



NEWSLETTER 7 – 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

# SCHOOL NEWS

## A HARVEST FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

I am always so humbled by the support that the school community shows towards each other, as well as that shown to the wider community. This week saw one of those special moments when we held our Harvest Festival. Donations were requested for our local foodbank in Weston-Super-Mare, and our families did not disappoint. Considering the number of families that attend our school, the number of donations was outstanding, and the Foodbank have already shared how grateful they are.

During the assembly which Reverend Gail Thomas led, there were harvest songs sung by the whole school, along with a performance of 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' by Hedgehogs class.

Early next week, I will be taking all the donations to the local Foodbank warehouse, where they will be shared with families who are less fortunate than us at the moment.

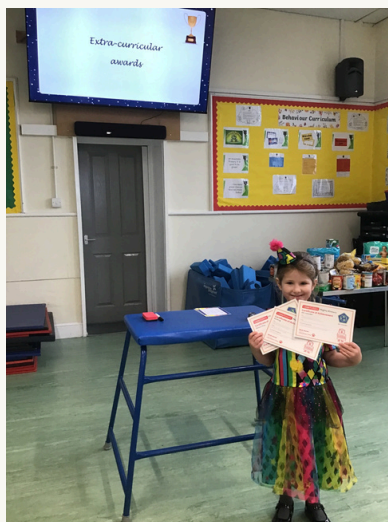
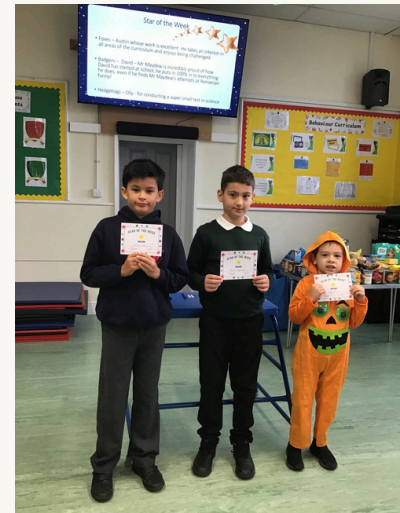
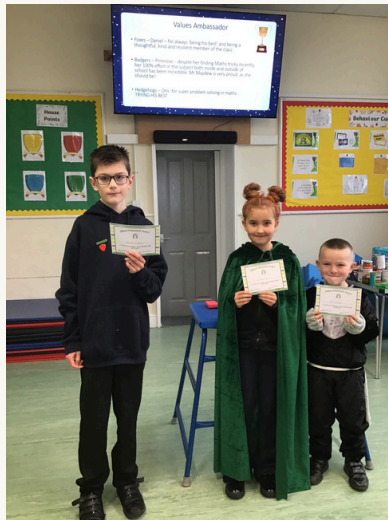


# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

One of the highlights of my week as Headteacher is to lead our celebration assemblies on a Friday morning. These occasions are opportunities to celebrate the effort put in by our pupils throughout the week, not only academically through our 'Star of the Week' certificates, but also to award those children who are value ambassadors and have shown our school values of 'Be Kind, Be Responsible and Be Your Best!'

During our Friday assemblies, we also celebrate birthdays, extra-curricular awards that children have gained outside of school (which in my opinion are just as valuable as the achievements in school) as well as our attendance for the week and the house points that have been won by all pupils.

This week has seen the introduction of one of the new house captain responsibilities, that of writing up the total house points gained for each house so far this term. This is so I don't get told off by the pupils for not remembering to update them every week!





# PANTOMIME TIME!

I am delighted to announce that thanks to PTFA funding, we will be starting the run up to Christmas earlier than expected this year, as we welcome a travelling theatre group into school. M&M Theatrical Productions are the UK's largest and most respected provider of theatre-in-education, specialising in Classic Literature Adaptations, Cinematic Theatre in Education and Pantomime Productions for Primary and SEN Schools and family audiences.

In November, they will be transforming our school hall into a theatre for a production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which we are all looking forward to. It is thanks to your support and generosity that the pupils will have this amazing experience.

A promotional poster for a pantomime production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by M&M Theatrical Productions. The poster features a large central image of a woman in a white wig and floral dress (Milkmaid) holding a large black and white cow (Panto Cow) on a stick, with a man in a brown vest (Jack) holding the other end of the stick. The background is a stylized green forest. Below the main image, there is a purple box containing text about key themes and highlights. To the right of this box is a smaller image of a man (Jack) and a woman (Milkmaid) in a scene from the production. At the bottom of the poster is a purple banner with the website address.

**Pantomimes** 

## Jack & the Beanstalk

**KEY THEMES**  
Loyalty • Debt • Greed  
Bullying • Trust  
Family relationships  
Taking risks

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
Magical growing Beanstalk  
Interactive songs & dances  
Times tables  
Makaton selection  
Age appropriate humour  
Smoke effects  
Life size panto cow

[www.magicoftheatre.com](http://www.magicoftheatre.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Stars of the Week' are...

**Hedgehogs - Olly**

**Badgers - David**

**Foxes - Austin**

Our 'Values Ambassadors'  
this week are...

**Hedgehogs - Otis**

**Badgers - Primrose**

**Foxes - Daniel**

### **Attendance:**

The class with the best  
attendance this week was...

**Badgers - 100%!!!**

Our year to Date attendance  
as a school is...

**94.4%**

## NURTURE SESSIONS

Our nurture sessions continue to be both popular and effective for our children. These sessions, run by Miss Knight support pupils' social and emotional needs in a calm and nurturing environment. Thanks to Miss Knight, we are now able to hold these sessions three times a week, allowing children to build their confidence, teamwork skills and resilience.



## KEY DATES

**17<sup>th</sup> October**

PTFA Halloween Disco

**23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Hedgehogs Court farm Trip

**24<sup>th</sup> October**

INSET DAY

**27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October**

Half term Holiday

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

Theatre group in School

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

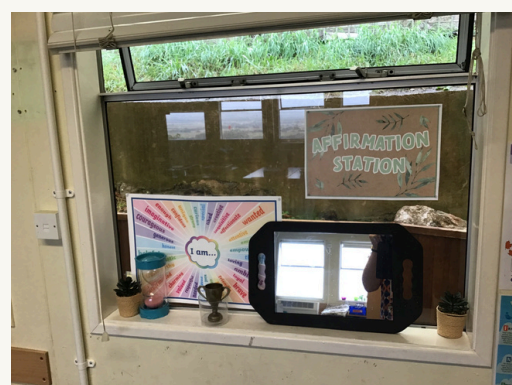
Nasal Flu Immunisations

**29<sup>th</sup> November**

Christmas fete

**10<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole School trip to Bristol  
Museum





## PUPILS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

As a school, we have a duty of care to you and your children to ensure they attend school every day if possible.

We are noticing some children are regularly arriving late to school. This can not only affect your child's attendance but also their attainment and ability to learn. Being late also disrupts the rest of the class' learning.

If you need support from school to get your child in on time, please do speak to Mr Champs or a member of staff.

### Every minute counts



#### Lateness = lost learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

## Don't let your child miss out!

### What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.

Get your child to school on time. If they are late they have a bad start to the day.

### If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could affect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.

## TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

As of September 2013, no school is allowed to grant holiday requests under new legislation.

Therefore, any request for term time absence will need to be put in writing, in advance, to the Headteacher. Each case will be considered individually and the absence will only be authorised in specific circumstances.

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority of all unauthorised absences and a penalty notice may be given by the LA.

DID YOU KNOW that if a child is taken away for a two week holiday every year during term time and has an average number of days off for sickness and appointments, then by the time they leave at sixteen they will have missed a year of school?

## PARKING

I am very grateful to those parents who choose to park away from the school entrance and off the zig zag yellow lines. We have, however, had a recent issue with one of our neighbours where a parent had parked their car over a neighbour's driveway who needed to get out.

Please consider our neighbours when parking. I have asked North Somerset Council to send an enforcement officer to the school at pick-up times to talk to parents who cannot park respectfully or correctly.



## MEMES

They're everywhere online, but do you really know what memes are saying? 🤔 This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the role of memes in youth culture - and why they're not always as harmless as they seem. From hidden messages to misinformation, we break it down 🧩📱

Plus, we share four simple ways parents and educators can guide young people to engage more safely with memes - encouraging empathy, critical thinking and healthier digital habits 💬🧠

## SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern about any child in our school, then it is your responsibility to say something to us. Remember, 'Safeguarding' is everybody's responsibility! You can speak to any member of staff in school. We also have a team of designated safeguarding leads - Mr Champs (DSL), Mrs Mann (DDSL), Miss Speller (DDSL) and our School Safeguarding governor, Mrs Phippen.



They can be contacted on 01934 623430 or [office@kewstokeprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@kewstokeprimaryschool.co.uk)  
 As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:-  
 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000  
 Care Connect: 01275 888 808