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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week marks the end of a very special chapter in our school's journey with reading. After 18 months of dedicated support from the Cornerstones Trust, we welcomed them for their final visit as part of our reading development partnership—and what an incredible journey it has been. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Vicky and Bronnie from Cornerstones for their expertise, encouragement, and practical help in shaping and strengthening our reading offer.

A huge thank you must also go to Miss Day, whose leadership of reading in our school has been exceptional. Her passion and commitment have driven real change, and it's clear to see the difference this has made across every class.

Over the course of the project, we've invested £10,000 in new books, including high-quality phonics texts that now support children right the way through the school. Our children are not only reading more—they are enjoying reading more. It's been a real joy to see them engaged with our new texts, accessing books that both support and stretch them.

Our new school library has become a vibrant and welcoming space, and I've loved seeing children proudly using it, browsing independently, and discovering new authors and genres. It's especially lovely that our junior librarians are playing such an important role in helping to run it and inspire others.

Reading is absolutely fundamental—it unlocks learning, fuels imagination, and builds confidence. The progress we're seeing is nothing short of phenomenal. Our latest reading age data shows just how far children have come, and it's fantastic to know that those who need extra support are receiving it and thriving as a result.

Although the formal Cornerstones project is coming to a close, our partnership remains strong, and we'll continue to draw on their insight as we keep building on this success.

Thank you for all the ways you support reading at home. Together, we are helping every child become a confident, capable reader—for school, and for life.

Warm Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

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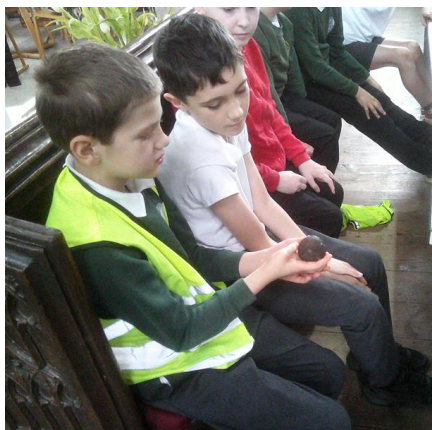
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Beacon

We have had a fantastic week in Beacon class this week. Not only have the children been polishing and perfecting their own gruesome stories of the Boy Who Tricked a Troll and completing their science unit on Forces, but we have culminated our history topic with an incredible trip to Westonzoyland to the site of the Battle of Sedgemoor. The children wowed the experts there with their knowledge, manners and enthusiasm. They took part in a 3km walk to the site itself as well as handling some real weaponry exhumed from battle and fully immersed themselves into this important part of local history. They really have done themselves very proud and I was incredibly proud to take them! Also a massive thank you to the very knowledgeable and lovely volunteers from St Mary's church for their time and effort. We will writing them a 5 star Trip Advisor review!



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This week we learned a surprising method to identify whether a number (with 4 or more digits) is a multiple of 3. The hardest part was finding the digit sum! We can check any number so if you find yourself needing to know if a number is divisible by 3, just ask one of us!

In English, we have been practising our handwriting and spelling of plural nouns and possessive apostrophes. Through writing opportunities inspired by 'The Ice Palace', we've been applying our spelling and punctuation knowledge, as well as learning about modal verbs and adverbials of time, which we needed to write a clear set of instructions for building a snow shelter!

In PE we have worked on balance and speed. We had a great afternoon on the field trying to build up speed and change our forms of movement whilst transporting different objects, on a racket, from one place to another. We feel like we've prepared for sports day well in advance!

In Art, we have spent a few weeks studying and sketching interleaving Viking designs, incorporating animals and dragons into our intricate designs. Last week, we designed a piece of Viking jewellery that incorporated the design styles we have learned. This week, we made our Viking jewellery and they look amazing! Next week we will paint and varnish them so we can show them off!



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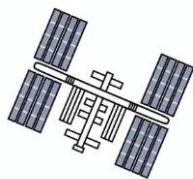
This week, our students have been working incredibly hard, and it's been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through! Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to:

Creative Writing: "The Field Trip to the Moon" Our young writers have outdone themselves this week! Each student has written their own version of "The Field Trip to the Moon." I was so impressed with their use of adjectives, which really brought their stories to life. Their imaginations soared as they described the wonders of the moon and the excitement of space travel.

In Science, we've been testing the absorbency of different materials. The children have been learning about how various fabrics and substances react to liquids, and it's been a fantastic hands-on activity that has helped them understand key scientific concepts.

Our history lessons took us to outer space as we learned about astronaut Tim Peake and the International Space Station (ISS). The students have shown great interest in space exploration, and we discussed Tim's achievements and his role aboard the ISS.

The students also had the chance to role-play as astronauts on the ISS, stepping into the shoes of those who live and work in space. It was a fun and interactive way to understand life on the space station!



Preschool

Preschool have had some alien visitors this week and an astronaut! Much fun has been had, roleplaying with masks and exploring the space rockets and star tough tray. The children have looked at different shapes by completing our space puzzles and practiced their fine motor skills with cutting activities. There has been an interest in rainbows and flowers this week, with the children painting and exploring colour and also making very special surprises for Mothering Sunday. We read the book 'My mum is fantastic'. The children were then asked why they thought their mummies were fantastic. The most popular answer was because mummy does the dishes! The children who will be going to school in September have been practising their number formation, writing numbers 1-3 and our phonics book this week has been 'Would you rather...' Which brings the question -what would you rather do? Eat spider stew, slug dumplings, mashed worms or drink snail squash? The children choose the snail squash!



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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.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Please could we remind parents, if you would like your child to purchase one of our Year 6 Leavers Hoodies, could you please return the order form and money back to the school office by **Friday 4th April 2025**. Due to the orders going in over the Easter Holidays, we cannot take any orders after this date.



Swimming

Reception, Year 1/2/3 will swim this term. We would be grateful if you could please complete and return the permission slip by **Friday 4th April 2025**. Our first swimming session will be the first day back after the Easter Holidays on Tuesday 22nd April. Please don't forget your child's swimwear and towel.



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Easter Egg Hunt

Teachers will running this for the school and preschool this coming Thursday as is the tradition. Parents are welcome to observe from the preschool garden. Gates will open 2.45pm and the children hunt from 3.00pm.



Easter Church Service

Doors open at 1.30pm with the service starting at 2.00pm. Please come along to celebrate Easter and end the term as a community. Children will leave from church at the end of the service. Pupils who are attending Wraparound will be escorted by staff back to school for afterschool club.



Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



Alfoxton

Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



Triscombe

Important Dates

Thursday 3rd April:

Friday 4th April:

Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April:

Monday 21st April:

Tuesday 22nd April:

Monday 5th May:

Easter Egg Hunt at 3.00pm (Parents to arrive at 2.45pm)

Easter Service at the Church at 2.00pm(collect children from church)

Easter Holidays

Bank Holiday

Reception/Year 1/Year 2/ Year 3 Swimming

Bank Holiday

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