



Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

## Outside Achievements



**Congratulations to all the children for their Outside Achievements:**



## Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

**Friendship: Theo P Y3**

## A note about Safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Pollock, or any of our Safeguarding team - Mrs Parsons, Miss Phillips, Mrs Hurley or Mrs Duery.

**The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.**

## House Points Winners

Final winners of the term are **Emerald** House who have enjoyed a non-uniform day today. Well done!



## Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Chestnut** Class who have had best attendance for the last two weeks. Well done!



## MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

### How are we doing?\*

Year R:	95.4%
Year 1:	98.0%
Year 2:	95.8%
Year 3:	97.5%
Year 4:	95.7%
Year 5:	96.5%
Year 6:	96.1%

\*Class attendance percentages for this academic year so far



# Headteacher's Award

**Conker:** Erol  
**Chestnut:** Matteo  
**Cedar:** Coby  
**Willow:** Amber  
**Cherry:** Brodie  
**Maple:** Bella  
**Redwood:** Nico & Archey,



## Dates for your Calendar 2024-2025 - Term 5-6

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 23rd May	End of Term 5	
Monday 2nd June	Start of Term 6	
Monday 2nd June	Class photos	Whole School
Monday 2nd June	Deadline for Year 6 Residential payments	Year 6
Friday 5th June	PTA Summer Disco!	Reception - Year 6
Monday 9th June	Lifeskills trip	Year 6
Wednesday 11th June	PTA Father's Day Shop. Details to follow.	Whole School
Thursday 12th June	Moving-on Celebration - Bath Abbey	Year 6
Friday 27th June	Sports Day - details to follow	Whole School
Thursday 3rd July	Shuffle-Up Day / Year 6 Secondary Transition Day	Whole School
7-11th July	Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay	Year 6
Friday 18th July	Last day of school for children - end of Term 6	Whole School
Mon 21st + Tues 22nd July	INSET Days - school closed to children	Whole School

## Acorn Class

### Class News:

Our topic this term has been *once upon a change*. The children have been observing changes in the world around them such as the sunny weather and planting and growing sunflowers. Thank you for all your donations to support the children's learning about plants too! Over the last couple of weeks in Acorn Class, we have been learning the rhyme: "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary". The children have practised actions to support their language development and our younger children have joined in copying sounds, rhythms, tunes and tempo. Our older children have been developing their phonological awareness by spotting and suggesting rhyming words, counting and clapping syllables



in words and recognising words with the same initial sound. The children have made flower crowns linking to our topic and our rhyme!

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been exploring properties of shapes through their play, recognising shape names through group activities and learning shape songs. The children have had a go at making 2D shape models, made pictures with paper shapes and built models with 3D blocks, such as bridges.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back in Term 6!

Miss Wood



# Conker Class



## Class News:

We have had a great couple of weeks! Our green beans are starting to grow and some are needing larger pots already! We have also been expanding our learning about life cycles by going on our school trip!

This week, we had a trip to Court Farm in Banwell. We were so lucky to have had such a wonderful day. We met Farmer Ed who walked us around his farm and introduced us to his sheep with their lambs, the goats and their kids, the donkeys, the Shetland ponies, the cows with their calves, pigs and even emus! We got to say hello to some very cute guinea pigs and rabbits too. Farmer Ed was really impressed with us for our good listening and behaviour.

We enjoyed the trip so much that since coming back we have been talking and writing about Farmer Ed, building and playing farms and building and playing coaches and coach drivers. One group of children constructed their coach out of the wooden blocks outside.

Alongside our learning about the animals and life cycles, there has been lots of focus on caterpillars and how they grow into butterflies - this has sparked an interest in insects. We got the clay out and discovered that we have some talented artists in the class making their own insects out of clay!

We will look forward to seeing how tall our green beans grow over the break and hope you have a lovely well deserved half term!

Miss Willis and Mrs Clements



# Chestnut Class

## Class News:

There is no Chestnut Class update this week, in light of the sad news we shared about Mrs O'Brien's husband on Monday. All of our love and thoughts go to her and her family in this terribly difficult time.

We would like to thank you for the support you have shown and for the thoughtful gifts and cards we have received for her. These have been passed onto Mrs O'Brien who we know will take such comfort from knowing how much everyone cares.

**Thank you.**

# Cedar Class



## Class News:

Wow! Where has the term gone? I can't believe how much we have achieved in Cedar Class in such a short term.

In English, we have continued to be inspired by the story: "*Meerkat Mail*" by Emily Gravett. We have explored the features of postcards and written our own in the role of Sunny the meerkat. We have had some amazing writing with the children working hard to stretch out their ideas.

In Maths, we have been tackling the concept of time. We have revisited *o'clock*, *half past*, *quarter past* and *quarter to* times. We have also been looking at times to 5 minute intervals and have enjoyed working practically with the handheld clocks.

This week, we finished our programming work in Computing. Cedar Class worked hard in pairs to create an interactive quiz using all of their coding skills this term. We particularly enjoyed working together

to 'debug' errors in our codes.

We have been really lucky to have coaches for our PE this term and in our tennis workshops we have been developing our coordination skills. We have also worked hard to use different strokes including forehand and backhand strokes. It has been lots of fun to develop our skills in the beautiful sunshine too!

Our PSHE work this term has been all about relationships. We have thought carefully about the different relationships we have in our lives and how sometimes we can experience 'conflict'. The children have shown sensitivity when discussing causes of conflicts in relationships and even suggested fantastic strategies to help in these tricky moments.

I am really proud of Cedar Class this term. I hope you all have a fantastic and well-earned break.

Mr Cozens



# Willow Class



## Class News:

In Computing, we have been classifying and grouping different objects. This has helped us to identify different ways of sorting them and gathering data. We have also learned about the different question types we can use for gathering data - ie. *open* and *closed*.

In Science, we have enjoyed carrying out lots of different experiments. For the first experiment, we planted four sunflower seeds and put them in different conditions to see which would germinate and grow into the healthiest plant. This experiment is ongoing and we are currently monitoring progress weekly. Another experiment we have carried out was to help us understand how water transports up through the roots and stem to all parts of the plant. To do this, we put celery in coloured water and left it overnight. When we came into school the next day, the leaves on the celery had changed colour!

In Music, our focus has been the Vikings. We have seen how the Vikings were disciplined and worked as a team, implementing that in our singing. We have learned a new song called "*Dragon Ships*" and composed our own battle songs by reading and performing rhythmic notation.

We have had another great term in Willow Class and I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Miss Walker

# Cherry Class



## Class News:

This has been a busy short term for Cherry Class! In History, we have been looking at the Viking invasion of England and how Alfred the Great dealt with it. We had fun acting out some of the key events!

In English, we have written stories and created a character and a villain who meet each other having gone through a porthole. This has been inspired by our class reading: *"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"*. I am so impressed with the creativity of their writing.

Our RE focus has been *Humanism* and how it might differ from religion. We have also been looking at the *Big Bang* - ask us what we know about it.

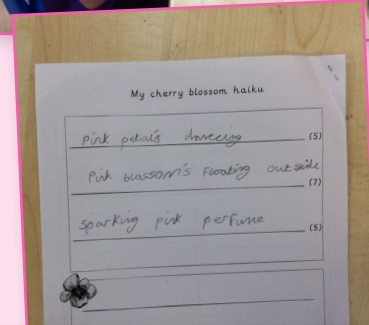
As Mathematicians, we have been working on turning fractions into decimals and the children have really worked hard on this.

In Music, the children have been writing and learning *haiku* poems - these are short Japanese poems which don't rhyme and only have 3 lines. Once they had written their beautiful haiku, the children used the glockenspiel to compose melodies to accompany their recitals - our classroom sounded amazing!

Yesterday, we were so excited to go on our trip to the Ancient Technology Centre, which linked in with our learning on the Vikings. We had the best time and it was wonderful to see the children engaging in activities they have never done before, such as felt making and blacksmithing!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming the children back for Term 6.

Miss Jones



# Maple Class



## Class News:

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of another term! All of the children in Maple Class have continued to work hard with their learning and, as always, I have been impressed with their resilience and application.

In Maths, we have been focusing on position and direction, plotting points on coordinate grids and translating shapes. In English, we have finished reading the short novel: *"Oranges in No Mans Land"* and have subsequently been writing character descriptions.

In History, we have continued our work on the Ancient Maya and have been learning

how they used to survive in different regions and areas such as rainforests. In Music, the children have been choreographing dances to well known pop songs and have had a wonderful time doing so!

The children are continuing to enjoy their PE sessions with the coaches from both Bath Rugby and Bath Cricket Club.

Well done, Maple Class on another brilliant half term. I hope you all have a lovely break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 6.

Mr Hancock

## Class News:

# Redwood Class



We have had a busy couple of weeks in Redwood Class - we had the SATs and now our focus has shifted to end-of-year writing consolidation and the Year 6 performance

Everybody in Year 6 worked so, so hard in the lead up to (and including) the SATs. As a treat, we visited Radstock park and enjoyed ice poles on the Friday of SATs week. I am so proud of the children's focus and I am confident this will be reflected in their results.

In Art, Redwood Class has begun an exciting project with Mr Pollock, they have been learning songs for the Bath Abbey 'Moving On' celebration and have had auditions for the upcoming Year 6 production. The children enjoyed a visit from the mobile library too.

In Writing, the children have written explanations on their Science work: *How does the circulatory system work?* To answer this, they have learned about the key role of the heart and how the three types of blood vessels contribute to the flow of blood around the body.

The children are still really enjoying rugby with Bath Rugby coaches and cricket with Bath Cricket coaches.

Have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you all for Term 6.

Miss Phillips



## Thought of the week



This week's focus question is linked to our value Compassion and touches on the theme of generosity.

A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people - called a popemobile - is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. This vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

I wonder if you have donated anything before? Here are some ways we can donate to help others:

When we share things that matter to us, we show others how much we care. Even a small donation can make a big difference.

When we donate, we show kindness and help make the world a better place for everyone, especially those who don't have everything they need. Whether it's food, clothes, toys or time - even small things can make a big difference.

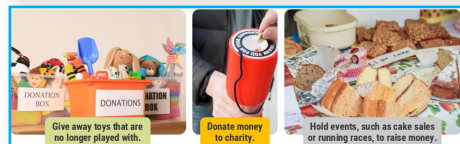
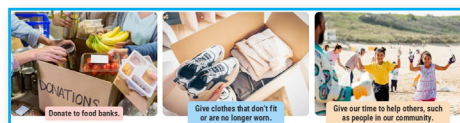
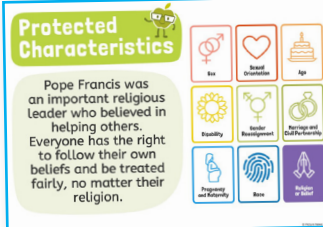
### Talking points:

- Have you ever donated something?
- Could it be harder to donate something that is important to you?
- Can you think of any times when people might donate to help each other out?



### Individual Liberty

We each have the freedom to make kind and generous choices. We can show compassion by giving what we can to those in need.



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### FURTHER INFORMATION -

CHILDREN TO BRING THEIR OWN PACKED LUNCH, MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACK AND DRINK.

PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH COMFORTABLE CLOTHES THAT ARE SUITABLE TO DANCE IN PLUS WARM/WET WEATHER CLOTHES THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR OUTSIDE PLAY.

30 SPACES AVAILABLE. IF SPACES ARE FULLY BOOKED PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITING LIST.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH NUMBERS TO RUN THE CLUB YOU WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL AND CANNOT ATTEND THE CLUB PLEASE INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN OFFER THE PLACE TO ANOTHER ON THE WAITING LIST.

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