



Coombe Bissett School News



Letter from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week we have had! The sun has shone and we have had so many special things happen in school. On Monday, Ash Class spent the morning at the River Ebble in the village with representatives from Wessex River Trust. The River Ebble is one of only 200 chalk streams in the world (as a habitat they are more endangered than rainforests) and the children were able to spend the morning learning about its importance. They helped take measurements that they used to create cross section drawings later in the day, explored the water flow and its velocity and, most excitingly of all, examined the wildlife living in the stream through river dipping. It was a wonderful morning of hands on learning and thank you to our volunteers and the River Trust for such a successful morning.

Another example of the awe and wonder embedded into learning at Coombe Bissett happened on Wednesday when our eggs hatched in Oak Class. It was a privilege to see the reaction of our children and their faces as they watched the chicks hatching. 'They are in the world!' was Spencer's excited cry! The memorable learning happening as a result of these little balls of fluff is just immeasurable!

On Thursday, another ray of sunshine was the Year 6's Leavers' Service at the Cathedral. The service was a very special occasion and the overarching message was go into the world and let your light shine brightly and I couldn't ask for anything more for our Year 6s. They all have so much to offer the world and I hope not only will their own brilliance never be dimmed, but that they share their light and make the world a brighter place. Many children have a leavers' service in the local church (as indeed we will later in the term), but to have a service in the cathedral is a very, very special opportunity.

This morning we were treated to another very special example of brilliance. This month is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month and the traveller community is one that is very important to several of our families. To mark this event, I handed over Collective Worship this morning and instead it was led by Ruby Lou and Poppy who shared with us a little about the traveller community heritage and dispelled some commonly held myths. They did an amazing job and I am so proud of them and all of the preparation that they put into today. They have even organised a colouring competition for the whole school to celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Month and I really hope that as many children as possible will take part.



Next week promises to be another very busy week! Please remember that the school is closed for children on 28th June and 1st July as we have staff training.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless, Mrs Haworth

Please remember to keep Harriet (who is to be baptised) and Freddie, Emelia, Toby, Felix, Eadric and Thea in your prayers as they are confirmed on Monday. All are welcome to our service led by Bishop Andrew at 2pm on Monday.

Dates for your diary

24.6.24: School Photos

Confirmation and Baptism Service

25.6.24: Yr 6 to Chalke Valley History Festival

26.6.24: Move Up Day 3

28.6.24: INSET Day

1.7.24: INSET Day

3.7.24: Move Up Day 4

5.7.24: Parent and Toddler Group

9.7.24: Sports Day

10.7.24: Bags2School collection

11.7.24: reserve Sports Day

11.7.24: Music Showcase 2pm

17.6.24: KS2 production

22.7.24: Fir Class trip to New Forest Wildlife Park

24.7.24: END OF TERM 1pm close

Please note all dates are subject to change

What are we learning?



We were theologians when we went to the cathedral for our Leavers' Service.



We were geographers and scientists when we explored why the River Ebbles is important

Just a sample of learning from this week...



We have been scientists watching our chicks hatch. Look at them now! They are three days old!



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We all know that sugary drinks are very bad for dental hygiene. To help look after their teeth, children should only be bringing water to drink at school



Reminder:

Please can everyone remember to park safely and considerately.

If you are parking in the village, please do not park on the corner at the bottom of Shutts Lane and if you park by the wall, please ensure that your parking does not obstruct the road, or the view of others.

Please do not park past the grit box on Shutts Lane and especially not on the corner.

Please remember that you should not be parking in the car park to drop off or collect your children

Would you or someone you know be interested in an amazing opportunity to join our wonderful team?

We are seeking to recruit an inspirational After School Club Leader and Assistant to provide motivating, fun and entertaining activities in our new Club from September 2024 preferably the right person will have experience in working with children. To apply, please visit the school website!

Stars this week

Congratulations to those children who received Stars of the Week this week: Bertie, Evie (x2), Anyah, Mia, Ada, Logan, Lilia, Freddie, Alfie F, Joe and Harper



FUEL is a free holiday activity and food project that offers participants the opportunity to take part in a range of fun activities during school holiday periods in 2024

The FUEL programme a bespoke provision for school aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefit related free school meals.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

Participants will be able to enjoy a variety of high quality activities when attending the a FUEL camp, including a range of enriching activities such as festive arts, football, dance, drumming workshops, team games and fun healthy eating workshops. All participants will also receive a nutritious meal on each day they attend the programme.

BOOKING OPENS ON MONDAY via this website:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure/fuel-programme>

23 June 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Baptism	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Rhoddy Voremberg

'Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint' Isaiah 40:31