



“Sharing life in all its fullness.” John 10:10

Values : The value we are focussing on this half term is Compassion

Dear Parent/Carers,

In school we have been continuing to learn about our school vision 'Sharing life in all its fullness'. We have discussed that 'Life in all its fullness' is something that Jesus said and it can be found in the Bible in the book of John.

We shared that 'Sharing life in all its fullness' is about flourishing and doing brilliantly. It is about living a full and varied life of: learning, growing, helping, joy, excitement and caring for each other.

Through Collective Worship the children have also learnt more about spirituality and the importance of developing our minds, our bodies and also our spirit. To support the children's understanding of spirituality we have looked at lots of images as well as talked about the following definition:

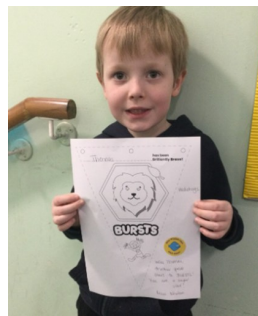
'Spirituality is about being open to more so we can flourish and experience awe and wonder.'

We have then explored how it is about making connections and we do this by considering the following:

- *Look Up (a sense of connection to something higher than ourselves eg. God or the universe)*
- *Look Out (Our neighbour that includes all within the world)*
- *Look In (Ourselves and the people that we are)*

The children will continue to learn and experience spirituality through Collective Worship, our school curriculum and sessions with Helena, our school Chaplain.

BURSTS



BURSTS are up and running. Well-done to Hedgehog class who earned 75 active minutes this week! The top 2 members of the class for engagement were: Ebony and Thomas.

Can Badgers or Kingfishers beat this next week?

Please contact Miss Whelan if you haven't received your log in link.

Miss Whelan

National Year of Reading 2026

To tackle the reading enjoyment, decline in the UK, The National Literacy Trust, in partnership with the Government, have launched The National Year of Reading. This is with the hopes and intention to reignite passion for reading across the nation. How can you support this? Below are some links to help support reading with your child at home:

Book Newsletter: <https://authorfy.com/bookdrop-newsletter/>

National Literacy Trust: National Year of Reading 2026 | National Literacy Trust

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...

- Improve focus and concentration
- Develop a love for learning
- Have a world of imagination and creativity opened to them
- Learn how to develop empathy
- Be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Have stronger writing skills
- Have a broad vocabulary
- Improve test results
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Improve and strengthen memory
- Have better general knowledge
- Improve communication skills
- Have reduced stress levels

Miss Whelan

Parking

We are receiving an increased number of complaints from the local residence regarding unsafe and inconsiderate parking. Can I please remind everybody to park safely around the school. This is likely to mean parking further away and walking. With Brookland Roads being a cul-de-sac it is not an ideal place to be driving and parking either at the beginning or the end of the school day. The car movement also puts both our children and parent/carers at greater risk too. This also occurs due to parking across curbs and making crossing safely more challenging. Please can I ask everybody to show respect and thought to everyone within our school community as well as the residents who live around the school. Thank you.

Families@4

You will be interested to know that the first **Family@4** event is taking place this coming **Sunday 25th January at 4.00pm in All Saints Church Rockwell Green.**

It will be a relaxed and informal service geared for young children, involving lego, crafts, music, a video and warm hospitality.

We would love to see you and your friends join us for this first service, to see what you think and learn how we can make it even better next time.

Please do come along, I look forward to seeing you all there.

Best wishes,

Reverend Andy

Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is 95.29 (above 96% is considered good attendance). Across the school we have had 166 of our 201 have 100% attendance this week. Again, some of the children who were absent, were absent for just one day and I wonder with some determination if they could have managed the school day.

Diary Dates 2026

Diary Dates	Event
	February 2026
Tuesday 10th	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Friday 13th	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day before half term
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 st	Half Term - School Closed
Monday 23 rd	School re-opens
	March 2026
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
Tuesday 17 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
Monday 30th	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Monday 30 th & Tuesday 31 st	Year 5 Bikeability (12 children)
	April 2026
Wednesday 1 st April	Reception & KS1 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 9.15am The school choir performing at the Come and Sing event at Wellington School
Thursday 2 nd April	KS2 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 9.15am
	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day of term
Friday 3 rd to Friday 17 th	Easter Holiday - School Closed
Monday 20th	School re-opens to pupils

Hedgehogs: Raphael, Hardy & Thomas



Kingfishers: Dalton, Jack, Joshua & Nancy



Otters: Luna, Louie & Cody



Squirrels: Harley, Jonty & Harper



Tawny Owls: April, Ellie, & Ori



Woodpeckers: Heidi, Yogi & Phoebe



External Achievement: A huge well done to Joshua, Edward, Draven & Betsy on their achievements in their respective sports this week.



Star Learner: Robin & Cody



House Points:
Blackdown: 177
Brendon: 142
Mendip: 175
Quantock: 108