



Sunshine at last! Please remember to put some suncream on your child before school and send them in with a named sunhat.

One of the highlights of our week is talking to children at lunch and break times, learning and finding out all sorts of things. For example, this week Joe has been teaching us all about snails, how their very first shell remains inside their current shell and how to tell whether a shell is empty or not!

We hope you have a lovely weekend in the sun and would just like to finish by wishing our Year 6 children the best of luck in their SATs next week. They have all worked extremely hard preparing and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them. We look forward to seeing them on Monday, bright and early (8am) for a yummy pre SATs breakfast.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull

Guinea Pig visit to Cherry Class

Cherry Class were lucky to have a visit from Harry's guinea pig, kindly brought in by his mum. Our topic this term is Vets and Pets so we are learning how to look after different animals. Bubble was extremely well behaved and let many of the Cherries hold him. We were impressed how quiet and sensible the children were with him.



He managed to nibble his way through 6 of our snack-time carrots. We learnt that Bubble loves to eat hay, strawberries and cucumber (guinea pigs are herbivores which mean they only eat plants). Did you know that guinea pigs have 4 toes on their front feet and 3 toes on their back feet? Thank you so much for being our guinea pig expert Harry!

Tortoise visit to Cherry Class



On Thursday Cherry class welcomed another visitor - Dinky the tortoise kindly brought in by Helen from the Cabin. We were amazed to hear that Dinky is 90 years old. Dinky was very patient and let several children hold him and feed him. Eddie found some dandelion leaves which Dinky really enjoyed.

Dinky explored the classroom and we couldn't believe how fast he moved. He even went into the dolls house and walked round to the vet role play area where he was treated by vet Bonnie and vet Grace. We learnt that tortoises hibernate during the winter and Mrs Brady told the children that her tortoise spends 3 months of the year in the fridge. We looked at photos of baby tortoises coming out of eggs and learnt that some tortoises can live for 200 years. Thank you so much Helen for bringing Dinky in.



Year 3/4 Gymnastics Children

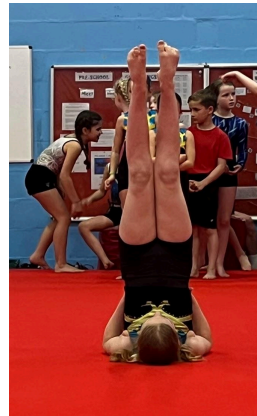
On Wednesday 21 children from Year 3 and 4 represented the school at the area gymnastics competition at Withlington. All their hard work, learning the routines and practising vaulting really paid off. We had 4 teams of 5 competing at 2 different levels. Results were as follows:

Level 1

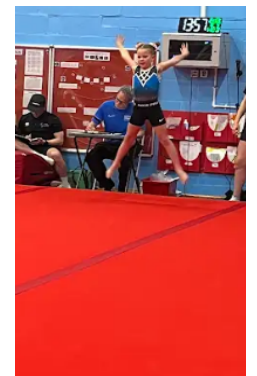
Clutton A: Team silver Clutton B: Team gold with individual bronze for Roman and silver for Charlie

Level 2

Clutton A: Team silver Clutton B: Team bronze with an individual bronze for Henry.



A special mention to Delilah who represented the school at the level 3 entry. This meant that she had to perform her routine to music in front of everyone (a nerve wracking experience) and she came 2nd on the floor and 4th overall. A big thank you to Miss Bissex for all your expert coaching!



Head Teacher Award



Congratulations to Kira, Alithea, Rosa, Sam, Kady, Rory and Eddie for receiving the Head Teachers Award this week.



Doodle Maths



Well done to everyone who completed their Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables this week. The children with the most stars in their class this week.

Doodle Maths - Charlie, Harrison, Travis, Finlay, Joshua, Alice and Millie.

Doodle Tables - Livie, Louie, Finlay, Alfie, Hera and Autumn.

Effort certificates - Kiera, Toby, Phoebe, Ellis, Nina, Sonny, Charlie, Summer, Katie and Freddie.

Other Awards



Lainie, Evie, Elsie and Erin showed their gymnastics medals. Swimming certificates were brought in by Freddie, Albie, Autumn and Sam. Ruairi, Albie and Enya have been awarded rugby medals this week and Sophie, Scarlett and Sam football trophies.

The Year 3 & 4 gymnasts who took part in the competition at Withlington received their certificates in the celebration assembly today and showed off the medals they won.





Notices

- **Absence** - if your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please leave a message with the details of the illness, so we do not need to contact you to clarify. We need this information to update registers and for attendance meetings with the EWO.
- **Absence from school during term time request** - If you are planning for your child to be absent from school during term time you will need to complete an absence request form no less than 3 weeks before the planned absence. You will then get a reply to say if your absence has been authorised or not. The forms and the absence policy is available to download on the school website, or you can pick up a copy from the school office. Thank you.
- **Jewellery** - small stud earrings only please.
- **School Day** - Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates close at 8.50am each morning.
- **School Pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.
- **Please do not allow your child to climb on the school wall, fence or gates. Thank you.**

Diary Dates

MAY

Monday 13th -	Key Stage 2 SATs Week for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 16th	Cherry Class Visit to Willow Dairy Farm, Clutton
Monday 20th -	Clutton anti-bullying week
Friday 24th	
Thursday 23rd	2:30pm - Sycamore learning exhibition to parents
Friday 24th	Term 5 ends

JUNE

Wk beg. 3rd	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 4th	SEND Coffee Morning @8:45am
Wk beg. 10th	Year 1 phonics screening check
Wednesday 19th	Sports Day (weather permitted) 1-3pm @Clutton FC
Thursday 27th	Willow Class Learning exhibition to parents @2.30pm
Saturday 29th	PTFA summer fayre

JULY

Wednesday 10th	Year 6 production @ 6pm
Thursday 11th	Year 6 production @ 6pm
Tuesday 15th	Summer music assembly (invitation only)
Wednesday 17th	Talent show final
Friday 19th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly



Clutton Primary School

News from The Den

May 10, 2024



We are thrilled to announce that our school is now officially recognised as a THRIVE school! But what does that mean, you may ask? Allow us to introduce you to the THRIVE approach and share how it will transform our educational landscape.

The Thrive Approach Thrive is a specific way of working with all children that helps to develop their social and emotional wellbeing, enabling them to engage with life and learning. It supports

them in becoming more self-assured, capable and adaptable. It can also address any troubling behaviours providing a firm foundation for academic attainment. Positive relationships are at the heart of Thrive. We use these relationships, together with play and creative activities, to give children key experiences at each different stage of their development. Repetition of these activities supports their development, helping them to:

- feel good about themselves and know that they matter
- increase their sense of security and trust
- increase their emotional well-being
- improve their capacity to be creative and curious
- increase their self-esteem and confidence to learn
- learn to recognise and regulate their feelings
- learn to think before behaving in a certain way
- ...and much more.

As a THRIVE school, we are dedicated to nurturing the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. We believe that by prioritising well-being and fostering a supportive community, we can empower our children to reach their full potential and become compassionate, resilient, and lifelong learners.

Don't forget the date...

- ◆ SEND Coffee morning on Tuesday 4th June @ 8:45am



Your School Nursing Service

For all school aged children



Your School Nursing Service can help provide or find you support about:

- Keeping Healthy
- Daytime/ Bed Wetting
- Emotional Health
- Weight Management
- Fussy eating/diet
- Sleep

Confidential

Qualified

School Nurses are qualified nurses with specific graduate level education, and work with a team to support you.

Non Judgemental

We are here to help, not to judge.

How can I Access my School Nursing Service?

Your school Nurse is **Rachel**
To access support please call
0300 247 0055
Or email
hcrq.bathnesspa@nhs.net
Our website
<https://bathnesshealthcare.nhs.uk/childrens/chofnursing/>
also has some useful resources
and contact info.

Teddy Bear Hospital

Saturday 15th June at our Children's Outpatient Department B11 RUH
Morning session: 10:00 - 12:00 | Afternoon session: 13:30 - 15:30

Bring your child and their teddy to join us for a series of fun workshops to show them what we do at hospital! The workshops are suitable for all primary school aged children.

- Dental check ups
- Handwashing
- Plastering sessions
- Preparing teddy for 'surgery'
- Meeting the ambulance team
- Arts and crafts

Snacks and refreshments will be available!

Scan here to book your FREE place:



NHS
Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust



A Writing Competition for the Chew Valley!

Valley Arts are launching a unique writing competition running in tandem with their brand-new community play, 'Rising Waters'. We welcome submissions from people of all ages and experience levels!

How can I get involved?

Submit your writing by choosing a category (no longer than 2 sides of A4):

- Poems and Poetic writing inspired by the theme of water.
- Fictional pieces about a village drowned under a lake.
- Imagined folk tales composed for the Chew Valley.
- Dramatic monologues spoken by a character who remembers something about the Valley.

Can I submit more than once?

You can write for 1 or more categories and submit as many times as you wish. Inspirational materials for writing can be found on our website: www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/risingwaters

There are 3 age groups, 1 winner will be selected from each:

0-11 years; 12-18 years; 18+ years

What will happen next?

All writing submissions will be incorporated into the final performance on 13th and 14th July at Yeo Valley Organic Gardens. Winning submissions will also be published on our website and in the show programme.

What do I get if I win?

Winners will receive a 'Rising Waters' certificate and a Valley Arts Theatre Pass 2024, which includes 4 free tickets to Valley Arts shows of your choice. Your work is also published on the Valley Arts website.

How long do I have to apply?

The last day for submissions is Friday 24th May 2024.

Entries should be emailed to: rising.waters@valleyartscentre.co.uk

Or by post to:

Chew Valley Performing Arts, Rockwell House, Regil, BS40 8BD