



Coombe Bissett School News



Letter from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of Term 3! Where has the time gone? We have certainly been very busy over the last two weeks and the half term holiday has arrived very quickly indeed.

Last week's workshops with Becky from SCARF Coram focusing on mental health were a huge success and it was wonderful to hear the children confidently talk about things that they can do to help their mental health. From having resilience as a Superpower in Oak, through using the breathing technique of 'calm palm' to understanding the roles of dopamine, serotonin and oxytocin on the brain, the children came away with a wide variety of both knowledge and practical strategies to help look after their mental well-being. This has been reinforced this week as we have focused on the theme of Children's Mental Health Week—'My Voice Matters!' culminating in the children wearing scarfs to school today. If you would like any resources to help support your child's mental well-being at home, there are lots of good resources available through this link [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



On Monday, we had THE MOST AMAZING day! We spent the day learning about our local church, St Michael and All Angels and the features of Christian churches. Key Stage 2 visited the church in the morning and completed a range of tasks finding out about different features of the building. Rev Jenny was on hand to share her expertise and they were even fortunate enough to go up the bell tower with Ron and find out about the bells and how they are rung. They were amazed to discover that a quarter peal can last up to 45 minutes and you have to concentrate very hard to avoid any mistakes!

In the afternoon, Oak and Elm visited the church and had LOTS of fun exploring the church too! They found out so much and were bursting with all of their new knowledge, but by far their favourite part was being able to listen to the organ being played. Both groups of children were very fortunate to have Mrs Lamb play for them and it was certainly a highlight for us all!

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Pendleton for such a super day, our helpers Mr Edwards and Mrs Paterson, Robin, Ron and Mrs Lamb and all of the church community for making us feel so special. We are hoping to put on display in the church some of the fantastic learning from the day, so please pop in after half term for your children to give you an expert tour and to look at the display of such a special day!

In amongst all of this exciting learning the children have all had assessments this week and I could not be prouder of how hard they have all worked. They are certainly all ready for a half term break! Please remember that school will be closed for children on Monday 19th February as we have a teacher training day, but I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 20th!

Have a wonderful half term week. God bless,

Mrs Haworth

Attendance at school is VERY important—I know that it can be difficult to make medical appointments, but where possible, please try to ensure that these are out of school time—thank you!

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM

19.2.24: INSET Day

20.2.24: Children back to school

Please note all dates are subject to change

We had an amazing visit from Chris Hunt on Tuesday afternoon. He came to our Singing Worship and demonstrated his guitar playing skills! He soon had everyone singing along and having a fantastic time. If you would like your child to have guitar lessons, a letter has been sent home, so please be in touch with the office and ask!



Please can we ask that children do not bring Prime bottles to school as their water bottle. Thank you.

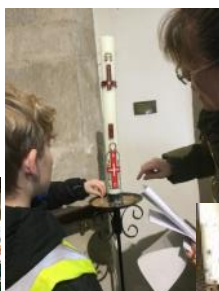
THANK YOU! We raised £65 through Bags 2 School. The next collection date will be March 28th.

Please make sure that your child has their coat and wellies in school EVERY day!



What are we learning?

Church Learning Day





Safety Care Achievement Resilience Friendship



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TEAM POINT TOTAL

Blue	846
Green	1021
Yellow	793
Red	1125



Friendship and
fun at CB!

Stars this week

Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week: Alyssia, Arthur, Spencer, Maisy C, Mostyn, Oliver H, Sophie, Oliver Y, Charlie N, Logan, Leo W, Elliott, Charlotte, Harper, Clara, Tommy and Poppy C

Congratulations to for sharing their out of school achievements: Jonty, Charlie N and Bethan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to who celebrated their birthday: Matilda and Wilfred.

PARKING REMINDER: If you are parking on the hill outside of school, please make sure that you are doing so safely and that you DO not park below the Grit Box. This is for your children's safety, but also to allow access for rubbish and recycling collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your child(ren) enjoyed our Church Learning Day earlier this week. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore our beautiful village church, listen to the church organ being played and, for Fir and Ash, to go up the Tower to the Bellingring Chamber. Perhaps they'd like to take you to visit the church, and they can act as a guide to show you what they have learned!

As a follow-up to our Church Learning Day, and with a nod to the fact the Coombe Bissett Church is dedicated to St Michael and All Angels, we would love to create a collaborative display based on angel wings. To this end, we are sending home a feather template with each child this half term. We would love it if everyone could decorate their feather in whichever way they choose – pens, pencils, crayons, paints, collage – be as creative and colourful as you like! Please send them back in to school after the half term break and we will create a wonderful display.

Many thanks,

Mrs Pendleton, RE Subject Leader

ADVERSE WEATHER

At this time of year, there is always a risk of snow and whilst we never want to disrupt the children's learning, conditions may require us to close the school. Please know that this decision is never taken lightly, but the safety of our children and staff must always be our number one consideration. In the event that school is closed, we will communicate this to you as soon as we are able (by 7.30am at the latest) by email, website and SMS.



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