this. We've been very impressed in how the class understand fractions - it's normally one of the trickier topics but they're doing great with it. We've also looked at interpreting bar charts, including dual bar charts. English has been writing character descriptions of the main characters from our book, Hugo Cabret. We've also looked at a section of the next book in the Inheritance Cycle series of books (which are all about dragons). Computing was using a spreadsheet to plan out the cost of a holiday and music was creating their own soundscapes based on Sinfonia Cymru's version of Vivaldi's Spring. Dance was recreating the next section of the water cycle, evaporation, in dance form and there were some very creative interpretations of this. We had a lovely afternoon in our house colour teams and we were very impressive with how our year 5/6s looked after the younger children and included them in our paper chain activity. On Friday we had a talk from Al Sylvester MBE - a polar explorer who led an expedition to the South Pole. The children were absolutely fabulous and were able to gain a real insight into the life of a polar explorer.



**Music**—Well done to Lara for trying really hard with the recorder and having a very mature attitude.

## **Educaters**

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Our lunchtime suppliers, Educaters have advised us of a price increase starting from 1st April 2026. There will be an increase of 16p per day per meal making a school lunch £2.91 a day. Children eligible for Free School Meals and those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who have Universal Free School Meals will not be affected.

## Next Week

**Wednesday 4th February**—Year 1/2 trip to RAF Cosford

**Wednesday 4th February**—This has been changed to Monday 9th February

## Coming Up

**Monday 9th February**—Year 5/6 Athletics at Kineton High School.

**Wednesday 11th February**—Water Safety Assembly

**Thursday 12th February**—Safer Internet Assembly

**Friday 13th February**—RE Day

**Friday 13th February**—The Friends of The Dasset are organising a school disco.

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

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

## Lateness

Just a reminder that our school day starts at 8.45am. Doors are open at 8.40am. Registers close at 8.50am after that your child will be recorded as late. If your child comes on one of the buses, please disregard this as we know this is out of your hands and ours.

## RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

It was lovely to hear how you got on! I know year 3/4 had discussed it last week. Oliver and Sophie brought in their results and also wrote down their predictions (which showed some marvellous scientific thinking) and drew some beautiful pictures. I had a look at George's results with him (which were also collected with James I believe) and we had a great discussion about what he'd seen and the methods he used to count the birds - super scientific understanding again. The birds in my garden went quiet during my hour so I didn't see much but still important data - it was very interesting to compare.





## House Colour Day

On Wednesday we had an assembly about kindness and friendship. Afterwards we worked in our houses to produce a paper chain that will be linked together to represent how we are all connected and why it is important to be kind and considerate to each other.

The children have been learning about our vision of “Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (Colossians 3:12). They used these qualities in their group work, talking about times when they and their friends have shown these attributes. We then wrote examples on the chains.

## WAGS at Leamingotn Spa

In February some children from year 3, 4 and 6 are performing in the Warwickshire Scouts and Guides variety Show. Please see attached information on how to get tickets.

## Family Information Service

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

Please see link above for information Health and Wellbeing, Services for children and young people, parenting support and lots more. The latest newsletter has information about Warwickshire SENDIAS consultations, safer sleep, utility bill support and more.

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