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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic children who take on leadership roles across our school. Their dedication, responsibility, and willingness to serve our school community make such a difference, and it's wonderful to see them growing in confidence each week.

A huge congratulations to our Dance Club led by Polly in Year 5, who are performing in today's Celebration Assembly! Their enthusiasm, hard work, and teamwork have been brilliant to watch, and I know they will put on a fantastic performance.

A big thank you as well to our House Captains, who take on so many responsibilities—from collecting house points to leading playtime activities and ensuring the PE equipment and shed are well looked after. Their commitment to supporting their peers and fostering a sense of teamwork and fun is truly appreciated.

Our Collective Worship Crew also deserve recognition for the way they lead our Monday worship each week. It's wonderful to see them delivering our Christian ethos with increasing confidence, responding to feedback, and becoming braver in their leadership. Their role in shaping the spiritual life of our school is invaluable. We also had some fantastic work in our school library this week, with our librarians working alongside an external library expert to put improvements in place. Their dedication to making the library a welcoming and inspiring space for all our children is really making a difference.

And finally, a thank you to our monitors in Triscombe Class, who help organise the outdoor classroom each day. Their efforts keep this space tidy, accessible, and ready for learning—an important role that benefits so many. It's fantastic to see so many of our children stepping up as leaders in different ways. They are developing skills that will serve them far beyond school, and I couldn't be prouder of them. Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Warm Regards

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Beacon

Beacon class have enjoyed writing their versions of The Sister who Ate her Brothers this week, with some excellent improvements to their writing. I have been very impressed with their resilience and stamina. Year 6 have been working very hard on their fractions and have impressed themselves too. We have continued the fascinating narrative of the Battle of Sedgemoor and the children are so engaged and enthusiastic about this important and local part of our British heritage. We have also conducted an experiment to test the effect of mass on gravity which went against what the popular consensus was - but that's when some of the best learning happens.

Beacon class had a great day yesterday dressing up for World Book Day. Here are a selection of our fantastic costumes!





Chair of Governors: Mr B Maskell/Mrs J Burghes

'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge.'



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<u>Alfoxton</u>

Thursday was our favourite day with everyone putting in so much effort to promote reading. During the day, we created a story for Triscombe Class. We based it on the text, 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly'. We decided it would be a fun, yet informative book to help younger children learn colours and realise that we all like different things but can still be good friends.

Our PE was even story based as we did a yoga session that retold one of our favourite stories.

We also enjoyed story time with Miss Day, listening to Dr Seuss, Hans Christian Anderson and R.L. Stine. We created images of the things we imaged as we listened to the stories. It was both creative and calming at the same time.



<u>Triscombe</u>

In RE, we've been learning about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. The children really engaged with the story and had lots of thoughtful questions about its significance. It's great to see them connecting with the lessons in such a meaningful way. We also celebrated Cake Day by making pancakes – and they were delicious! The kids had a great time flipping and decorating their pancakes, making it a fun and tasty activity.

We celebrating a *brilliant* World Book Day. The children looked amazing in their costumes, with everything from Mary Poppins to Gruffalo, and even some super creative characters we've never seen before! It was so much fun seeing everyone get into the spirit of reading.

We also learned about the exciting world of space travel, learning about the significant events that have happened. The children did a fantastic job presenting what they learned – it's amazing how much they know about space!

Finally, we've been writing diaries from Beegu's perspective – the children have let their imaginations run wild with this one. It's been wonderful to see their creativity shine through.

It's also been lovely to see so many children reading at home. Keep it up – the progress is really showing, and it's making a big difference!



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Triscombe Class Pictures





Preschool

What a wonderful week we have had at Preschool. We have made the most of the beautiful weather by exploring the village and visiting the park, the castle and walking in the fields. We had a tiny visitor to preschool on Monday morning, when a ladybird landed in our sand tray. The children enjoyed looking at the ladybird and we counted all the spots on its back! On Tuesday we enjoyed pancakes for breakfast and then listened to the story 'Mr Wolf's pancakes' before exploring a pancake themed tough tray.

For our space theme, we have looked at pictures of rockets, astronauts, planets and stars and talked about what we could see in each picture and then discussed what we would take to space with us if we could go. The children decided that a teddy bear, babies, a lunch box, food and a drink would be the best items to take!

We talked about what astronauts eat in space and tried some freeze dried astronaut food which the children loved! We then watched a Nasa video of a rocket being launched and the children counted down 10-1 blast off! Our phonics book this week has been 'Car, car, truck jeep' and we have looked at the sound 'p'.

We were also gifted a very large box, which provided the children with endless play opportunities. It was a car, a hiding place, a rocket, an easel and a house!



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Preschool Pictures



World Book Day



Wraparound Timings

A polite reminder, please could you pick up your child/children at the designated times of 4.30pm or 5.45pm only. Some days there is only one member of staff who will be cooking a hot meal, looking after the children and going to answer the door at different times. As you can imagine this can be quite challenging. If you need to pick your child/children up earlier than the designated time, please could you call the school office before 3.30pm.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.





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Parents Evening

Parents evening slots are now available to book, please feel free to pop into school or call the school office on 01278 732389 and Mrs Nicholls will book you in over the phone.



Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



Alfoxton

Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



Triscombe

Important Dates

Friday 14th March: Tuesday 18th March: Wednesday 19th March: Friday 21st March: Friday 4th April: Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April: Monday 21st April: Inset Day Parents Evening (4.00pm-5.50pm) Slots will be available shortly Parents Evening (3.40pm-4.50pm) Slots will be available shortly Comic Relief Easter Service at the Church at 2.00pm Easter Holidays Bank Holiday