



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

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

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for the kind and warm words following news of the passing of Mrs Vanessa Martin. I have been really proud of both the staff and children this week in how they have supported and cared for each other after hearing the heart-breaking and devastating news. To support the grieving process and to support remembering Mrs Martin we have created a memory tree where the children who wanted to have been able to write a message, a memory, prayer or drawing. As I shared in my letter on Monday, our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.



### World Book Day

World Book day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and we have lots planned for next week including our author visit from Naomi Jones on Tuesday. If you have not yet had an opportunity to give a voluntary donation of £2 then this would be much appreciated so we can continue to provide these experiences moving forward.

As was shared in the letter sent on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the children are able to dress up as a book character or are able to wear their pyjamas to school for the day (please remember suitable footwear for breaktimes if slippers are being worn). We also have the opportunity for a book swap so please find a book that you would be happy to bring in on Thursday and swap for another. It should be a great week.

### PTFA Readathon

Please bring in the PTFA Readathon forms into school on Monday. We will be celebrating all the children who have taken part on World Book Day and will be looking forward to purchasing new books for the children to enjoy from the funds raised.

## Learning

This week the children have started the learning linked to their new topics. To enable you to learn more about what your child/ren will be learning the class teachers have posted the Curriculum Map for this half-term and the optional home learning grid on class dojo and on the class pages of the school website.

## BURSTS

Over the half-term, another 27 active minutes was spent on BURSTS. Well-done to Raphael in Hedgehogs, who earned 20 of those minutes. Who will be the winning class next week?

Miss Whelan

## Parents' Evening

The letters for Parents' Evening was sent out today so please return the slips as soon as possible. The confirmation slips with dates and times will be sent out in due course.

## Diary Dates 2026

Diary Dates	Event
	<b>March 2026</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability (12 children)
	<b>April 2026</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> April	KS2 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 9.15am Final Celebration Assembly Last day of term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday - School Closed
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens to pupils

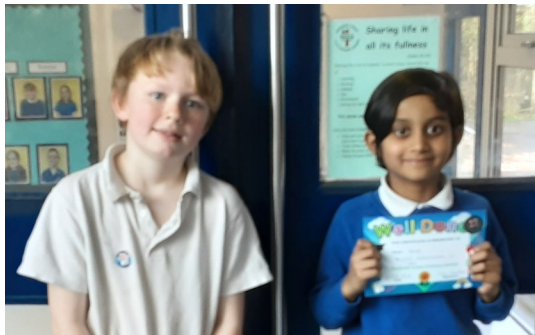
Hedgehogs: Lily, Ava-Grace & Delilah



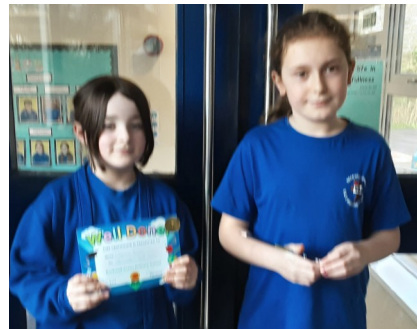
Kingfishers: Violet, Elijah & Mason



Otters: Caleb & Hamdi



Squirrels: Pollyanna & Hazel



Tawny Owls: Roy, Isabella & Poppy



Woodpeckers: Rogan, Ava-Lily & Jace



External Achievement: A huge well done to Phoebe, Theodore, Rowan & Jack, this week for all their amazing achievements this week. Well done all of you.



Star Learners: Rowan



### House Points:

Blackdown: 250

Brendon: 217

Mendip: 190

Quantock: 224