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Friday 2nd October 2026

From Mr Chappell

It has been another great few weeks in school, with our children continuing to embrace the opportunities and experiences being placed in front of them. They have been particularly receptive to our collective worship, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm turn into action. Following this week's worship on what qualities make a good friendship, I set task for the children to make friendship bands as a way of showing how friendship is woven into everything we do. Within just a few days, we already have children proudly bringing in their creations — a lovely example of them taking an idea and running with it! With this enthusiasm and excitement for learning, we would love to invite parents and carers into class **next Friday 9th October** after school, to visit their children's classrooms, look through their books and see the amazing learning that has been taking place. A quick ten minutes for children to share their learning will be a wonderful opportunity to share in their achievements and celebrate the fantastic work happening across our school. We can't wait to welcome you in! Have a great weekend.

Celebrating Our Sporting Achievements:



It has been a fantastic week of sporting opportunities for our children, with pupils representing our school at both the Mid-Wilts Cross Country Tournament at Biddestone and the Corsham Cluster Football Tournament at Corsham Secondary School. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part. They showed determination, resilience, teamwork and respect throughout both events, demonstrating our school values in everything they did.

At the cross country, the children pushed themselves to their limits, supporting and encouraging one another as they tackled the mile long course. It was wonderful to see them celebrating each other's efforts and showing such a positive attitude, even when the races were challenging.

Our footballers also represented the school brilliantly yesterday. They worked together as a team, encouraged one another, showed respect to their opponents and officials, and displayed a fantastic attitude throughout the tournament. Winning three games out of four to finish runners up in the tournament. Of course, results are part of any competition, but they are not what matters most to us. What makes us truly proud is how our children represent themselves and our school. They showed that winning is not the only measure of success. A huge well done to all of the children who took part. You were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and we could not be prouder of the way you represented our school values.

Introducing Our New House System:

Those of you who attended my meet the head teacher's meeting will know that introducing a new House System is something we have been keen to develop as part of our ongoing vision for the school and our commitment to embedding and celebrating our school values and successes. We want our House System to bring children together across year

groups. Build a stronger sense of belonging and community, and provide another way for us to recognise and celebrate positive behaviour, effort, achievement and children living out our school values. Children will continue to earn House Points, (what used to be called Merits) with these contributing to a shared House total at the end of each term and totalled throughout the year. We currently have four Houses – Red, Blue, Green and Yellow – houses which children are in for Sports Day– but we would like to give the children the opportunity to help shape the next chapter of our House System. We are launching a House Naming Competition, where children will be invited to suggest names for our four Houses. These could be inspired by our local heritage, famous figures, literature, our community, or anything that represents the values and spirit of our school. Please chat to your children about this at home and encourage them to share their ideas. Children can bring their thoughts and suggestions into school to share with staff and in a few weeks time we will put this out to a children's vote to make a final shortlist, with the final names being chosen by the children.

We are really looking forward to seeing what creative and inspiring ideas they come up with! In the meantime we are also delighted to introduce our new House Captains and Deputy House Captains from Year 6. As you know, we are placing a stronger emphasis on giving all our Year 6 children increased responsibility and leadership opportunities, ensuring that **every Year 6 child** has an important role to play within our school community this year: whether they are part of the to be formed Learning Council, Ethos Committee, Sports Leaders, Lunchtime Buddies or now our House Leadership Team. We want our oldest children to be positive role models and make a meaningful contribution to school life. Our House Captains are another exciting way for our Year 6 children to demonstrate leadership, support younger pupils and help to build a strong sense of teamwork and community across the school.



FOBS Colour Run: Don't forget to get your tickets for the next amazing FOB's event – our colour run on the rec! Sunday 18th October at 2 pm. Information can be found on posters around school.

Harvest Festival: With our church still undergoing repairs, we will be holding our own Harvest Service in school on Tuesday 6th October. This will be a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a school community to celebrate the harvest, reflect on all that we are thankful for, and think about how we can support others. As part of our celebrations, we will be collecting non-perishable food and essential items to donate to charity: Community of the Sisters of the Church (Loaves and Fishes Ministry) Bristol.

If you are able to make a donation, we would be extremely grateful for your support. Much-needed items include tinned fruit and vegetables, soup, beans, chopped tomatoes, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, cereals, and other breakfast essentials. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help make a difference. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us to demonstrate our school values of kindness, compassion and community as we celebrate Harvest together.

Children's achievements newsletter next Friday! Thank you for all the photos and information that is now coming in for our children's achievements newsletter- after a slow start this is proving very popular. In this children's newsletter we will also start to add in any community events and local clubs that we can direct children to, to enhance their experiences. Thank you!



TTRS: We have had a very exciting visit in school this week from two very special Times Tables Rock Stars! They brought plenty of energy and enthusiasm, and reminded us just how important — and fun — learning our times tables can be! As you know, we are passionate about many things in school, and one of them is making sure that every child knows their times tables as quickly and confidently as possible. Being fluent with times tables is such an important building block for so much of our maths learning, and the more automatic these facts become, the more confidently children can tackle new challenges.

So, please encourage your children to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and keep learning regularly at home. Even just a few minutes each day can make a real difference! For those children who would rather not be on a screen, we have also been reinforcing the dice method! Roll the dice, multiply the numbers, challenge yourself, challenge a family member — there are lots of



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ways to make times-table practice fun without a screen. And here is something that might surprise you... there are only 36 multiplication facts to learn! Once you understand the patterns and relationships between the facts, the task becomes much more manageable!

Be Your Best Certificate winners: Congratulations to the children below!

Friday 25th September Winners

Ash Class – Tobias & Beauden

Oak Class – Mei & Flossy

Beech Class – Kiki & Albert

Chestnut Class – Jake & Willow

Sycamore Class – Helena & Noah

Friday 2nd October

Ash Class: Freddy & Rosemary

Oak Class: Bonnie & Eden

Beech Class: Zekarias & Maisie

Chestnut Class: Isabelle & Thomas

Sycamore Class: Clara & Jack

